



# LOTA STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Dear Families

It almost seems unfathomable that I am writing the last newsletter for term one. The term has flown by, but don't we say that each year - perhaps we should stop and time may slow down to a more manageable pace. I am sure the students and their families are looking forward to a relaxing break. Thank you to the staff of Lota for a term full of fun and hard work and to families for their continued support and assistance this term.

I wish everyone a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 20th April. We concluded the term with our annual Easter Hat Parade this morning. I continue to be amazed at the enthusiasm of the students and the wonderfully designed creations.

#### P&C Executive

Lota held its P&C AGM and a new executive was voted in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing executive - Todd Gould (President), Scott Taylor (Vice President), Nicole West (Secretary) and Mel Egan (Treasurer) for your dedication towards our school, students and staff.

We welcome a new executive - Tricia Wedmore (President), Cait O'Connor (Vice President), Angela Gordan (Secretary) and Peter Kunjasic (Treasurer). I look forward to working with our new executive.

#### Cross Country

Thank you Mrs Neville for yet another fabulously lead and run Cross Country event. Mrs Sheil was our special guest as she handed over her long standing position of 'starter' to myself received

modelling from the best and hope to be able to take the role into the future.

Congratulations to Coen M (Yr4), Adam C (Yr5) and Matthew C (Yr5) who were chosen to represent Lota at the Bayside District Cross Country event. We wish them luck.

#### Year 2 Science

This term our year 2 students have learnt about materials, processes and design. I sent them a letter requesting that they design and make me a fabulous, fashionable and functional lunch box or carry bag. I can safely say that the year 2 class listened carefully to what their consumer wanted and designed me fashionable, functional and fabulous lunch bags/boxes which would hold my sandwich and apple.

I was very pleased with the results. Each bag/box certainly carried my lunch items and therefore were functional. All bags/boxes were covered in 'bling' with predominantly red and blue colours (the students certainly know me, the consumer well). I was also impressed that some had a drink holder, functional handles, one even resembled a clutch bag. Others had insulation, many with lids and padding (one with cotton wool so my apple would stand the long drive to Lota) and many with sectioned compartments. Fabulous, fashionable and functional ideas year two.

#### ANZAC Ceremonies

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing and the birth of ANZAC. Lota State School will hold our ANZAC ceremony on Friday 24th April at 10.30am. All families are welcome and students may bring a small floral

tribute to lay at our refurbished ANZAC Memorial Garden.

The Bayside Combined ANZAC Centenary Committee (Wynnum RSL, Manly-Lota RSL, Brisbane East and Bayside Branches) will hold their ANZAC day ceremony on Saturday 25th April. The procedure will be different this year with only a dawn service being held. Please read the information sheet found in this newsletter as we need to know how many students will be present at the dawn service.

Thank you to Wynnum Manly Rotary, and especially Graeme Westcomb, who built the new garden with the help of Mr Holder. Mr Holder, Mrs Beinssen and the Environmental Club planted the rosemary, with other plantings still to come. We thank Bunnings Manly West for supplying the plants. Mrs Neville is in the process of painting the Aleppo Pine container and she hopes to mosaic tile around the perimeter and display the names of service personnel, both past and present. The Rotary has also commissioned us a plaque for inclusion. We look forward to the finished garden.

### **Information Evenings**

Thank you to those parents who attended the second Parent Information Evening on our Annual Implementation Plan for 2015. This is where I discussed our school priorities and direction for 2015. The full plan, once endorsed by my Principal Supervisor, will be displayed on the school website for all families.

The next information evening will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 21st April. The title will be - *How do teachers differentiate (modify) the curriculum to support my student who is not yet meeting grade level standard, or exceeding grade level standard?* I will discuss how the teachers modify the curriculum and assessment and how we include support personnel within the classroom to support and extend student learning. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible attend this information session.

### **April P&C Meeting**

Tuesday 21st April, 6.30pm in the Library. All families welcome.

Until after the holidays. Stay safe, enjoy your families and see you next term.

When we return ---

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open on MONDAY from 2.45pm – 3.15pm or by appointment (please contact the office to make appointment).

### **PARENTS OF PREP's & YEARS 1 & 2.**

Due to the increase in the amount of toileting accidents occurring at school, could you please ensure your child has spare underwear and clothes in their bags each day. If your child has an accident and they do not have spare clothes you will be called to come and collect them.

### **BOOK CLUB**

A huge thank you to those who have purchased goods through our Book Club. The school receives rewards from these purchases so we can get books for the library. This term we received \$190 worth of rewards.

Thank you all again for purchasing through the Book Club.

See you all next term.

Beryl Muir

Book Club Co-ordinator



**BAYSIDE COMBINED ANZAC CENTENARY COMMITTEE**  
**PO BOX 327, WYNNUM CENTRAL. QLD. 4178**

The committee wishes to advise local residents of the activities planned for this ANZAC day the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fateful Gallipoli landing which we commemorate this ANZAC Day.

The following are approximate timings for the one service to be held this day by the combined organizations.

## **ANZAC Day 2015**

**Start: 0500 form up at the Wynnum Wading pool.**

**0515 March starts approximately 8 minutes to the Bandstand Park**

**0530 / 0545 form up in Bandstand Park**

**0545 Start of Ceremonies Welcome dignitaries, Speeches, Prayers, Wreath laying**

**0600 / 0615 Last post**

**0700 All activities finish**

Lions and Rotary will be conducting a free sausage sizzle for all attending the service in Bandstand Park after the services are completed.

Manly-Lota RSL would like to invite Veterans and their families and our public supporters to join us at our Hall at 184 Melville Tce for light refreshments and drinks from 0830 (8.30am) till 1200hrs (12pm).

Peter Beauchamp (President)

**Wynnum RSL, Manly-Lota RSL, Brisbane East and Bayside BRANCHES NSAA**

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