



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Families

Thank you for the warm welcome

I would like to start this term's first newsletter by thanking you all for your warm welcome to Lota State School. I have loved my first week at the school and am starting to remember all the students' names. The grounds are amazingly well presented, the best I've seen in a school for many years, which is a credit to Mark our fabulous grounds man and the cleaning team Jo and Rob. Thank you

A bit about me...

I was born, raised and trained as a teacher in the UK. My passion is travelling and my greatest challenge to date was climbing Mt Kala Patar at Everest Base Camp.

I have been teaching for more than twenty years across different countries and different year levels. I have taught in London, Egypt, Brunei and Australia across many age levels, from Prep through to year 12.

Since immigrating to Australia in 2003, I have been working in schools throughout Queensland with a particular focus on Special Education and supporting the individual needs of students.

For the past three years I have been the Deputy Principal at Tullawong State School, a school with over 1000 students.

I am at Lota State School for the next 6 months and I look forward to meeting you all.

Vicki Hyne

Date Claimers	
Wednesday, 5 th August	Open Day - Enrolments for 2016
Friday, 21 st August	Prep to Year 2 Excursion to Museum and Sciencentre
Wednesday, 26 th August	School Photo Day
Mon – Wed, 31 st Aug – 2 nd Sep	Life education
Saturday, 12 th September	School Fete
Tuesday, 15 th September	Book Week Parade

Open Day – Enrolments for 2016

We will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday the 5th August for all students wishing to enrol at Lota State School in 2016.

The day will begin at 9.00am and include an introduction from the Principal, an outline of what the school can offer your child, a school tour and activities plus a demonstration from the Drama Club, Dance Club and Instrumental Music group.

Please register your interest by calling 3906 6222 or by dropping into reception.

Dance Club

On Sunday 12th July a group of dancers represented Lota State School at the Redlands Eisteddfod. Students performed “Cup of Life” and “Walk the Dinosaur”. The judge gave some lovely comments about our dancers and complimented them on their costumes, unified dancing, super effort and team work. The “Cup of Life” performance was recognised with an encouragement award. I was very proud of the excellent behaviour and outstanding way these students represented our school. A special thank you also needs to be given to Ms Clarkson and her daughter Amy for playing our music and assisting with costume changes. Thanks also to the parents and grandparents who helped get the students to all of the rehearsals and ready to perform.

Mrs Cleary



100 Days of School

The Prep & P/1 classes had a great 100th day of school. We counted to 100 six times, we searched for all the numbers to 100 that Mrs Cummings had hidden around the room. (PS we are still missing 19 and 84!) We did 100 star jumps with Mrs Neville, we sorted 100 objects, measured 100 straws, blocks and sticks, and we made crowns and sunglasses. We iced biscuits and sprinkled them with 100's and 1000's and so much more.



Items for Sale

There are number of old desks and chairs for sale. If you are interested in viewing and/or making an offer on any of these items please see Mark Holder (Groundsman).

Asthma Foundation Queensland

Asthma Foundation Queensland is hosting an "Ask the Expert" session for parents of children with asthma or allergies.

The session will provide parents with invaluable opportunity to learn more about their child's asthma or allergies, and to have their questions answered by experts in the field.

Details of session are below:

Date: Wednesday 29th July
Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Venue: Carina Leagues Club
1390 Creek Road
Carina Q 4152
Cost: FREE

Registrations can be made online at asthmaaustralia.org.au or by phoning 1800 278 462.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

P&C Meets - 3rd Tuesday of month 6.30pm (Resource Centre) - Tuckshop - each Wednesday and Friday Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm
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The National NAIDOC theme for 2015 is:

We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate

Theme description:

This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

As the oldest continuing culture on the planet, the living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is intrinsically linked with these sacred places. Sacred places can be geographic feature like a river or lake, a beach, bays, inlets, hills or a mountain ranges or ceremonial grounds, galleries of rock art or engravings or places used for gathering for cultural practices.

Long before European arrival, these places had traditional names - names that now reflect the timeless relationship between the people and the land. Often sacred places are connected with Dreaming stories or tell of the meaning of an area.

This year's theme was also chosen specifically to highlight and celebrate the anniversary of the 'Handback' of Uluru, one of these sacred sites, to its traditional owners on 26 October 30 years ago.

At our school the students engaged in two very exciting days to celebrate NAIDOC week. On Tuesday 14th we had a whole day of activities organised by Ms. Seib. These included:

- Oval: Boomerang throwing
- Kitchen: Miniature dot paintings
- Library main area: Story telling
- Library middle room: Dreamtime DVD
- Jill's room: Aboriginal art inspired colouring in
- Nadine's room: Listen to then learn / retell an Aboriginal Poem or song
- Julie's room: View a range of Indigenous art and artefacts, the flags and their symbolism - use the 'See, Think, Wonder' routine
- Year 3/4 Resource Room: View the BTN episode (Freedom Ride – Charles Perkins, leader of the movement and first Aboriginal man to graduate university)



Fete News

Planning is well underway for this year's fete to be held on:

**Saturday 12 September
10am – 3pm**



To make this event a success we need your **help!**

Are you a green thumb?
A whiz in the kitchen?
Or keen on craft?

Do you have preloved goods that need a new home?

The Fete will include:

- International Food Stalls
- Burgers and sausage sizzle stall
- Cake/Sweets/Jams
- Plants/Herbs
- Popcorn/Fairy Floss/Snow Cones
- Craft stall
- Rides and Entertainment

Volunteers:

We need volunteers to run stalls and volunteers to work in stalls across the day.

Please contact the school reception ASAP if you are able to help.

Donations:

Plants: Please leave plants for the plant stall in the area under the office.

Craft: Please take all Art & Craft items to Mrs Jennifer Templeton in the Library on a Monday or Tuesday.

Preloved Goods: The Adventurers Shed will be open from 8.30 – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm daily. Please put items inside the shed neatly so that staff can still access school equipment.