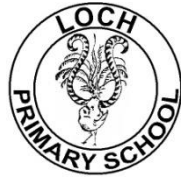


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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE:

Excursion to at National Gallery

There is a lot of excitement as we get ready for our excursion to the National gallery tomorrow. Our bus is booked to depart at 8.15am. Students are to **arrive no later than 8.00am in full school uniform.** Lunch will be provided by the gallery. Students are required to provide morning and afternoon snacks and water bottles. Please bring all snacks in clearly named disposable plastic bags and clearly named drink bottles. Thank you to the many parents who have offered to attend the excursion: Helen Crawford, Alana Fullerton, Debbie Cook, Julie Hussey, Kate Holder, Julie Nettle, Laura Silcock, Lyne Barrett. We are looking forward to a terrific day exploring the Age of China exhibit. **The bus will return at approximately 4.30 pm** when parents will need to pick them up from school.

Please Note: Our regular school bus will not be operating tomorrow due to the excursion.

Parent Forums

I have thoroughly enjoyed the start of the 2015 year at Loch Primary School. The school community is very welcoming and generous in its support to new members. I have spent a great deal of time getting to know students and learning about the fantastic activities and events held at school. I am very interested in gathering some feedback from parents about their ideas and suggestions and experiences of Loch Primary School. You are invited to join me for an informal chat in the staff room at either of the following times:

**Wednesday 13th May 9.00 am OR
Thursday 14th May 7.00 pm**

Please indicate your attendance using the attached form. If you are unable to attend you are most welcome to contact me for a chat.

Student Representative Council

Our students have met twice to set up the Student Representative Council at Loch PS. This Friday will be the first full meeting of students. Student members of this council include the School Captains, House Captains and Class Captains. A student from each class will also be invited to attend each meeting. Students will discuss a range of issues and contribute their ideas for school decisions and events. Already the council has agreed to run lunchtime activities, get involved in helping to raise funds for charities and have made suggestions for improving what happens at Loch Primary School. The Students Representative Council will report back to students at assemblies and to the School Council each month.

World Vision Youth Summit



Empowering thousands of young people across Australia to stand up to poverty and injustice. Over the last 10 years, World Vision has run the World Vision Youth Conferences (formerly the Global Leaders Convention) to inspire young leaders for a better world. Each year the World Vision Youth Summit is held and hundreds of enthusiastic and talented young people attend to develop their leadership skills and to discover ways they can make a difference in the world. Year 4, 5 & 6 students from Loch Primary School have been invited to send a small delegation to this summit on Monday 25th May. The World Vision Youth Conference goes deep into global issues of poverty, hunger and injustice through an immersive day. The conference is designed to support learning outcomes that align with the general capabilities in the Australian Curriculum. It's an amazing opportunity to empower schools and students to stand for the world they want to see. This is an event which is beyond the normal classroom program and will incur a cost of \$50 per student. Travel will be by bus to South Melbourne and students will be required to leave at 8.00am with a return time of 4.00pm. If you would like your child to attend the World Vision Youth Summit please complete the form below.

Huge Congratulations

To Tane Derrick who broke the U12-13 Shot Put record at the District Sports Day last week. What a fantastic effort and result. Well done!

**Special Visit:
Elisabeth Murdoch College
Working Bee**



On Monday 18th May we will be completing works around the school grounds. Students from Elisabeth Murdoch College will be joining us to assist with weeding, planting, gardening, painting and general repairs. These students are completing their VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) and will be accompanied by their woodwork and landscaping teachers and two Assistant Principals. We are very lucky to have their assistance, time and commitment to working with us. We would very much appreciate any extra help on this day from parents and community members.

School Uniforms

Thank you to the many families who have made extra efforts to ensure their children are wearing school uniform. There are still a few students who are wearing brightly coloured shoes and shoelaces. I ask that families make arrangements before the end of term for shoes to meet the uniform requirements. The weather is getting colder and students will require jumpers and or coats. This year we have included navy vests, beanies and coats on the uniform list. Please ensure that the jumpers and coats your child wears are navy blue.

Happy Mother's Day

Mothers' Day is a modern celebration honoring one's own mother as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Many Australians follow the Mother's Day traditions that stem from observances in countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom. The Mother's Day date in Australia is the same as the date observed in the United States, which is the second Sunday of May each year. However, it is an Australian who is credited with having started the tradition of giving gifts on Mother's Day: Janet Heyden, a resident of Leichhardt Sydney, started a campaign in 1924 to collect gifts for lonely aged mothers. Whatever your family celebrates, remembers and honors, Happy Mother's Day to you all, our school community and to all those people who play a special role in the lives of our children.



Tracey King
Principal

Free AFL Tickets

Mr. H has some ALF tickets to give away. Free entry for the Hawthorn Melbourne game on Sat 16th May. Please see Mr. H - first in best dressed.

School and Whole School Photos

Last chance to order these, please send order in by tomorrow. An 8 x 10" is \$20 and a 6 x 8" is \$13

FROM THE CHALKFACE:

School Nurse Questionnaires for Preps

The school nurse, Sally Sanders, will visit the school in Term 3. Prep parents are required to fill out the attached questionnaire for their child. They will be collected next week so return them asap. This is a great opportunity if you have any concerns with sight, hearing or any other health issue you may have with your child.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Next meeting will be held on Monday 18th May.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Mother's Day

The date for the Mother's Day stall will be Friday 8th May at 1.30 pm. in the art room.

The P & F have a stall which has gifts priced from \$1 to \$5. If you wish for your child to purchase something please send along money in a named envelope. All children get the opportunity to shop at the stall. No credit will be given.

Parent helpers are needed for wrapping, sales etc. and it would be appreciated if any helpers could be at school by 1 pm. We would particularly like to invite our new families to come along and help out and see how it all works.

Please return **raffle tickets** by Thursday 7th May if possible.

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 7th May – National Gallery Excursion

Leaving 8 am - Home approx. 4.30 pm

Thursday 7th May – Mother's Day tickets due back

Friday 8th May – Mother's Day Stall – 1.30 pm

Monday 11th May – Prep Questionnaires due back

12th, 13th 14th May – Naplan

Monday 18th May – EMC/Parent Working Bee

Monday 18th May – School Council

Thursday 21st May – Curriculum Day – No students

WELL DONE AWARDS:

Mrs Achterdenbosch:

Harvey Kirk and Ruby Hussey for co-operation with students and teachers.

Miss Mitchell:

Ollie Cronin for making excellent choices and thinking carefully about spelling, Bailey Lightowler for always being a co-operative class member.

Mrs. Davidge & Mr. Hunter:

Acacia Wallis for effort and improvement with reading, Owen Jones for great effort in writing about his favourite adventure at Cowes Camp. Keeley Johnson for your positive attitude towards all school activities, Tane Derrick for breaking the U12-13 Boys Shot Put record at the District Sports.

**Expression of Interest
World Vision Youth Summit**

Monday 25th May at South Melbourne

Students Name:

I would like my child to be considered for this excursion. I understand that the cost of this day will be \$50.00 per student.

Signed:
Parent/Guardian

PARENT FORUM ATTENDANCE SLIP

Name/s

I/we will be attending the parent forum session

On

Wednesday 13th May 9.00 am OR

Thursday 14th May 7.00 pm

Signed: