



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

As we head into week 4 I can't believe we are almost half way through the term already. It seems to be whizzing by with so many things to organise before our end of year celebrations and graduation.

- Staff are busy completing final assessments of your children in all curriculum areas to get ready for report writing.
- Our Year 1 to 3's are still enjoying their swimming and we had a fabulous Arts Council event last week that had everyone laughing out loud.

Thank you as always for your support and commitment to our school.

This week also brings our tri-annual financial audit to check we comply with all government requirements for school operations. Jay Laloobhai will be working out of the office until Thursday afternoon, so if you see him around the school please make him feel welcome.

Date Claimers	
Thursday 29 th October	Footy Colours Free Dress Day Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 5 th November	Sports Gala Day
Friday 20 th November	School Disco
Thursday 3 rd December	Performance Parade
Tuesday 8 th December	Rewards day
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 11 th December	Term Finishes
Monday 25 th January 2016	School Resumes

Plants for Lota State School – Creating a Greener Brisbane

Councillor Peter Cummings has helped the school to acquire 35 native trees for our school grounds and 7 trees for Cox Park. The trees have been specifically chosen to attract more birds and butterflies to our already beautiful Lota community. We will be planting the trees on Thursday 5th November at 12 noon.

We are asking our Prep children to each plant one tree in the school grounds. This will become their special tree to help water and look after and watch grow as they do at Lota SS. Everyone will then go over the road to Cox Park to help plant the additional trees there. All parents and community members are welcome to attend and help our children to plant their trees on this special day. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

P&C Meets - 17th Nov 6.30pm (Resource Centre)
Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

Tuckshop - Wednesday and Friday

Practicum Students

We have a number of practicum students at Lota SS at the moment in different stages of their educational journey to become either teachers or teacher aides. They are in a variety of classes across the school. Thank you for making them feel so welcome already, our friendly school atmosphere is a real strength and one of the highlights as identified by our recent school review. It is wonderful that Lota can help to train our educators of tomorrow within our supportive school environment. The commitment of our class teachers to mentor and support these students is additional time they give up after school and on the weekends. The fact that Lota is asked so frequently to support our aspiring educators is a testament to the quality of teaching staff that we have here at Lota.

Music Count Us In

This week, on Thursday 29th October at 11.30am the whole school will have a special parade for 20 minutes to sing the 'Australian Song' "Gold". Every school in every State will sing the song at exactly 11.30am. This represents a celebration of the arts and especially the power of music to unite a country with an uplifting message of hope. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to come and join us for this special event. The song lyrics are below.

GOLD

VERSE 1

Yeah I got the power
Singing in the shower
No you can't stop the beat
Don't stop the beat, Don't stop the beat
Listen what we're saying
Keep our music playing
If you feel it stomp your feet
Stomp your feet, Stomp your feet

PRE-CHORUS

We can share the happiness we've made
If together we believe

CHORUS

All we have is gold
And we can sing together
The journey of our lives is about to start
All we need is hope
And we can make it better
Never gonna stop
Never giving up
'Coz what we've got is gold

VERSE 2

As you hear the choir
Take the music higher
We are reaching for the sky
Reach for the sky, reach for the sky
My sisters and my brothers
Let's share with one another
You'll never know if you don't try
You gotta try, you gotta try

PRE-CHORUS

CHORUS

BRIDGE

We may not be the same
But there's one thing we share
The future's in our hands
You just don't know it's there
We all have a heart that beats to its own drum
We all have the words just wait for them to come

CHORUS x2

Tuckshop News

Our Monday tuckshop trial has now completed and unfortunately there was not enough interest in Monday's to make this a sustainable proposition. This term will instead go back to the old opening days of Wednesday and Friday only. Thank you all for your support of this community resource.

Staff Breakfast

I wanted to say a big thank you to the P&C for putting on a cooked brekkie for all staff on last Monday's Student Free Day as part of our World Teacher's Day celebrations. We all were very spoiled and full by the end of the morning and it helped fire up our brains for a whole day of quality learning around strategies to teach writing and our visioning for the school's next four year strategic plan. A special thank you also to our waiter Riley, waitresses Tilly and Tasha, Kate, Sharon, Trisha and Caroline and not forgetting Mark on the barbie.



Have a great week.

Regards

Handwritten signature of Vicki Hyne.

Vicki Hyne

Student of the Week

Garry Heike, Victoria O'Shea, Zahli Cox, Evie Wilson, Lluca Madjeric, Maxen Lepisto, Emma McKenna

Active Citizen Awards

Previous recipients were:

Silver:

Nathan Vanhinsberg, Kirra Hardinge, Adrian Boyle, Zak Maynard

Gold:

Damien Jackson

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The Very Clever Ibis

There is a very clever Ibis lurking around the lunch areas after break time. He has learnt to open lunch boxes and eat student's food. He is making an awful mess. Please encourage your child to collect their lunch box after play and take it back to the bags.



Student Council Fundraising

Student Council will be holding a **FOOTY COLOURS FREE DRESS DAY** on Thursday 29th October. A gold coin donation is required. Students can wear their favourite footy colours. Enclosed footwear is compulsory.

Student Council will be selling **Rainbow Icy Cups** next Tuesday for \$1 each.

Year 3 Happenings

Our class has been learning Roald Dahl's poem, 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The poem is a fun and cheeky version of the tale and we've had a lot of laughs during our *Poetry Share* on Thursday mornings. Some of our students are close to knowing the whole poem by memory, which is a genuinely amazing achievement!



Science in Term 4 is all about 'Matter'. The students work in small groups to investigate the properties of liquids and solids, discover how heat causes a change of state and apply the strategies of a *fair test* (scientific method limiting the number of variables). This picture shows Eli and Emma with the results of their *Viscosity Race*. Warm honey beats chilled honey every time thanks to its lower viscosity ... or does it? Tomorrow's toast could be the opportunity for your own science investigation at home.

Here, Kane, Harsh and Romily are observing different solids and how they respond to heat energy from the sun. The butter and jelly showed a low melting point, quickly turning to liquid and taking the shape of the container. Mrs Seib was a spoil sport and wouldn't take the class to visit a blast furnace to see what it would take to make the glass bead and stone change state.

