Dear Families

Welcome to the second half of term 4. I can’t believe we are here already! There has been some important changes to our end of year events as we had a clash with high school transition. Please note the updated calendar below. Most notably, performance parade has moved to Thursday morning in week 9.

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**One Tree per Child**

The highlight for me of the last two weeks has to be our involvement in the One Tree per Child program. The project has been started by Olivia Newton-John and Jon Dee, the original founders of National Tree Day. Their aim is to get millions of children planting millions of trees.

“I believe that society **benefits** when young children get out, get their hands in the earth, and **plant trees**. Planting trees and shrubs is a great way for kids to **connect** to the environment and their community.” - **Olivia Newton-John.**
The One Tree per Child Project started on June 5th 2015 at Bondi Beach in Sydney. Lota State School is the first school in Queensland to be part of this initiative. Partnering with Griffith University and Councillor Peter Cummings our Prep students planted 35 native trees in our school grounds on Thursday 5th November with Quest newspapers taking lots of photos. The event was a great success with every student getting the opportunity to plant their own tree with the help of the adults that had come to watch.

Each child got a bucket with water, fertiliser, a hand shovel and instructions. Mr Josh Kiely, acting groundsman, then demonstrated how to plant a tree with Nandhini’s help. The most precious moment was when Mr Kiely asked her to put the fertiliser in the hole and she carefully placed the entire pot in with the lid still on.

We now have a fabulous line of native trees along our West border that will grow as our students grow and hopefully attract a wide range of wildlife especially more birds and butterflies.
Mr Kiely was instrumental in making the day go so smoothly. He purchased the buckets and shovels out of his own money, researched how far apart to plant the trees. Checked the safe use of the fertiliser and last but not least dug all 35 holes the day before so the students could easily plant their trees on the day. A wonderful effort that went above and beyond the call of duty. Well done Josh.

Book Club

A huge thank you to all those who have purchased through book club this year. The school is fortunate to receive rewards from these purchases and we can then purchase books for our library. Until next year, thanks again. Enjoy the holidays

Miss Beryl

Tuckshop News

Last Friday was international tuckshop day and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Kate, Sharon and new recruit Rach in helping to make Lota SS the fabulous place it is. Your burgers are the star attraction but the muffins, choc balls and brownies come a close second!
Classes for 2016

As we are currently looking at class sizes for next year could you please contact the office if your child is not returning to Lota State School in 2016 (except those leaving Year 6).

Lists for classes next year will be available on Wednesday 9th December 2015.

Have a great week.

Regards

Vicki Hyne

Student of the Weeks

Kira McKenna, Isabella McDougall, Chelsea Walkom, Max Birkett, Jodi Leitz, Rachael Turner, Sophie McKenna, Mitchell Hetherington, Eva Pringle, Andrew Krnak, Luke Kaissis

Active Citizen Awards

Previous recipients were:

Silver:

Gold:
Jessica Cook, Lucy Williams, Michelle Carmichael, Ilke Van Dalen, Mesha Cox, Jennifer Carmichael, Justin Mitchell, Katrielle Taylor, Eva Pringle, Evie Wilson, Bianca Kiss-Stumer, Alyssa Cleary, Capri Bianco

Due to an overwhelming amount of Active Citizens receiving GOLD PINS we have run out. There are on order but there are taking longer than anticipated. Therefore, we will not be able to announce Gold Pin recipients for the next couple of weeks.
Friday Fun
By Nathan Williams

Each Friday I get to set up the movie for our breaks. This is the most popular day in the HUB. We usually get a lot of people because movies are cool.

Students who go into the HUB vote on the movie they want to watch and I set it up for Mrs Albrecht because she says she is useless at technology!

In this term we have watched two movies. Spooky Buddies and

Space Buddies both took us two weeks to watch.

The Buddy movies are about five puppies who are family. They always find themselves in hard situations. It is very funny to watch them solve the trouble.

The next movie we’re watching is Treasure Buddies!
Year 4 – Term 4

The year 4’s have been very busy this term. From reading a very big and very awesome book for English.

Sculpting the ‘Ultimate Animal’ for art.
While also being champions at tag footballs interschool sports gala day.