



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Just a few extra things for this week:

ANZAC

Please join us as we commemorate ANZAC Day at Lota State School with a special parade on Friday the 22nd April at 10.30am in the open area between the buildings.

Students that are interested in walking on ANZAC DAY, Monday 25th April, should meet at Manly State School on Ernest Street, Manly at 7.45am. There will be a prize for the class that has the most participants on the day.

There is a parade of schools/clubs that walk to the RSL Memorial at Manly.

Students must be accompanied by an adult and wear their school uniform.

Enrolments for 2017

Many of you have been asking about enrolments for 2017. We will be spending this term organising and planning for next year and will open enrolments at the start of term 3. If you would like any information prior to this time, please don't hesitate to pop in for a chat. There will also be a number of new events scheduled for 2017 Prep students in term 3 and 4.

We are also resuming our popular class profile pages. Our new Prep students are up first showcasing all the exciting things they have been achieving.

I would also like to wish the best of luck on Thursday to our district cross country competitors and Matthew Cummings in his Bayside AFL comp. I know you will do Lota proud.

Regards

Principal

Date Claimers	
Monday 9 th May	Volunteers Morning Tea
10 th – 13 th May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 11 th May	Dr Paula Barratt – Fun Friends
Monday 23 rd May	Channel 10 Eyewitness News
Thursday 2 nd June	Arts Council – Heave Ho off we go
Week of 20 th June	Athletics Carnival (date TBA)
School Finishes	24 th June

Weekly Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Uniform Shop (8am-9am)		Tuckshop	Playgroup 9.30 - 11	Tuckshop
Library	Library	LOTE (French)	School Banking	
PE - Sport		PE - Health	Instrumental Music	Music
Environmental Club	Innovation Club	Drama Club	Dance Club	Choir Club

Digital Technology

The students in grades 3-6 have the exciting opportunity for this term of using a program at school called Scratch to do some computer coding. The program has been downloaded onto our computers and will therefore only be able to be seen at school. Please be aware the program also exists online and is therefore available to the wider population throughout the world. For students to access this program online they need to create an account which asks for personal details. Like all things online, it is up to the parents' discretion as to whether you allow access to this program. The students **WILL NOT** need to work on this program at home so it is **not** necessary to download it, or allow access to the online version.

Student Details

Towards the end of the week you will receive an envelope with your child's details according to OneSchool (the system used within Queensland State Schools). Could you please review the information, make any changes and return it to school by Tuesday 3rd May.

The information is used by the school to contact you, email you and informs us of any medical conditions we should know about. Please take the time to review the forms and provide any changes.

Student Absences

In light of recent events in the media, including one child death at Marsden, Education Queensland are enacting a far more stringent policy for school student absences. As of the 26th April if your child is not at school, and you have not phoned the school to inform us, you will receive a call asking where your child is. This call is to confirm the whereabouts and therefore safety of your child.

If your child is absent from school for any reason please contact the office before 9.30am on 3906 6222. After 9.30am the office staff will be checking class rolls for unexplained absences.

P&C

Following a review of our meeting schedule the P&C meetings will now occur on the third **Wednesday** of every month at 6.30pm in the library conference room.

Jess Heaney (a local Lota girl) will be attending the next P&C meeting to act as a babysitter for all those parents who would like to attend but usually can't because they need to be home with the kids.

Jess is a lovely person who holds a current Blue card and is great with kids. Currently studying at university she will be at all the P&C meetings for this year to help with the kids.

The agenda for tomorrow's meeting includes the general business of:

- Quarterly night market/movie night - international food stall
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program in collaboration with the Environmental Club and the eventually the Tuck Shop
- Bunnings BBQ, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day stall, Walk-a-thon, Disco
- Lota's Got Talent - Talent Show
- Chairs for Parade Hall, Sun shades, Astro turf, Robotics.
- PCYC to come in and talk about onsite after school care at Lota SS
- Philosophical Inquiry - a successful program in other schools which helps students cognitively and socially by learning empathetic listening skills, creative thinking and logical reasoning - transition from RI.
- Parent Representatives and Parent Charter Forums

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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

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.

P&C Wednesday 20th April 6.30pm
Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

Tuckshop - Wednesday and Friday

Playgroup

Thank you everyone who attended our first ever Lota school playgroup.



It was amazing to see such a great turn out especially on our first rainy day of the term. Thank you also to everyone who donated items. We are still looking for more boys dress ups and some ride on cars for the older kids.

Thank you to Kate and Sharon for opening the Lot-a coffee shop and providing such yummy brownies and coffees.

NAPLAN Parent Meeting

I will be holding a meeting for all parents interested in NAPLAN on Wednesday 20th April at 6pm in the library conference room. This meeting will directly precede the P&C meeting at 6.30pm. The meeting will cover:

What is NAPLAN?

- The purpose of the tests
- The test formats
- Assessment and reporting
- The dates and times for the tests
- Examples of each test and the teaching behind them
- How we are preparing the students for the tests
- Test 'wiseness'
- How you can help your child
- Adjustments for students with disabilities
- The option to withdraw students
- And where you can get more information

The session is anticipated to last 30 minutes to allow time for questions at the end.

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First week in Prep for Term 2



Reading groups started up again. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers.



In maths we were investigating measurement and we made some wide and narrow bridges.



Our sounds for the week were b and d. We made some birds and bees.



In Science we are learning about objects and the materials that they are made from.

The children have settled back into school routine very well and it has been a great start to term 2.



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