



# LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

As you can see from the attached Term Calendar, term 2 is shaping up to be a very busy term indeed.

Thank you to those families for joining us at the Manly-Lota RSL led ANZAC ceremony last Friday. Each year we remark on the growing number of local community attending this event and this year was no different. I would like to extend a thank you to all of our students who attended and for their wonderful behaviour during the event. Lota State School was also officially acknowledged as we were the only school who provided a back-up choir for the soloist who sang our National Anthem. Well done to everyone.

Our school ANZAC ceremony, organised by Mrs Sheil and led by year 6 and 7 students and school captains, was also an extremely proud moment. The legacy of remembrance that we pass onto our children is inspiring. The values of ANZAC Day, and all it represents, remains within each and every one of us. A wonderful legacy to hand down through the generations.

As we come into the cooler months, eventually, I would like to remind you of the uniform policy at Lota State School. The only coloured winter clothing which is permitted at school will be bottle green. During this time it is unfortunate that students wear coloured clothing and inappropriate footwear. Bottle green jumpers and pants are very reasonably priced at large department stores and our P&C Uniform Shop has second hand logo and non-logo jumpers for sale at very very low prices. Boots etc are weekend wear and students should only wear their runners and/or black leather shoes to school each day.

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of events coming up this term:

## FOR YOUR DIARY

29/04/14	P&C Meeting, 6.30pm in the Library
06/05/14	Train Museum excursion Prep and 1
08/05/14 & 09/05/14	Mother's Day Stall
12/05/14	P&C volunteers' morning tea from 9.30am
13, 14, 15 May	NAPLAN for years 3,5 and 7.
20/05/14	Education Week
22/05/14	Under 8's week

**29<sup>th</sup> April – P&C Meeting, 6.30pm** in the Library. All families welcome.

**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May – P&C organised Mother's Day Stall.**

**12<sup>th</sup> May –** Lota State School community will officially thank our volunteers at a special school and P&C volunteers' morning tea from 9.30am (after the Prep to year 2 reading program). If you have volunteered for our school, either in the classroom, tuckshop, fundraising event, Uniform Shop, P&C etc) then you are invited to attend this morning tea as a small token from us to you. Volunteers are vitally important to many organisations, and schools are no exception. Last year we paid tribute and gave thanks to over 70 different volunteers within our school. A special mention must go out to the many volunteers who come into our school to help in the classrooms and library who do not have children who attend the school. We thank you for your help.

**13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> May – NAPLAN for years 3,5 and 7.** As you would be aware, students at our school are involved in continuous assessment and monitoring of their learning. Class teachers and the curriculum leaders of our school continuously collect and interpret student performance data to ensure that we are identifying and meeting the needs of each student

P&C Meets - 3rd Tuesday of month 6.30pm (Resource Centre) - Tuckshop - each Wednesday and Friday - Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

within our school. This data, and our knowledge of our students, help us to formalise modifications to the curriculum to extend and support learning for our students. The formal documentation is called the *Class and Student Differentiation Plan*.

The NAPLAN tests are another assessment item which we use to gain an overall profile on your child. The NAPLAN test is prominent within the wider community because it is a test which is completed by every student within Australia, thus giving state by state and national data on the point in time achievement of students.

Students should be encouraged to do their best, and to try their hardest. No more and no less than they should be encouraged each and every day to put in their best efforts into everything they do.

**Week 5 – Education Week.** Additional information will come home shortly to further explain our acknowledgement of Education Week. Students in Prep to year two will be involved in small group activities and students in year 3 to 7 will learn how to do an Ink Painting. To teach the students Ink Painting, we have invited a local art teacher and there will be a small \$2 fee to help pay for materials. The school will pay the majority of costs associated with this activity.

I look forward to telling you more about upcoming events and classroom activities as the term progresses.

Until next fortnight.

Kim Schembri  
Principal

#### **Education Week Activity**

The students in years 3 - 7 will be participating in an ink painting activity for Education Week this year which will be held on 20th May. A letter will arrive home shortly asking for parents to send \$2.00 to assist with the cost of materials. All students will need an old shirt or painting smock from home to pull over their uniform as the inks may stain. Could you please send a shirt big enough to fit over the uniform (button up is probably easier) in a plastic bag with your child's name and class on it.

Thanking you Mrs Templeton