



LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Welcome to the 2013 school year. A warm welcome to our continuing families and a special "Lota Welcome" to our new families. Once again students, and especially our Preps, have settled in well to the new school year. Friday saw our little ones a 'tad' weary; however they have returned to school this week well rested and bright eyed.

After an interesting start to the new year, our library is up and running again. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the families who helped to clean away debris etc from the grounds. Many then returned home to clean their own yards. I would like to acknowledge Mr and Mrs Buchbach for their help over those couple of days. They were both on hand to visit the school and keep me informed of progress until I could venture out when the roads were clear – thank you.

Library

Our librarian will hold lessons in the library this week. All students, including Preps, will have the opportunity to borrow books from the library. In addition, those students who are reading over level 30 will be supported by their class teacher and librarian to borrow suitable reading material from the library for their take home reading program. The library has a wide selection of quality literature that would interest and further develop students as proficient readers. We find that students reading at this level need to access higher levelled reading material (higher level interest, multiple plots, etc) than the more traditional home reading program which only goes to level 30.

P&C

All families are invited to our first P&C meeting Tuesday 19th February, 6.30pm in the library. This will be the first general meeting for 2013. The AGM will be held two weeks later.

I would like to extend a thank you to our P&C who this year paid for the installation of air conditioners in the year 3, year 5/6 and year 7 classrooms.

FOR YOUR DIARY 2013

Adventurers' Club Meeting Monday night 11 February, 2013 6:30pm
Information Evening on Tuesday 12 th February.
P&C meeting Tuesday 19 th February, 6.30pm in the library
Bunya Mountains from 14 th to 16 th March

Thank you also to Collette Deschamps, our Uniform Shop Convenor, Liz Vang, Jodie Andrew and Lisa Meyer for making sure that the Uniform Shop was operational and ready to supply our wonderful new uniforms. I have only heard positive comments about our uniforms and the bags, including excursion and swim bags, which are a huge hit. Many children have decided to adorn their bag zippers with charms etc. Please be aware that we take no responsibility for lost charms. Please make your child aware of this.

Front of school

The front of the school, near the playground, will remain fenced until the shade structure is tended to and the fence replaced.

Information Evening

We would like to invite all families to an Information Evening on Tuesday 12th February. The evening will commence at 6pm with a talk regarding the Australian Curriculum and the state school Curriculum into the Classroom programs for English, Maths, Science and History. The night's schedule will be:

6.00pm Prep to Year 3 Curriculum presentation

6.30pm Prep to Year 3 Meet the Teachers

6.30pm Year 4 to 7 Curriculum presentation

7.00pm Year 4 to 7 Meet the Teachers

Meeting the teachers will take place within their classroom.

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

Parades

We hold parades each Tuesday afternoon commencing at 2.30pm in our hall area. All families are welcome to attend.

Adventurers' Club

At Lota we have a unique camping program which has been in operation for nearly 40 years. The camping program offers the opportunity for families to experience bush and beach camping, sleeping in tents and eating outdoors. More information on this program is on our website. Families are given first preference to attend the camp – up to a pre-determined number of adults. Any spaces left are offered to year 7, then year 6 and 5 if room is available. Our first camp is at the Bunya Mountains running from 14th to 16th March. Please note that we are only able to have a pre-determined number of students and adults attend our camps. Expressions of interest for the camp will only be received from the opening date and are accepted in order in which they are presented. These camps are extremely popular.

Wet lunch

At Lota State School we have a lunch policy in the event of rain or inclement weather (including weather where gusty winds are present). Students in Prep to year 4 will, after they have eaten, go directly to either a classroom or the library where they will be supervised by a staff member. Students in years 5 to 7 are able to remain downstairs but must stay undercover. Students in years 5 to 7 will be asked to return to their classrooms during times of high gusty winds.

Lockdown and Fire Drill

In the event of a lockdown or evacuation we have procedures to follow. A whirling siren sound signals a fire drill and therefore an evacuation of all students to the bottom end of the oval. An airhorn sound signals a lockdown where the classrooms will become secure. Should you wish to view these plans please see me.

Extra-curricular activities

At Lota State School we offer a selection of lunch time, before and after school activities. During lunch times students may elect to join Environmental Club, Dance Club, Drama Club or all three. Preps are able to join these clubs. Mr Allen our Music Teacher will provide you with additional information about his Choir and Ukulele lessons before and after school.

Instrumental Music Program

This program is run by an Education Queensland employed instrumental teacher and available for students in years 5 to 7. We have a limited number of instruments available, and we offer these to beginning students (first year) with continuing students needing to source their instruments for their second and third years.

Presentation Parades

On the last Thursday of each term we hold a special Presentation Parade. This is usually held from 2.30 to 3.00pm. Please note that there will be NO normal Tuesday school parade during these weeks.

Homework

Homework will be set by teachers. Should you wish to discuss this please see your child's teacher in the first instance. As a rule every child should be reading either a supplied take home reader, or a self-selected library book, each night.

Student Allergies

At Lota State School we have students who have specified medical health concerns. Some students require monitoring and awareness by staff, and some require a written Medical Support Plan.

Last week you received a letter regarding students who have enrolled with Anaphylaxis and specifically an allergy to nuts. Lota is NOT a nut free school, nor can I ask that nut products not come into our school. However, I have asked families to be mindful of the amount of nut based products in their child's lunch box. By mindful I mean, perhaps you may not need to supply your child with multiple nut based foods (unless your child needs this for their own medical requirements) when one product may be enough. The students who have the allergy are remarkable students who, even at a young age, are vigilant about what they eat. Could you please remind your child not to share foods with anyone.

Permission Notes

Any activities which deviate from the normal and intended curriculum day will require a permission slip. In order for your child to attend you must give your written permission using one of the notes supplied by the school. Failure to hand in these permission slips will result in your child NOT being able to participate in the activity. NO permission slips means that you have NOT given your permission for your child to attend the activity.

School Times

Students should not be at school prior to 8.30am. The only exception to this is for working parents when students may arrive no earlier than 8am. No child is permitted to school prior to 8am. Preps students must be escorted to their classroom no earlier than 8.30am (without prior approval) and must not go downstairs.

Recognition of Positive Behaviour System

As this is a very long newsletter, with lots to remember and take in, I have decided to print a supplement regarding our recognition of positive behaviour system. Please look out for this.

Until next fortnight.

Ms K Schembri
Principal

Music

Dear Lota Families,
Welcome to 2013. Hope you all had a fantastic break. I am offering the following extracurricular Music activities starting in week 3.

Choir is for Yr 2 to Yr 7 and will rehearse in the Library Music Room on **Wednesday** before school at 8 am to 8:30 and **Thursday** 2nd break after eating time.

Ukulele is open to all ages including parents, is on **Thursdays** after school from 3:00 to 3:30 in the Library Music Room.

Looking forward to a year of making beautiful music together. D. Allan

ADVENTURERS' CLUB MEETING

Monday night 11 February, 2013
at 7:30pm

in the demountable building.

Discussion: Upcoming camp to Bunya Mts
All welcome to attend.

P&C Association

Thanks to the staff and parents who helped with the organisation of the Uniform Shop on the first day back to school. So far the feedback is that everyone is appreciative and supportive of the new service that the P&C is providing for the school community.

Colette Deschamps, the P&C Tuck and Uniform Shop Convenor, sent a note home yesterday informing parents of the opening hours for both services.

Also thanks to everyone who was involved with the installation of the three new air-conditioners into Ms Sheil, Mr Willis and Ms Clarkson's classrooms. Last year, the P&C raised over \$10,000 to buy and install 3 air-conditioners to improve the learning environment for our children. Over the holidays the installation of the air-conditioners was completed – and I believe we have happier children and teachers starting the year.

I am aware that emails sent to the P&C email address have been bouncing. Please check the email address you have - the correct address is pandc@lotass.eq.edu.au. Emails sent to this address are being received by the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Are you free for an hour on Sunday 17 February? The P&C are lucky enough to have secured a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser at Cannon Hill. Debbie Maynard is organising a roster of volunteers for Sunday 17 February. If you can help please let us know on pandc@lotass.eq.edu.au

The next P&C meeting will be held as usual on the 3rd Tue of the month at 6.30pm, the date is **Tue 19 February**. I look forward to meeting you and getting ready for 2013.

Liz Vang
P&C President

ALLSTARS NETBALL CLUB is now taking registrations for this season's netball competition for ages from 5yrs-18yrs. Allstars is the only club within the Redlands to have its own training courts and are based at Wellington Point. Last season Allstars were awarded the Most Successful Club Championship and Most Cooperative Club by the Redlands Netball Association. All coaches are fully accredited. Training commences on February 11. All inquiries can be made by contacting Chris Richards on 0434254363

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EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF HOSTING

A place to call home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013.

Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Sylvia Kelly

Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs

Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: www.wep.org.au

Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student!

2013 NETBALL SIGN ON

BAYSIDE AND DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION
sign on day..

WHEN SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2013

TIME 9AM – 12PM

WHERE COX PARK, Bethania Street, LOTA
FOR Girls aged between 5 and 12 years

No prior netball experience necessary! Beginners to advanced players ALL WELCOME!!

More information available by contacting Sue at baysidedistrictsnetball@gmail.com



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**WYNNUM & DISTRICT
RUGBY UNION CLUB**

Season - 2013

Registration Open

U6-U16

CLUB HOUSE Elanora
Park, Granada St, Wynnum
**Contact: Sally Sayers, Club
Registrar**

salsayers@hotmail.com

Eftpos Available

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New Beginner Classes Free Trial

for Children 4 years & up **starting** after the School holidays

Bring Shorts & T-Shirt to train (*Parents* encouraged to train as well)

Locations & Training Times for Beginner class:

We guide you to personal growth and wellness

- Coordination and social skills Strength & Conditioning / General Fitness
- Building Confidence and Self-Esteem Guidance to achieve Junior Black Belt

Manly West at **"Moreton Bay Boys College Hall"** 302

Manly Rd

sign on any **Monday 3.45 – 4.30 pm**

Enquiries: Sensei Andy 0403 358 397 or Chris

0400 179 960 or visit:

www.afmaclub.com.au

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Competitive fees - great atmosphere - happy children and parents

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Sensei Andy Schwandner

Instructor Credentials:

High School Teacher Diploma of Education

Personal Fitness Trainer

Strength and Conditioning Coach

5. Dan Shotokan Karate Instructor

NCAS Coach & NOAS Official

International Karate Referee

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