

LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

As the school year draws to a conclusion we seem to be busier and busier. The next couple of weeks are literally packed with wonderful activities, continued learning and assessment and let's not forget – fun.

The 60th Anniversary commenced our end of year celebrations and if it is anything to go by, the next three weeks should be great. As a school team we organised a wonderful day of activities, followed by our special parade organised by Mrs Cleary, Mr Allen and Ms Holley. The day concluded with the official opening of the Karen Sheil Multi-purpose court facilities. A special thanks to Jodie Andrew for organising this event; and the P&C both past and present, for fund raising towards this facility. As far back as 25 years ago the P&C commenced saving funds to build a school pool. Over the years this changed to upgrading the tennis courts. Coupled with the Brisbane City Council grant, we were successful in achieving this fantastic facility for our students. The facility was perfectly named the Karen Sheil Multi-purpose court, named after Mrs Sheil, whose contributions to Lota continues to be inspiring. The evening concluded with a truly amazing Disco. A special thank you to Liz Vang and her team for ensuring the night was the huge success that it was. Thank you to our staff, students and P&C for a fabulous day, and night, of festivities.

Rewards Day

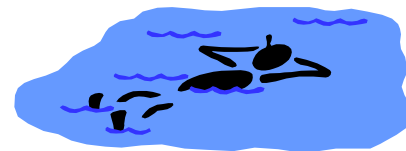
Rewards Day is scheduled for Tuesday 11th December. P to 3 students will walk to and from Lota Foreshore park and participate in activities. Years 4 to 7 will walk to the Manly Pool, and will be provided with a bus for their return trip. Students are asked to bring morning tea only; lunch and fruit/ice blocks will be provided for the students. Those students who are on Intervention Level (as per our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students) will be unable to attend. Non-attendees will be supervised at school. All families are most welcome to join us on the day. Younger siblings must be supervised by their parents at all times.

FOR YOUR DIARY

30 th November	Christmas in Storyland P - 2
4 th December	PetPep Yrs Prep & 1 (Gold Coin Donation)
4 th December	Yr 3/4 & 4 Excursion
5 th December	Swimming Carnival
11 th December	Rewards Day
12 th December	Yr 7 Graduation
14 th December	SCHOOL FINISHES

Swimming Carnival

The LSS swimming carnival is set for Wednesday 5th December. This year it will be held at Wynnum State School. The Year 1 to 3 carnival will be held in the morning and followed by the year 4 to 7 carnival. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue. There will be no cost to families. All families will be invited to attend.



Year 7 Graduation

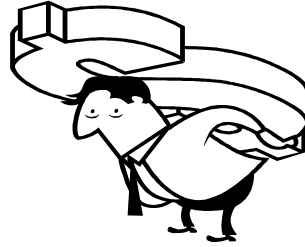
This year we will hold our Year 7 Graduation on Wednesday 12th December in our School Hall. The ceremony will commence at 10am with a morning tea at a cost of \$10 per participant. The official graduation ceremony commences at 11.30pm and our students from years 3 to 6 will also attend. Please ensure that year 7 students and their families have lodged their RSVP and paid the ticket cost for the morning tea no later than 30th November.



P&C Meets - 3rd Tuesday of month 6.30pm (Resource Centre) - Tuckshop - each Wednesday and Friday -
Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

Outstanding Money

From today we have outstanding swimming and sporting bus money totalling \$1000. Please ensure that your invoices are paid as soon as possible. If this money is not paid then I have to still pay for the swimming instructors and the buses and the money needs to come from another area of the school. This means that another expenditure area misses out.

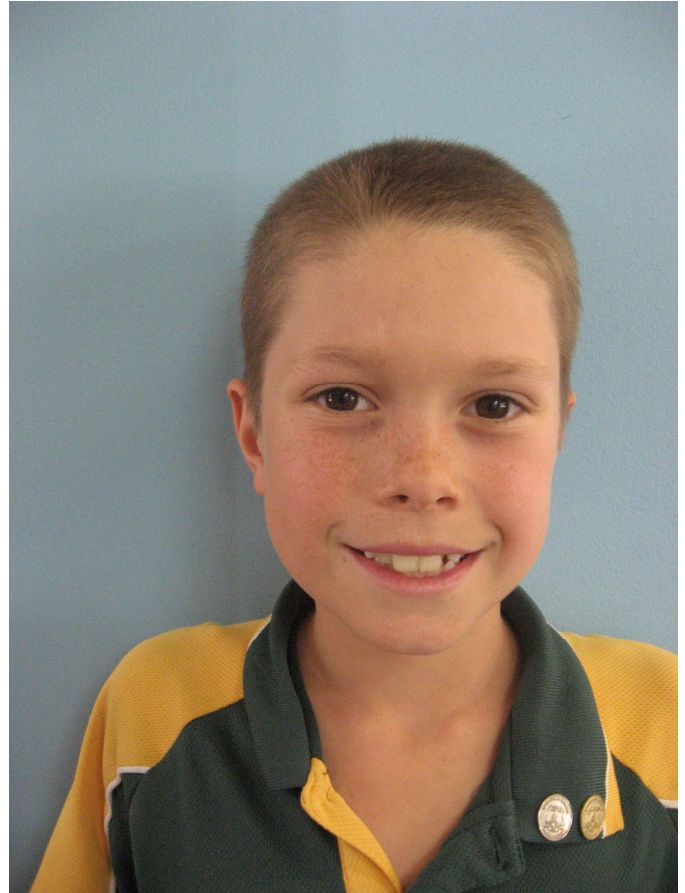


REPORT CARDS

Written reports for Years 1 – 7 will be issued on Thursday 13th December.

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

On Tuesday night I tabled our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students at the P&C meeting. This was endorsed by the P&C and certified by your President. I draw your attention to a few changes within that plan. I have included information about our Silver and Gold Excellence Pin initiative. You will also note the inclusion of three appendices at the end of the document. Appendix one discusses use of technological devices within schools, the second relates to cyber bullying and the third to ensuring safety in schools. At the beginning of next year each family will receive a copy of this plan; however you can view it now on our website. Upon enrolment, all families are given a copy of this plan and required to sign an Enrolment Agreement (please note: we do not require Preps or Year 1 students to sign this plan – their parents do this on their behalf). This agreement states that families and the school will work together to ensure appropriate behaviour is displayed by students whilst at school. A copy of this agreement is located, for your reference, at the conclusion of the plan. All families are requested to read the document and see me with any questions.



Gold Pin recipient Levi Year 6

Class Lists for 2013

Next week I will be publishing the class lists for 2013. You will note that some classes are straight classes (ie there is only one class at this year level) and some will be composite. If there is a straight class year level then you can assume that your child is in that class (ie if I publish one year 7 class then all children in year 7 in 2013 will automatically be in that class). Should I publish a composite class then I will send out individual letters to families telling them which class they are in. Teacher names will also be published.

Hope to see you at our end of year functions.

Kim Schembri

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