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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE:

Food & Wine Festival

Huge thank you to all of the parents who assisted with the Loch Primary School stall at the Food & Wine Festival. Our Parents and Friends group worked very hard to arrange show bags, plaster painting and lolly bags. Our raffle was drawn at 2.45pm and was won by one of our students. Congratulations to Aidyn Bourke. Miss Mo Chen and Miss Lulu Li also attended on the day and they provided Chinese activities and spoke to many children and parents about our Chinese program across our Karmai Alliance Schools. We were blessed with some sunshine and lots of visitors. We had a successful fundraising day and many of our students were there enjoying themselves too.



Lightning Premiership

Good luck to our students who will be heading off to Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College tomorrow for the Lightning Premiership. Students from Loch Primary School, Poowong Consolidated School and Nyora Primary School have been selected to represent our Karmai Cluster in netball, soccer and football. Teams will compete against other school teams in the region. Our netball players have been training at lunchtimes and are ready to get on the court and shoot some goals. Mark Hunter and Anne Kerr will attend with our students. Parents are most welcome to join us and cheer on our students.



Lunchtime Activities

Yesterday was our first session of the Games Club at lunchtime. Many students were eager to open our new games and get started. Students played Cluedo, Connect Four, Guess Who, Uno, Trouble, Checkers and Chess. It was wonderful to see students working cooperatively and helping each other. One student challenged me to a game of Checkers which was great fun. She didn't win!



Our students enjoy a range of activities at lunchtimes from playing ball games, (wall ball is a favourite at the moment) sitting quietly and chatting, playing on equipment and running through the gardens. Many of our students are involved in a daily game of spotto in the yard with the teacher on yard duty. Often a game goes wrong, someone doesn't play by the rules, an accident happens or someone says something unkind to another. All of these things can be upsetting and challenging.

Teachers on duty are careful to monitor any issues in the playground and will assist students to resolve differences when needed. Our student peer mediators are on duty every day and students can also go to them for help. For any serious incidents parents are always contacted and informed. We use restorative practices where we identify issues and any harm which has been caused to assist students to restore any damaged relationships and resolve issues so they are less likely to occur again. Student conflicts are opportunities for students to develop empathy, communication skills and assertiveness.

Although confronting at times to discover your child has been involved in an incident at school, these are opportunities for you to talk openly with your child about expectations and appropriate attitudes and behaviours. Teachers are always available for a chat about any concerns or for advice.



OTHER INFO:

No Cosy Kitchen Lunches – Friday 12th June

Unfortunately due to a family funeral the Cosy Kitchen will not be able to provide lunches this Friday.

Compass

Every family should have received their login details letter last week. You will need your unique username and password for logging in at <https://lochps.idlf.com.au> or use the link on our school webpage. Parents are able to notify the school of student absences using the attendance features on Compass. Using compass removes the need to send a written note to school. If you have any questions or would like access to a computer to log into Compass please contact me.

Special Assembly Monday 22nd June

Families and community are invited to join us at 9am on Monday 22nd June for our Flag Raising Ceremony. We will be raising both the Australian and Indigenous flags on to our new flag poles. We have invited special guests to help us with a smoking ceremony and to participate in this assembly. There will be a special morning tea at the conclusion of the assembly and it would be wonderful to have lots of parents and families attend and join in.

Melbourne Football Club Footy Clinic

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been invited to attend a footy clinic with players from Melbourne Football Club on Tuesday 23rd June. The footy clinic is to be held at Korumburra Primary School from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. Students will travel by bus to the Primary School and return to Loch PS before 3.30pm for dismissal. Please complete the consent form attached to last week's newsletter if your child wishes to attend. Please note change of venue.

New Camps Sports and Excursion Funds

Families who are Concession card holders, have Health Care Cards or Pension cards can now apply for the new "Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund". This money will be paid directly to schools to assist with **your** families expenses incurred for excursions, sports and camps. (Similar to EMA). Forms available from the office.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Missing School Clothing

School windcheaters are disappearing! There are a few reports of named windcheaters missing. Could everyone check their cupboards at home and see if you have any windcheaters that have someone else’s name in them. Also, when you receive second hand windcheaters remember to change the name written on them.

Head Lice

There have been a couple of reports again. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. We will try to organise a whole school check as soon as possible.

Special Religious Instruction

There was little response from families last week in relation to the proposed Special Religious Instruction program. We would offer one last invitation to parents to indicate whether or not they would like their child/ren to participate in Special Religious Instructions (SRI). We are intending offering SRI to students from 1.30 to 2 pm on a Monday afternoon during lunch eating time and 15 minutes of lunchtime, commencing in Term 3. There will be a fee of \$10 per student for this class which covers the cost of materials. Classes will be led by accredited SRI teachers, Mrs. Ruth Rolfe and Mrs. Hetti Van der Veer. Please complete the reply slip to confirm your child’s participation in the program.

Parent Payments 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.

FROM THE CHALKFACE:

Grade Prep, 1, 2 & 3 Kitchen Garden

A reminder to those who haven’t returned their forms as yet to please do so as soon as possible.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th June.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Meeting Friday 26th June at 12.30 pm

There will be a meeting of P & F on Friday 26th June at 12.30 pm. Please come along and help with this group.

Pumpkin Fundraiser

If you would like to order pumpkin please let us know by Friday morning. Pumpkins available for collection on Friday at 3pm prior to assembly. \$1.00 per kilogram.



(You can chop and share with others) 50% of the sale price will be donated to the school. Huge thanks to the Farmer family for providing the pumpkins.

WELL DONE AWARDS:

Mrs Massaro:

Millie Holder-Smith for showing great persistence with her reading and for awesome writing as well, Riley Farmer for an awesome improvement in his reading, Kai Gray for helping clean the chicken pen and awesome reading.

Miss Mitchell:

Jasmine Westwood for always working hard, Ollie Cronin for working hard on his spelling and making corrections.

Mrs. Davidge & Mr. Hunter:

Ashlen McGrath for fantastic amount and quality of writing, Jack Kerrison for amazing work in solving multiplication problems.

Georgia Lightowler for outstanding Peer Mediation skills and volunteering for extra Peer Mediation, Noah Wright for making some excellent observations in our Venn Diagram and outstanding acting skills in the play Cinderella.

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 11th June – Lightning Premiership
Monday 15th June, - School Council
Thursday 18th June – Regional Cross Country
Monday 22nd June – Flag Raising Ceremony
Tuesday 23rd June - Footy Clinic – Grades 3,4,5,6
Friday 26th June – Last day of Term 2
Monday 13th July – First day of Term 3

BIKES FOR SALE

The BIKES R US team are clearing out some of the bikes they have repaired, serviced and tidied up. Amongst the bikes for sale are 2 x 10 speed racers. Bikes are very reasonably priced at \$30.00 each or make an offer. This is a fundraiser to purchase parts and tools for our Bikes R Us program. Please see Matt Stear for more details.

Reply Slip - Special Religious Instructions (SRI)

I give my permission for my child/ren

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to participate in the SRI program at Loch Primary School for Semester Two, 2015.

I undertake to pay the \$10 per student fee to cover the cost of the program materials.

Signed:
Parent/Guardian

PUMPKIN ORDER

Name:

I would like to order 3 4 5 kg of pumpkin
(Please circle size)

Money attached:
\$1.00 per kg.