

LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE:

Term 1 will conclude on Friday 27th. There will be an assembly at approx. 2 pm and children will be dismissed at 2.30 pm. The bus will run 1 hour earlier than normal timetable.

Parent Teacher Interviews.

These will be held tomorrow from 2 pm to 7.30 pm. Those who have made a time will have a time written below on this newsletter. If you still wish to make a time, please contact the school first thing tomorrow morning.

Please remember that teachers are available throughout the year for discussions, progress updates and longer meetings. Please contact teachers at any stage (don't wait for parent teacher interviews) if you have questions or concerns or just wish to know how your child is progressing.

Interview Time: 24th March, 2014

Child's name Time:
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Uniforms

Attached is the list of uniform items that students are expected to wear which was omitted from last week's newsletter.

If you need to purchase uniforms please ask for an order form at the office and these will be sent off early next term.

Year 3 & 4 CAMP

Forms were sent home last Thursday. Could all forms be sent back by Wednesday this week so we can confirm numbers with the camp. Full payment for the camp is needed by Thursday 16th April (not March) as stated on the notice.

Active After School

A huge thank you to Helen Crawford, Alan Provis and the Loch Bowling Club for providing their time and the facilities to enable our Active After School Program to go ahead for Term 1 without Government Funding. We really appreciate that they have donated their time to make this happen. Next term's activity is to be Badminton. Forms will be sent home early next term.

Karmai Cluster Aths Sports.

These will be held on Tuesday 14th April (first week back next term). This day is a house sports day combined with Nyora Primary School held at the Loch Oval. Children are required to come to school and will be issued with House Sports Shirts on the morning of the sports. They will then be transported either by bus or will walk accompanied by staff to the sports ground. The events should commence at about 9.30 am.

All children compete in various events and parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc are welcome to join us for the day.

Children from Grades 3 – 6 who do extremely well in their events have the opportunity to try out for the Karmai team on Friday 17th at Poowong which will confirm the participants for the Karmai Team. This team will go to the District Sports at Leongatha on Tuesday 28th April.

Children will need to bring a drink bottle, their lunch and nibbles for the day.

Nyora Primary School will be running a canteen for lunches and tea, coffee etc. An order form is attached to this newsletter. Please have orders and money back to this school by Thursday 26th March. Ordering is essential if you wish to purchase lunch for the day.

Parent Helpers will be needed to help set up the oval on Monday 13th and there may be some parent helpers needed for timing some events. If you can help out with either of these things please let us know.

Sports Shed Cleaning

We have a bit of a 'rodent' problem in the double garage sports shed and it urgently needs cleaning. Matt Stear our Chaplain has volunteered to work on this on Wednesday. We are asking for volunteers who could come and help with this not very pleasant task. Please let us know if you can help.

Acorns

There are lots of acorns falling at the moment throughout the school grounds. These are **NOT** to be thrown by anyone at anything at any time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Next meeting will be held on Monday 20th April.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

P & F Meeting

There will be a meeting of P & F on Friday 27th at 1 pm. We encourage all families to come along and support this group with some ideas for fundraising etc. for the coming year.

Easter Raffle

There is still time to make a donation to our mega Easter raffle. Could all tickets please be back by Thursday 26th March.

Art Room Helpers

Thanks to our many helpers who have been painting our Art room. It is looking fantastic and hopefully will be ready for use next term.

WELL DONE AWARDS:

Mrs Massaro:

Ruby Hussey for her wonderful work in working out how to spell 'broken', Eliza Kerrison for working hard on all her work tasks and looking after our belongings.

Miss Mitchell:

Bianca Monson for seeing others who need help and jumping in to help, Ocean Wright for working so well on his writing.

Mrs. Davidge & Mr. Hunter:

Finlay Crawford for consistently showing great co-operation during class and playground activities, Toby Jobling for working really hard and using time wisely to finish typing up your writing and ICT tasks, Luke Monson for great leadership, thinking of and helping other students around the school.

DIARY DATES:

Friday 27th March – P & F Meeting – 9.30 am
Friday 27th March – Last day of Term 1
Monday 13th April – First day of Term 2
Tuesday 14th April – Karmai House Sports
Friday 17th April – Karmai Cluster Trials at
Poowong – Grades 3 – 6 children
20th to 22nd April – Grade 3-4 Camp to Cowes
Monday 20th April – School Council
Tuesday 28th April – District Aths Sports

Crazy Hair Day

Crazy hair day was on Wednesday the 18th of March it was at Loch Primary School. People had their hair crazy they had sprayed their hair and spiked it up. Some people had it coloured and the other side straightened. It was crazy people loved it. Some people didn't like it because they didn't have enough hair.
By Bianca Monson

KORUMBURRA SWIM SCHOOL AUST SWIM ACCREDITED SWIM SCHOOL

BOOK TODAY FOR TERM 2 2015

WHERE: Korumburra Heated Pool

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 RING 03 5659 8266
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Loch Primary School Kitchen Garden



Thank you to the parents and community members who were able to join us for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden planning meeting. To get ready for classes to start next term we would love some help to get the garden bed near the BER (junior building) weeded. If you are able to drop in and help out that would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone is able to spend some time helping us to write a grant for the Coles Junior Landcare grant please let Miss Mitchell know.

If you have some egg cartons to donate we would love some thank you.

When we have extras from the garden the produce will be available before Friday's assembly for a donation. The money will be going back into the program towards future purchases. Thank you to Anne and the Grade Twos for coordinating this activity.

If you are interested in being part of our planning team please let us know.

Thank you

PS. Thank you to Julie Hussey for starting the weeding for us.

Parent Payments

Please let us know if you would like to make a payment plan for the Parent Payments for 2015. They can be paid quarterly, half yearly or however you can to make it workable for your family.

The payment of \$200 per child 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.

Poowong/Loch Auskick

Will be commencing on Sunday 5th April at the Loch Reserve.

Registrations can now commence online at www.aflauskick.com.au

Please contact Bill Barry for further information on 0419 535 810

SCHOOL UNIFORM for LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school uniform is compulsory.

A dark blue wide brimmed hat with school logo is provided free of charge by the Parents and Friends Association. Students are issued with a new hat in Preps and Grade 3 if needed.

Summer Uniform

Girls

Blue and white check school dress or
Light blue polo shirt, preferably with school logo
and blue shorts/skirts/skort

White socks and black school shoes / runners for
P.E.

Dark blue school windcheater preferably with
school logo.

Boys

Light blue polo shirt preferably with school logo
and blue shorts

White/black socks and black school shoes / runners
for P.E.

Dark blue windcheater preferably with school logo.

Winter Uniform – Girls and boys

Dark blue or black long pants or track suit pants
Light blue polo shirts preferably with school logo
Blue or black socks with black school shoes or
boots

Runners for P.E. and Sport

Dark blue school windcheater preferably with
school logo

Optional check tunic for girls

Plain navy blue beanie (no logo) for Terms 2 & 3
only

Navy blue waterproof jacket (plain with no logos)

Navy blue sleeveless vest (plain with no logos)

Shoes:

Black school shoes or runners or majority white
runners with no fluoro colours or fluoro laces.

Shoes must have a closed toe.

The Loch Primary School polo shirt and
windcheater with school logo can be purchased
from the school, please enquire at the office.
Orders are placed approximately once each term.



The Trip to Wilsons Prom

Day 1 of Prom Camp was very fun; we went swimming in the river after we set up the big tent. When we opened the big tent it just had that old camping tent smell. When we were at the river next to the beach Jarrah and I found a cave it was very interesting and led up to a very tall rock.

When we got back to camp, Ashton, Noah, Jarrah and I played Monopoly. I won because it was my friends first time playing Monopoly Empire. We had Steak sandwiches for dinner they were very tasty. After dessert (which was custard) we went for a 5km walk from camp to Squeaky Beach.

We arrived at Squeaky Beach at around 9 o'clock. And we dug a hole big enough to bury Luke in which we did. The sand felt very soft and was white as snow. After about 20 minutes at Squeaky Beach we went back towards the camp but a group of us went looking for Hoge Deer but I was too tired to go, so I went back to camp to go to bed.

Day 2 of our camp was even better than day 1 because we got to hike Mt Bishop which was the best part of the day. It was 319 metres high and we were puffed when we got to the top. We also ate lunch up on the top of the mountain. The walk back down the mountain was even funner than the hike up because it was really steep. I walked down with Noah and we just talked all the way down. And I even found a Smokey Quartz gemstone.

After the hike we were all really hot so we went for a swim in the river but some of us went fishing. We jumped off some rocks into deep water and it was hard to get up because you had to grip your feet so you didn't slip and end up face first on other rocks. We had a lot of fun also playing a game that Mr H invented, it was wall ball off the rocks and you had to catch it 5 times to be the person who gets to throw it off the rocks and so on.

When the group of people who went fishing got back we played a few games of Monopoly then went to the beach because the people who went fishing wanted to go for a swim I didn't go swimming instead I built a sand volcano. Noah built a sand roman temple because he didn't want to go swimming either.

We went back to camp for dinner which was a big schnitzel with vegetables and spuds. We had to have custard for dessert again because that's all we had for dessert. After tea we went to the movies to see Paper Planes. It was about a kid who lived far in the outback. His Mother died and his father hasn't worked since so they were pretty poor. But Dilan was really good at making Paper Planes so he got to the finals for paper plane throwing. It was pretty original so I didn't like it to much. Ashton was sick so he couldn't go. When the movie was over we went to bed pretty instantly

On day 3 we went canoeing which was really fun and really funny, Because we got to see TJ and Ms King tip their canoe into icy cold water. I had cornflakes and orange juice for breakfast. I really enjoyed that. I was paddling with Lisa and Ashton in a green canoe. After

After we'd finished canoeing we went for a swim in the lake and we saw a few albatross. We did some mud art work, by throwing some of the wet mud from the lake. We swam for a while and after a while I nearly froze to death. We had a warm shower then went back to camp to relax. Me, Boyd, TJ, and Ashton relaxed by playing Monopoly.
By Patrick

Hiking to the Top of Mount Bishop by Noah

It was the second day of our wonderful camp and the sun was high in the blue sky. First we had to make our lunch and get packed for other stuff. I went to get my hiking bag; I brought it into the big tent to get ready. First I got a bottle and filled it with cordial, second I got a book for emergencies. Third thing to do was to get a sandwich or two; I went for the option of two sandwiches.

All I had to get now was a juice box and a muesli bar, I got an orange juice box and no muesli bar, I didn't like them. Before we went we all had a final talk of what to do and what not to do. Eventually we went and had to walk to the destination. It was a 1.5km walk to Lilly Pilly Gully, it was pretty hot outside but not terribly hot out there. Eventually we got to Lilly Pilly Gully, and saw the track up Mt. Bishop. We took a toilet stop before we went up the mountain, and after everyone was ready we went. At the start of the track was a sign; it said 3.6km up the mountain and it said it would take 1.5 hours. I thought that would be easy, but later in the story I'll explain how it was not easy at all.

We were ready to go one parent went up the front, and Mr. H at the back of the group. Let me tell you now it was hot at the bottom of the mountain. It was time to go, time to go up the mountain and I was ready. The first 100 meters was pretty easy, not much rocks and it wasn't that steep. As we got up higher it got colder, but it wasn't that cold yet it was humid at about 400 meters up. It got tougher I haft to admit, but it wasn't that hard just more steeper and a couple of rocks in the path way. We started to climb now, it was at least 750 meters we had covered, but we had a long way to go yet.

The terrain started to get harder and colder at 1.3km up, I was about in the middle of the group because I wasn't that fast. Harder and steeper and rockier, way more rocky but the trees were exquisite, and they were so old. Later we came up to a rock that looked over the land; all the trees had cleared from the front of the rock so you could for ages. Eventually we had to leave the rock, and get on with our travels.

It started to get really hard, and got cold compared to the bottom of the mountain. We came up to a sign, it said 1.5km to go, I thought we would be closer than that and was quite annoyed. Soon we left and kept going, colder tougher rockier and steeper, it kept just kept coming. I pushed myself to get up the mountain, and then we came up to a really steep part, the worst of it all. It was about 100 meters of this steep rocky road, and it was going to be hard.

I was half way through the steep part, and I was almost ready to give up. Until I saw the top of the mountain, and I pushed harder towards the top. I was almost there another 20 meters to go, and we were up there and I could finally sit down and eat. I ate one of my sandwiches, and there were 20 wasps around me they were all over my leg, it wasn't nice.

After we had eaten we went right up the top, and it was about 100 meters up to finish the hike. When we got up there, I looked over and the view was stunning it looked amazing, it was worth it. There was a rock you could climb.