



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

As another term draws to an end I would like to thank you all for your contribution this term. Thank you for supporting the many activities especially the Fete.

We look forward to Kim's return for the final term of the year.

School Chaplaincy

I regretfully inform you the Chappy Aaron has decided to cease employment with the Scripture Union and as such will no longer be with us here at Lota. I know that he will be missed and wish him well in all future endeavours. On Kim's return from leave we will organise a fitting farewell so that we can show our appreciation for all that Aaron has done for our school community.

Father's Day

I hope that all Dads had a **Happy Father's Day** on Sunday. I know your children would have looked after you and showered you with gifts made in class as well as those purchased from our Father's Day stall. Thanks to our hard-working P and C for organising this for our children.

Excursions

This **Thursday 11th September** the year 3 and 3/4 class will be going to Quandamooka Jetty as a part of their History unit. Don't forget hats, water and a smile!

Next **Wednesday 17th September** the entire student body will be travelling by train and bus to Birkdale South State School to attend a musical production performed by the children of Birkdale South.

TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY

Date Reminders

Monday 15th - Tuckshop Fundraiser
Tupperware Party at School 2.15pm

Tuesday 16th - BOOK WEEK PARADE
Be creative!

Wednesday 17th - EXCURSION:
Birkdale South State School

Thursday 18th - Performance Parade

Friday 19th - Free Dress Day

Wear your football team colours
GOLD COIN DONATION

Animals in Schools

It has been brought to our attention that family members are dropping off and picking up their child accompanied by a dog. Dogs are not permitted in school grounds as we need to be mindful of students and staff who may have an allergy or even a fear of dogs.

Tuckshop FUNdraiser

Come and have afternoon tea and join us in helping the Tuckshop get all new Tupperware. 10% of all sales and \$20 from every party booking go towards the Tuckshop. There are catalogues available from the office or tuckshop for you to collect and start taking orders from friends, family and work colleagues. The family who gets the most orders from **outside the school community** will receive \$250 worth of FREE Tupperware. Please see the flyer on our notice boards around the school about further prizes. All orders are to be paid for by Wednesday 17th September. We look forward to seeing you there.

P & C Meeting

The next P and C meeting will be held on 16th September from 6.30pm in the Library.

Student Council

The Student Council are holding a “wear your football team’s colours”/free dress day on Friday 19th September to raise money to support children and teens living with cancer. Students who participate are asked to bring in a gold coin donation.



BOOKCLUB

A huge thanks to all parents, children and teachers who purchased from the bookclub. The school receives 20% from all sales in each catalogue, to purchase books for our library. We have certainly benefited from these monies, purchasing series of books, popular titles and some old favourites.

Again, thanks to all.
Miss Beryl

Lost Property

As the term rapidly draws to a close please take the time to do a stocktake of your child’s belongings. If there are things missing please check our Lost Property table. This will be set up on the artificial turf outside Administration each morning up until Wednesday 17th September. If anything has made it to your house that does not belong to your family (hats, jumpers etc.) please return it to school at your earliest convenience.

Manly West Manta Rays Swimming Club

Sign on Days - Friday 5th September and Friday 19th September from 2.30 at Manly West State School Drop off Zone.

Club Starts Monday 6th October at 6.30

\$60 first swimmer from a family \$35 for each additional swimmer

Ages 4 – 99 years welcome

Check out our Facebook page

Manly West Manta Rays Swimming Club

If you can’t make one of the sign on days please email us at mwmantarays@gmail.com to sign on

Book Week Costume Parade

Lota State School will be celebrating Book Week with a costume parade on Tuesday 16th November from 9.00 am. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character or as something relating to the theme which is “Connect to Reading”. Children are not permitted to come as a superhero. We do not expect anyone to go out and purchase a costume but would rather see something created from what is already available at home. We look forward to seeing the creative side of students at Lota State School.



ACACIA BAYSIDE SWIMMING CLUB

Fun for all ages and levels!
Races include 15m, 25m, 50m. Two weeks free trial before you need to register. Approx. 1.5 hours on a Friday night, 10 club nights per season. All races are based on self improvement, not where you place. Club members are also able to compete at outside swimming carnivals, Great family atmosphere, BBQ dinner available!

**CLUB SIGN ON DAY:
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
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Secure September Campaign

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is running this campaign around IT security. Take note of the posters around the school and go to www.cybersmart/parents.gov.au for further information.

The internet is playing an increasingly important role in the social development of children. It is providing more and more opportunities for them to engage with other children and adults and get instant feedback.

Cyberbullying can take place anywhere that children have access to technology. Some of the most common places include:



social network websites and apps such as Facebook and Twitter



media sharing platforms such as YouTube, Instagram and Tumblr



instant messaging applications such as Skype or Facebook chat



mobile phone data use and SMS and



online gambling.

Ways to promote Cyber Safety:

- Ensure your child understands the implications of posting images and other content on the internet.
- Educate your child about appropriate online behaviours.
- Sit with your child and participate together on the internet. Assist in developing the knowledge they need to communicate responsibly and respectfully with friends, family and other internet users.
- Set clear rules about your child's mobile phone and online activities.
- Talk with your child about which websites and internet activities they are allowed to access.
- Consider installing appropriate software which has the ability to limit internet usage times and monitor/restrict website activity
- Ensure you are aware of the software and app features installed on your child's mobile phone, music or tablet device. Many apps have age suitability recommendations and require age

confirmation prior to download/use. Additionally, many devices support parental controls which prevent access to specific features or content. These controls can be enabled in the settings menu on your child's device. Consult the device documentation for further information.



The [QSchools app](#) is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with school websites, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to the school website.

The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view. It is also a great tool for families who do not reliably get Newsletters home

Have a great holiday,
stay safe and we will
see you all on
Tuesday the 7th
October.

Warm regards

Allison Blanch and Rebecca Albrecht
Acting Principals