

LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Welcome to week 5. I can't believe we are half way through term 1 already!

Exciting events coming up before the end of term include our first Adventurer's Club camp from 10th to 12th March and our student leaders GRIP leadership conference on Friday March 18th.

Thank you to everyone for your support regarding our health and safety changes at the school: no playground access after school and no pedestrian access through the car park. Our first priority has to be to keep all of our students, families and staff safe.

A big thank you also to those parents who have got involved in organising our Lota SS playgroup. There will be another meeting soon to continue the set up and organisation. We will email with dates nearer to the time.

Take care one and all and enjoy the last blast of summer.
Have a great week!

Regards

Principal

Date Claimers	
Saturday 5 th March	Adventures Club Sausage Sizzle (Bunnings)
Thursday 10 th March	UQ Prep Hearing Screening
Thurs – Sat 10 th -12 th March	Adventurers' Camp
Thursday 17 th March	No Bullying Day awareness
Friday 18 th March	Year 6 Leadership Day
Wednesday 23 rd March	Cross Country
Thursday 24 th March	Term 1 Finishes
Monday 11 th April	Term 2 Commences

P&C Meets - TBA
Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

Tuckshop - Wednesday and Friday

Weekly Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Uniform Shop (8am-9am)	Student Council Ice Cups	Tuckshop		Tuckshop
Library	Library		School Banking	
PE Swimming (Yrs4-6)		PE		
		LOTE (French)	Instrumental Music	Music
Environmental Club	Innovation Club	Drama Club	Dance Club	Choir Club

Handling Money in Schools

Payments to the school can be made by cash, cheque, bank transfer or by using an app called BPOINT.

- All cash payments must be enclosed in an envelope or zip lock bag with Child's Name, Roll Class and Name of excursion/swimming/instrumental music/other. The correct money is appreciated as the school does not keep money on premises to be able to offer change.
- Payments made by Bank Transfer do not reach the school account for approx. 1 or 2 days, please take this into account when paying for excursions.
- You can only use BPOINT with an invoice (you can obtain an invoice from school)

Receipts for monies will be issued weekly and sent home with your child the following week.

If you overpay, the overpayment will be kept on your school account as a credit and used at a later date. A request for refund form can be completed at the end of each term should you require a refund (the school can only issue cheques).

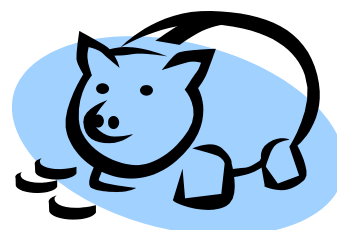
School Banking

School Banking is on Thursdays through the office.

To get your child started you will need to set them up a Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank. You can do this Online, in a branch or by downloading the application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Students will receive a yellow Dollarmites wallet and deposit book to bring their money to school.

Information packs outlining the process are available in the office.



Book Club

Thank you to all who ordered through the Book Club. We had an overwhelming response and sold \$978 worth of books.

As a result, the school has received \$196 in rewards that the library can use to purchase new books.

We look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

Miss Beryl
Book Club Coordinator

Cross Country Carnival

We would like to invite you to our cross country.

Date: Wednesday, 23rd March.
Time: 9.00 p.m.
Venue: Cox Park, Lota.

Order of Events

09:10 am	5 year olds	200 meters
09:20 am	6 yr olds	300 meters
09.30 am	7 yr olds	400 meters
09.40 am	8 yr olds	400 meters
09.45 am	Parent Races	200 meters or 2000 metres
09:55 am	9 yr olds	800 meters
10.00 am	10 yr olds	1500 meters
10.15 am	11 yr olds	2000 meters
10:30 am	12 & 13 yr olds	3000 meters

Please come along and cheer for your students.

We will need some parent helpers for the morning to help the carnival run smoothly. Please see Mrs Neville if you are able to help.

Innovations Club

Due to overwhelming interest in the innovations club and the limited amount of robotic sets the access to innovations club has been changed. The year's 4 – 6 students will be grouped into lots of 16 based on when we received their permission slips. Therefore, the first 16 students will start today, the next 16 students will participate week 1-5 term 2, and then the third 16 students will participate week 6-11 term 2. This means that some of the students in the younger years may not start innovations club until term 3.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM has been **POSTPONED** whilst we await final audit paperwork.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Uniform Shop is open Mondays from 8am – 9am.

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Start of Day times

Reminder for all students to be at school by 8.30am for an 8.50 start time. Please contact the office if you are running late so we can inform the class teacher. If you arrive after 9.30am then please go to the office to get your late slip. Any early pickups also need to go through the office to get your early departure slip. Staff will not let students leave the classroom/learning area without their slip.

Sun Safety & Water

Lota SS is a sun safe school – it is imperative that all students come to school with a hat to wear during sport and lunch breaks. Please ensure your child has a hat.

During the hotter months we encourage all students to drink plenty of water. Can you please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle.

Kokoda Challenge Year 5 & 6 students

We are currently finalising our numbers for our Kokoda challenge students. Information has been previously sent out by letter. There will be a meeting after school Thursday 25th at 3pm in the conference room in the library for students and parents. This is a time to ask questions and to finalise numbers as each team is a group of 4 students. Any other students or parents interested in joining are requested to attend the meeting.

Reminder: School access, walkways and the bike rack

Following a review of our onsite work place health and safety we are closing access to the school for pedestrian traffic on the carpark side on Booner Street. This gate will now be locked at all times. Our car park gate will also be closed from 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm.

Pedestrian access will be through the remaining three entrances only. To accommodate bike storage the bike rack is being relocated under the office to provide all weather protection.

There will be no cage so it is requested that all bikes be locked to the stands and that bike helmets be kept in port racks.

Please also remember to use our lovely lollipop men and cross at one of our two crossings.
Thank you