



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

By now you would be aware that I have accepted a 6 month contract at Richlands East SS. Although I will be monumentally sad to farewell Lota for this time, the opportunity and challenge is one which is hard to turn down. I visited yesterday and was overwhelmed with the warm reception I received. Although it doesn't make up for the fact I will miss everyone terribly, it does make me feel happy, safe and excited about my new adventure.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm thank you to the parents and families of Lota. Thank you for assisting us in the educational journey of your children, and for entrusting them each and every day into my care.

To the children of Lota, you are fabulous! I started at this school before each of you were even born, and you continue to amaze me with your kindness and your desire to learn. Above all, keep being happy, safe and learning at Lota.

Thank you to the staff at Lota. Families, you are extremely lucky to have such committed staff. I know that you are appreciative which is so uplifting for us. A special thank you to Mrs Blanch and Mrs A for your help and support as our little trio of curriculum leadership. I look forward to working with you again.

Welcome to Ms Hyne who will replace me for semester two. Ms Hyne comes from a school with over 1000 students. Her knowledge of curriculum and teaching and learning is extensive and I am excited about Ms Hyne

working with our curriculum leaders (Mrs A and Mrs Blanch) and teachers to ensure that we continue to grow and learn as a learning community.

After all is said and done, we still have two days of school left, report cards to hand out and a much anticipated performance parade this afternoon.

REPORT CARDS

Today you will receive your child's report card. Should you wish to ask any questions please contact your child's teacher. Alternatively, I am available tomorrow.

You may notice gold or colourful Principal award stickers on your child's report card. The rationale behind awarding these is:

Gold Principal Award: purely academic achievement – working above year level. Children should also display good to very good effort and above satisfactory behaviour.

Colourful Principal Awards: a little harder to give a rationale for this award. As I know every student, I know their individual achievements. These awards are not given for academic ability, but are given for consistent effort or behaviour. Should you not know why your child has received one of these stickers please contact me and I am happy to explain.

Pop-Up Session at Lota

Thank you to those parents who attended the Community Group Pop-Up Session and thank you for being so engaged in the groups and overlooking the short timelines. Until the day before the session we were unaware

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

that it would even go ahead. This session was small and we were a trial school. With the overwhelming positive response received by parents (not just for the coffee van) Lota State School will host a larger community group pop-up session in the future.

FETE

Last night Ms Hyne and myself joined a Fete Working Party meeting. I must say I am impressed with the level of organisation of the fete and the number of families who are willing to put up their hand to take on a leadership role. This year's fete will be great with rides, stalls, raffles and food - including an international food arena. Look out for the bulletins coming home and put your name down for a volunteer role. I intend to come along on the day and enjoy the atmosphere, food and goodies.

Until I see you again, enjoy your holidays and enjoy semester two.
Kim

Dance Team News

A group of students will be representing our school at the Redlands Eisteddfod during the holidays. These students have been rehearsing before school each Friday morning this term and have worked extremely hard. They will compete against other Primary School groups and will be performing "Walk the Dinosaur" and "Cup of Life". They are performing on Sunday 12th July at the Lingo Lin Performing Arts Centre at Ormiston College, Sturgeon St, Ormiston. The session starts at 8:30 a.m. It would be lovely to have some supporters watching in the audience and everyone is very welcome to attend. The prices for the session are : Adult : \$10.00 - Concession : \$7.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the morning.

Next term, I will be combining Junior Dance Club and Senior Dance Club to work on our new routine for this year. Dance Club will continue to be held on Thursdays at 1st break playtime. It is very important that your child

attends every rehearsal if they wish to be included in the routine.

Kind regards

Mrs Cleary

PREP ENROLMENT 2016

If you have a child or know somebody that has a child attending prep in 2016 please let the office know the details so we can contact you/them re Open Day and Prep Orientation Events.

LUNCHTIME SEWING GROUP.

A volunteer is required to help out with the sewing group at lunchtimes from 11:15 – 11:45 each Tuesday. If you can help please let the school office know.

TENNIS

Well, here we are at the end of another tennis term.

I am delighted by both the manners and the developing skills of our young players. The new tennis term will start on Tuesday July 14. I will be looking to add another morning in the near future. (Possibly Wednesdays.) All enquires to Rob Cox, Tennis Australian Professional on 0422682484.

IT'S BACK

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Lota State School will be participating in the Woolworth's Earn & Learn program which will commence Wednesday July 15. Collect your stickers from Woolworths, You will receive one sticker for every \$10 you spend. Once you fill your sticker cards you can place them in the collection box located at school office.