



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

As mentioned previously, I will be on leave for the last three weeks of this term. During this time Mrs Rebecca Albrecht (Special Education Program Coordinator) will be Acting Principal each Monday and Friday; and Mrs Allison Blanch (Literacy and Numeracy Coach and Curriculum Leader) will be Acting Principal each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Should you wish to speak with either staff member they will be located in the main office. I am confident that our little school is in excellent hands as both Mrs Albrecht and Mrs Blanch have been at the school for a number of years and know our processes and procedures very well.

Next week we have the Life Ed van visiting, so every family should have received information and a payment envelope for this Health Education visit. On 2nd September is our school photos and again every family should have received a payment slip. This year you are able to purchase online.

During the last two weeks of the term teachers will hold Parent/Teacher interviews. You should look out for a booking form and information sheet. Please hand this in as soon as possible to secure your preferred time to meet with your child's teacher. During these meetings you can discuss all aspects of your child's education and ask questions about how we as a school are modifying the curriculum to support your child. Some families would have received letters saying their child was involved in a special small group program to support their academic performance. Please ask your teacher how your child is progressing in these programs. Your child's teacher, in consultation with a curriculum leader, develops and reviews what we call a Differentiation Plan for their class. This is a fancy way of saying that we identify your child's support or extension needs and have documented this in the Differentiation Plan. You are also able to

Date Reminders

Life Education Monday 1st September
School Photos Tuesday 2nd September
BOOK WEEK PARADE Tuesday 16th September. Be creative!

discuss this with your child's teacher as this is a process we have implemented for some time.

NAPLAN RESULTS

This year's NAPLAN results were extremely pleasing. Staff at the school have worked very hard over the years and the proof is in our results. A word of caution, however, NAPLAN is NOT the only measure of a child's academic performance at school. We have a comprehensive assessment and tracking system across many aspects of the curriculum, and for each year level. I must say however, that these whole school results (Prep to year 7) are also very pleasing with student performance showing increasing results across the board. Although I am speaking here about academic achievement, we all know that there are many more aspects to schooling and we cater for all of these within a child's whole education.

Some pleasing NAPLAN results are:

1. Student performing in the Upper Two Bands – Lota is equal to or above the Nation percentage in the following areas. It is noted that 40% (and sometimes greater) of our students are performing in the top two bands:
Reading – Yr5 and Yr7
Spelling – Yr3, Yr5, Yr7
Grammar and Punctuation – Yr5
2. Students performing in the Upper Two Bands – Lota is similar to the Nation percentage in the following areas:
Reading – Yr3
Writing – Yr3 and Yr7
Grammar and Punctuation – Yr3 and Yr7
Numeracy – Yr3, Yr5 and Yr7

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3. Percentage of students attaining the National Minimum Standard and above was also very pleasing. We were scoring between 90% and 100%.

Students performing above the National Minimum Standard compared to the Nation at a similar and above nation result:

Reading – Yr3, Yr5

Writing – Yr3, Yr5

Spelling – Yr3, Yr5

Grammar and Punctuation – Yr3 and Yr5

Numeracy – Yr3

4. Percentage of students performing similarly to the Nation's results:

Writing – Yr7

Spelling – Yr7

Numeracy – Yr7

Pleasing indeed and a lot of hard work by all involved (including the students).

Until I return. Have a lovely end of term and two week vacation when it comes.

Regards
Kim Schembri
Principal

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OPEN DAY
28th August 2014

On Thursday our school will hold our first Open Day. The goal of the day is to showcase the many and varied activities and events we provide for our students.

On display will be:

P-2 Reading Program, Science, PE, Library and Music lessons

Visit to Prep classroom

Dance Club, Drama Club, Environmental Club, Smart Moves Program, Adventurers' Club, Ukulele Club.

Various students from our year 6 and 7 leaders will be involved in the day from greeting the parents and children, registering their attendance and moving around with the groups. When they are not involved in the activities they will be in normal class.

Below is a run sheet for the day. All students and classes, unless involved in the activities, will be doing normal school work in their classrooms.

RUN SHEET

8.30am - 9.00am Parents and children greeted by our School Captains. Parents and children registered by our student leaders and name tags handed out.

9.00am - 9.15am Junior Dance Club presentation and welcome by myself.

9.15am - 10.45am Rotational activities showcasing the school.

- P-2 Reading Program
- Science Lesson
- Library Lesson
- PE Lesson
- Music Lesson
- Smart Moves Lesson
- Environmental Club
- Adventurers' Club
- Visit to Prep Classroom

10.50am - 11.10am Ukulele Group presentation. Prep - Year 1 Drama Club presentation.

11.10am - 11.30am Morning Tea for parents and children. Student Captains will be invited back to help with serving etc.

The P&C will supply the lunch box morning tea for the younger children. Thank you to Mrs Rogan and Mrs West for organising this lovely treat for the children. Our present Prep students will decorate the top of the lunch boxes for the 2015 Preps as a lasting keepsake as they ready themselves to start 'big school'.

I am sure the day will be successful and we will certainly be able to build on this for years to come.

Please note that our community has seen the junior dance club presentation and the ukulele performances. The drama club performance will be repeated for our community at the end of term parade.

OLD LIBRARY SHELVING

We have some old library shelving to give away. Should you wish to have a look please contact administration.

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