

# LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## **PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE:**

Term Two has certainly been busy and the final weeks of school will disappear quickly. Teachers have been busy writing end of semester reports and these will be distributed next week. Reports provide parents with a summary of the learning and achievements of their children. Parents are welcome to meet with teachers at any stage throughout the year to discuss student progress and learning goals.

## **Instrumental Music Lessons**

At our assembly this week Don Santin joined us with his trombone. He played for us and gave some information about his instrument. The Loch Arts Council is sponsoring a music tuition program and offering free instrumental music lessons for Loch Primary School students for one term. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I encourage all of our students to consider learning an instrument. There are some instruments available for loan and some for hire. If you are interested please contact the office.



## **Flag Raising Ceremony**

Our new flag poles are ready for our Special Assembly on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Families and Loch community are invited to join us at 9am. 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. Please confirm your attendance with the reply slip attached. If anyone is able to assist with providing a plate to share for morning tea we would very much appreciate this.

## **SRI (Special Religious Instruction)**

Thank you to the families who returned reply slips for SRI. Unfortunately due to the small number of responses for Special Religious Instruction, our School Council has decided it is not feasible to offer this program in 2015. SRI will be considered again in 2016.

## **Footy Clinic**

Next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is the Football clinic with AFL players from Melbourne Football Club. **Please note that the venue has been changed to Korumburra Primary School.**



Consent forms are due back on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June please. Parents are welcome to attend.

## **Go Orange for Olivia**

Our Student Representative Council has made a commitment to raise money for Olivia who has Prader-Willi Syndrome. Olivia is Keeley Johnson's cousin and Keeley has been responsible for doing a terrific job organising this fundraiser, creating posters and informing our school community. On Friday we will host "Go Orange for Olivia" day. Children are invited to wear something orange and bring a gold coin donation. Children may wear something orange over the top or with their school uniform. Eg. hair ties, wrist bands, socks or jackets. The funds raised will go directly to Olivia to assist with her travel and treatment in the USA later this year. The student representative council is asking everyone to support this event.



## **Sporting Schools**

We are currently making arrangements for our after school sporting activities for Terms 3 & 4. Students will have the opportunity to participate in gymnastics and netball in Term 3 and we are hoping to offer baseball and cricket in Term 4. Helen Crawford has been working hard behind the scenes to access quality coaches for our students.

## **Chinese Language Program**

Miss Chen and Miss Li have been enjoying their lessons with our students and I often hear our students practising their Chinese. On Fridays at lunchtimes Miss Li has been offering Tai Chi classes for our students which have been popular. The Alliance Schools, including Nyora PS, Poowong CS and Korumburra PS and Korumburra SC, have committed to providing Chinese in all of our schools and building our cultural awareness program over the next 3 years. Miss Li will be working with us until the end of 2015 and requires host families from each of our schools. She has stayed in

Inverloch and Poowong in Terms 1 & 2 and we are now asking families to consider being her host family for Term 3 or 4. It is a wonderful experience for Miss Li and for the family hosting. Previous families have commented on the benefits of having Miss Li live with them and the learning and understandings being developed.

*"This term we had LuLu stay at our house. It has been fun and she is a good cook. When she stayed at our house she cooked on Tuesday's. She cooks fried rice, dumplings and other Chinese food. She came with us to football and basketball. She told us about her family and China. It would be good for her to stay at your house. "We loved it!" Blake Hill, Grade 4, Poowong Consolidated School.*

If you are interested in hosting Miss Li please contact the office.



### Compass

The link to access compass can be found on the school's website: [www.lochps.vic.edu.au](http://www.lochps.vic.edu.au) or parents may use <https://lochps.vic.idlf.com.au>. Parents can now notify the school of student absences via compass. Please ensure you log on before the end of term and explore compass. If you have any difficulties please let me know.

An information session on how to use COMPASS for parents will be held Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 3.45pm. Please return the reply slip if you wish to attend..

Tracey King  
Principal

### FROM THE CHALKFACE:

#### **Washing Sporting Tops**

Mr. H would like some volunteers to wash the footy, soccer and/or cross country tops before the end of term if possible.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL:

The next meeting will be 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45 prior to final assembly

### WELL DONE AWARDS:

#### Mrs Massaro:

Olivia Burgess for a great effort to improve her writing skills, Joshua McGregor for a huge improvement in his writing skills, Tait Nicholls for a fantastic effort in writing.

#### Miss Mitchell:

Ocean Wright for working hard on his writing, Chloe Jones for being the quiet achiever and always doing her best.

#### Mrs. Davidge & Mr. Hunter:

Ben Silcock for being a successful member of the soccer team at the Lightning Premiership and for entertaining us with his great sense of humour, Shyla Fullerton for putting great effort into writing, your rocket writing script was very entertaining to read.

Luke Monson for terrific results in the on line testing, Beth Derrick for always working hard and completing set work to a great standard.

### DIARY DATES:

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Go Orange for Olivia Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Flag Raising Ceremony
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Football Clinic Gr 3456
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P&F Meeting 2.45pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	First day of Term 3
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Compass Info Session

### **Woolworths Earn & Learn is back for 2015**

It is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your primary school. Last year more than 14,500 schools benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

#### **It's simple to participate.**

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers and place them on an Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and send them to school. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

**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.

**KORUMBURRA SWIM SCHOOL  
AUST SWIM ACCREDITED SWIM SCHOOL**

**BOOK TODAY FOR TERM 3 2015**

**WHERE:** Korumburra Heated Pool (nice warm 32-33 degrees)

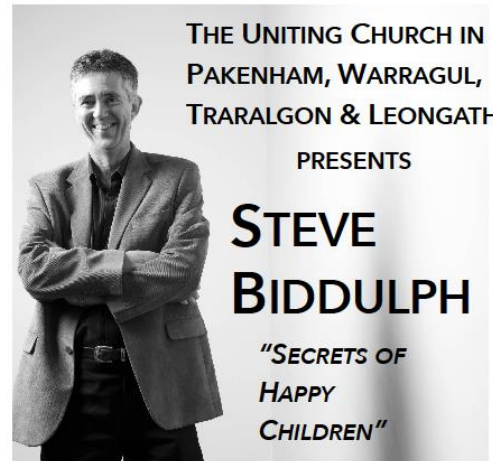
**TIMES:** Monday to Thursday 3.50 TO 5.50PM Half Hour Classes

*Personalised Small Groups, Individual Tailored Programs For All Groups On Age And Ability Learn to Swim, Beginners through to Stroke Correction on all Strokes, Safety and Survival Skills Fully Qualified Aust Swim Experienced Caring Staff Colette Pearl Owner/Manager/ Aust Swim Teacher/Level 1 Coach*

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THE UNITING CHURCH IN  
PAKENHAM, WARRAGUL,  
TRARALGON & LEONGATHA

PRESENTS

**STEVE  
BIDDULPH**

*"SECRETS OF  
HAPPY  
CHILDREN"*

Thursday 25 June @ 7pm

Leongatha Uniting Church

16 Peart St, Leongatha

Enq: Paul 0400 853 868

Bookings at:

<http://www.trybooking.com/HPMR>

**\$25 per person  
\$15 concession**

Supper will be provided  
Each session will run for approximately 2 hours  
Unfortunately babies, toddlers and children under 15 years old are not permitted

Reply Slip – Flag Raising Ceremony/Morning Tea

Name: .....

I/We will be attending on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

I can provide a plate of morning tea as follows:

Slice      cake      fruit      cheese      nibbles

Sandwiches      Other.....

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian

Reply Slip - Compass Session

Name: .....

I/We would like to attend the session on Compass on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 3.45 pm

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian

**PUMPKIN ORDER**

Name: .....

I would like to order 3 4 5 kg of pumpkin  
(Please circle size) :      \$1.00 per kg.

Money attached

Poowong Pre School present the

# Children's Art Festival

## Sunday 5th July

10am - 1pm

Poowong Town Hall

**Tickets just \$15 per child**

All inclusive- includes facepainting, show bag and 10 fabulous art activities.

Lunch Available



**School holiday fun!**

Suitable for pre school and primary school aged children  
All children must have parental supervision

Tickets available from the Poowong Post Office  
or for more information contact Louise on 0431 860 391