



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

I would like to start this email by informing the community that our Chappy Aaron will be on leave as of Monday 8th August. At this stage there is no replacement for him. We look forward to seeing Aaron when he returns.

BEST FETE EVER!

In 2000 the International Olympic Committee President declared the Sydney based Games the 'best ever', I'd like to declare our fete on Saturday, 'Best Fete Ever'. Big call, yes, but the feedback from families, staff and community suggest just that. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the small, but dedicated, committee for organising this event - Mr Gould, Mr Taylor, Ms Egan, Mrs West, Ms Deschamps, Ms Kermode and Mrs Neville (I sincerely hope I have not left anyone out). I would also like to thank the fete convenors who organised the stalls. Many of our organising committee also convened stalls and they were joined by the Podd and Kunjasic families who cooked the scrumptious (so I was told, as they sold out quickly) South African Hot Pot (Potjetkos) and Croatian Meatballs (Chevapi). Many thanks also to the staff who organised fete activities and also stepped up to man stalls when volunteers needed a break.

Throughout the day I was continually approached by fete goers who commented: 'what a great atmosphere', 'never seen so many people at a fete', 'so many ex-students and families', 'love the Hot Pot and meatballs', 'wonderful to have show type food (fairy floss, popcorn etc).' I know I enjoyed catching up with past students and their families. This year we counted over \$13 000 in funds. This exceeds previous fete takings and I

am sure will be allocated to further support your child's school.

Congratulations to everyone involved and especially to our wonderful families who volunteered their time setting up (we even had past families helping to set up), pack away and work on each stall.

I would like to extend a special thank you to those families and staff, no longer associated with the school, who came down to help with the hard task of set up and pack down. A special mention to Mr Buchbach and his son and daughter-in-law who helped out throughout the day. Thank you for continuing to support our school.

*Thank you from the P&C President
I would like to thank every family, staff member and even past students and staff who made this year's fete such a success. We worked together to organise this fete and we have only received positive feedback from everyone who attended. Thank you very much for supporting the fete and the funds will be put to good use to support our kids.*

*Todd Gould
P&C President*

OPEN DAY

A reminder that our Open Day is scheduled for Thursday 28th August. The Open Day is designed to showcase a selection of what is offered at Lota; and will focus on what we offer academically, socially, and culturally for our students. If you would like to attend, or you know of other families who would like to attend, please contact the school to rsvp. All 2015

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students are invited to attend. I need to know how many children are coming as we have a little surprise for them at lunch time.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

I would like to wish students, who are representing our school at the District Athletics, the best of luck for today and Friday. Well done students for making this team and we look forward to hearing about your achievements.

Great news stories

It is always nice to relay good news stories to our community. There are many examples of these types of stories in our school, as our children really model to us how to be kind, considerate and tolerant of one another. When visitors come to our school a recurring comment is how happy our students look together and the great feel of the school. This is because of our students, and I really believe that even though they are young, they are forging the way. In a world that isn't always kind, we should all be extra vigilant about spreading the message of kindness, tolerance and acceptance towards one another. This story certainly has all these qualities. Thank you to Tye (yr3) and Sam M (yr6) - Aeon (Prep) was upset during a recent lunch break. He had forgotten his hat and on seeing how upset he was, Tye and Sam immediately approached him with offers to help find his hat. Sam M then went to his bag and gave Aeon his hat - what a lovely gesture by both students. Aeon's hat was located quickly and all was good.

Nut Allergy

It has come to our attention that one of our students has a nut allergy. I would like to ask families in the lower years to be aware of the nut products that they pack in their child's lunch box and consider an alternative. Thank you for your support of our students.

DANCE CLUB

Finally, I look forward to viewing the Dance Club's presentation at the recent Redland's Eisteddfod this Friday afternoon. Well done to our dance club students and to Mrs Cleary who makes it possible for our students to compete in community events.

Until next fortnight.

Kim

Book Week Celebrations - Connect To Reading

We will be celebrating **Book Week** at Lota SS this year with a **costume parade** on **Tuesday 16th September**. The children will be invited to dress up as a favourite book character or as something associated with the theme which is 'Connect To Reading'. The children cannot come in super hero costumes. Costumes do not need to be purchased or hired for the event and we look forward to seeing the creativity of the students in putting together their costumes.



TENNIS

Tennis lessons have started this term with Rob Cox. Rob is a registered coach with 25 years' experience.
Cost \$55 per 8 week term or \$7 per day.
Please call Rob on 0422 682 484.

Manly Community Kindergarten will hold an Open Day on Saturday 6th September from 10am til noon. Explore the idyllic grounds, meet our wonderful teachers and have a chat about our fantastic pre-Prep program. The \$15 waiting list fee will be waived for enrolments taken on the day. The Kindy is at 27 Harman St, Manly.

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