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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE:

Excursion to National Gallery of Victoria

Students, teachers and parents returned from the excursion to the National Gallery full of interesting information and wonder at the "Age of China" exhibition. Students in particular enjoyed the studio workshop and have continued developing their calligraphy skills in art lessons this week. Miss Chen attended our excursion and will be building on the knowledge gained during her Chinese lessons.



"It was fantastic!" Ashton Westwood
"I loved the workshop!" Keeley Johnson
It was awesome and the paintings were amazing!"
Georgia Lightowler

Sporting Schools

We have been successful in receiving funding for Sporting Schools program for Term 2. This funding will enable the after school programs to continue and specific sport experiences to be offered to students. Students have enjoyed their first few sessions of Badminton and Taekwondo this term. Many thanks to Helen Crawford for coordinating the sessions and to Craig Bourke for his assistance supervising sessions. This new Sporting Schools program replaces last year's Active After School program and there a number of changes to the way the program is delivered and how the funding is to be spent. We have been provided with a list of approved sports for this program and unfortunately Taekwondo is not listed. We will however continue to provide this sport on Wednesday afternoons for students. **Students will also now need to provide their own afternoon snacks.** Please send an extra healthy snack for your child on the days they are participating in the after school sports.

To ensure our children are safe and we know exactly which activities they are attending, please provide the office with a dated note to advise us if there is a change of circumstances. The note is required if your child is unable to attend for one session or decides not to participate in the program.

Head Lice

They're back!! We have had a few cases of head lice reported this week. Please check your child/ren and treat their hair if you do find live lice or eggs. If you unsure about head lice and would like some assistance checking your child's hair or need advice about effective treatments please come and see me.

Parent Forums

Thank you to the parents who have kindly spent some time chatting with me about their experiences of Loch Primary School. *The evening parent forum scheduled for Thursday evening has been cancelled*, however I am always keen to hear from parents about what is going well in our school and any areas we can improve on. Feedback from parents has included many positive comments about how passionate, committed and dedicated our teachers are, how the school environment is supportive and caring for all students but also instils a sense of responsibility and independence. Families appreciate the openness of teachers and staff and feel welcome and able to discuss any concerns. It is wonderful to receive such positive feedback.

G'day Asia

On Friday 29th May we will be traveling to Nyora Primary School to enjoy a performance of G'day Asia. Students will leave after lunch and will travel by bus and we will return before 3.30pm for dismissal. This performance promises to be entertaining and interesting and will build student knowledge and cultural awareness of Asia. Please complete the permission form included at the end of the newsletter

Special Visit:

**Elisabeth Murdoch College
& McClelland College
Working Bee**



McClelland College has come on board to join Elisabeth Murdoch College at our working bee on Monday 18th May. We are getting very excited about the work the VCAL students will complete on the day and are very grateful for their willingness to assist us in some maintenance and gardening works in our school grounds. We would very much appreciate any extra help on this day from parents and community members. Please let me know if you are able to join us for a few hours on Monday.

Tracey King
Principal

OTHER INFO:

Parent Payments

Statements are attached for those families who have a balance owing. If you have already made a payment or payment plan this statement will show your progress. Thank you for your effort.

For the remaining families please arrange payment as soon as possible. This can be made in cash or cheque or directly deposited into the school account, BSB 063 515 Account No. 1001 4378 Please use your family name in the description field.

Absence Letters

Absence letters up to the end of April are attached. We need to get these explanations up to date as we will soon be implementing a new absence program. Your assistance in returning these as soon as possible would be fantastic.

FROM THE CHALKFACE:

Free AFL Tickets

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

Student Representative Council

Our Student Representative Council has met this term and students have been busy discussing a range of topics and offering their ideas and opinions.

Report by Georgia Lightowler & Lexie Jobling

The SRC have organised 3 lunchtime activities which all students can join:

- Art club Wednesday
- Basketball clinic Thursday
- Tabloid Sports Friday

We have had discussions about which charities we can support this term with some fundraising. We will do one per term. There are some grade 6 projects which are in need of repairs and we are going to organise to get them fixed this term. We hope the secondary students who are visiting next week may be able to help us.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Next meeting will be held on Monday 18th May commencing at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

CURRICULUM DAY

Reminder to all families that there is a curriculum day next Thursday 21st May. On this day children are NOT required at school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Mother's Day Raffle Winners were:

Katie Cronin, Harvey Kirk, Eydie Johnson, Toby Jobling, Lottie Sproson, Riley Farmer and Ebony Beecroft.

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle. A profit of \$272.00 was made for the school.

There are a number of IOU's from the Mother's Day stall, could these please be fixed up as soon as possible.

Second Hand Uniforms

We are looking for a volunteer who can co-ordinate the second hand uniforms for Loch PS. This will involve washing of the items for recycling and displaying them for anyone who wishes to purchase them. We have lots of lost property and it may as well be recycled rather than sit in a pile in the office.

DIARY DATES:

12th, 13th, 14th May – Naplan
Monday 18th May – EMC/Parent Working Bee
Monday 18th May – School Council – 7.30 pm
Thursday 21st May – Curriculum Day – No students
Friday 29th May – G'Day Asia Performance

WELL DONE AWARDS:

Mrs Massaro:

James Barry for a fantastic attempt at spelling diagrams, Levi Perkins for working hard on his writing skills.

Mrs. Davidge & Mr. Hunter:

All Co-operative Group Leaders for excellent leadership on our Chinese excursion.

Principal Award:

Bailey Lightowler for her sense of responsibility and positive behaviour at the National Gallery excursion.

Garage Sale – Saturday 30th May

Barry Harms –Roy Street, Loch Barry is moving to Korumburra. Barry has been an integral part of the Loch community for many years and we wish him well in his relocation to Korumburra. If you can support his garage sale please do so. All proceeds will be forwarded to the Nepal Disaster Fund.

PERMISSION FORM - Whole school excursion to G'Day Asia Performance at Nyora PS

Friday 29th May, 2015

Family name:

I give permission for my child / children

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to attend the excursion to Nyora on Friday 29th May.

I understand travel will be by bus. I authorise the teacher in charge where it is impracticable to communicate with me to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be needed necessary.

Signed: Date: .../.../15
(Parent/Guardian)

Mobile or Emergency Number: