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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Hi Everyone,

I would like to start by thanking all of the parents, grandparents and families that joined us last Thursday for the sports day. I think you would all agree that it was a great day and the students definitely put not only a spectacle of performance but also showed great sportspersonship. My most memorable moment for the day was when Jade Smith used her Sonic boosters in the sprint, thanks for making me and lots of others proud. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Sandra for her prior planning and preparation she had put in place as in her absence it was very easy for us as a staff to pick up and run with her planning. Without this level of planning the day would not have run as smoothly as it did. I would also like to say a huge thankyou to all of the staff who picked up the extra duties on the day and also to the year 5/6 students who were very supportive in the setting up and packing up the events.

Last Friday, all LPS staff participated in the first of 4 days of the Berry Street Education Model training. This has been long awaited and our staff have been looking forward to this training since the beginning of the year. The first day was titled 'Body' and was largely focussed on developing positive classroom culture and understanding why children respond the way they do to certain situations. In addition to this we also learnt how we as staff can help students to regulate their emotional responses in order to be in mindset that enables rather than disables learning. At the school we have

already implemented the morning circle to promote a positive start to each day and in staff meeting we have started planning the next steps for the remainder of 2023 and beyond. The early years staff have already completed the equivalent Early Years Berry Street training and the learning from this is currently being implemented at the Pre-school Centre. It is exciting that the Berry Street Model will provide us with a common language and a consistent way of supporting children with emotional regulation across the Pre-school/Rural Care and the School.

On Tuesday the members from our Local Education Team (LET) joined us to look at the improvement work we have been doing in the school this year. The team spent the first part of the morning in the classroom, and we then shared some of this year's success stories from the school and preschool. We were commended on our positive connection with students, families and the local community and the fact that the staff show genuine care and concern for the children in our care. Also, that we use data well to measure individual and school progress and that we have some highly effective literacy processes embedded in the school. Our Literacy Intervention Model was highly regarded by the team and was identified as a model of best practice. We were really pleased with this feedback as this is one area we have invested heavily financially in, and our exceptional educators put a lot of extra time and energy in to support each of the individual students involved.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 22nd Sept. —

Assembly 2.50pm

Tuesday 26th Sept. —

Tennis

Thursday 28th Sept. —

Playgroup

Friday 29th Sept —

LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY

DISMISSAL 2.20pm

Monday 16th Oct. —First Day
Term 4



We have some children at school who are afraid of dogs. We would gratefully appreciate if people could refrain from bringing their dogs to school. Thank you



PRINCIPALS NEWS cont....

This year we have had 23 students participate in our intervention programs throughout the year. Intervention programs have included MiniLit, Macqlit and UFLI Foundations. We also have students who are at or around year level benchmarks working on text-based units focusing on vocabulary and comprehension strategies to provide stretch. When students are withdrawn from the classroom for intervention sessions they receive small group, targeted instruction at their level. We have seen some fantastic results in oral reading fluency, with an average increase of 40.5 WPM (words per minute) for the students! Thank you, to the parents who continue to support their children's learning and our intervention program by encouraging reading at home. If you have any questions about the intervention program please contact myself or Hilary at the school. I recently received this feedback from a parent in regard to their child in intervention at LPS.

"I feel very privileged my child was able to get the intervention needed to support difficulties that were making

day to day learning harder. The results have been outstanding in a short period of time. We are so lucky to have the amazing educators we do to deliver such a unique program that suits a wide range of children. For us the program has changed our child's life and pathway to learning forever, without this our child would have struggled every single day which has a domino effect with behaviour. Someone once told me, 'Imagine putting a big IKEA flat pack together every single day'. That's how hard every day is for a child that struggles with learning. We are forever grateful to the intervention program and educators here at Laura Primary School".

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday period at the end of next week.

Warm Regards
Leanne



FREE to COLLECT

Multiple school desks, in good condition.

Height adjustable.

Please contact Catharine on 86632543 if you are interested.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Friday 22nd September	Week 9	Dorothy Haines
Thursday 29th September	Week 10	Tammie Duke

Thankyou to all who volunteer for the collection of school lunches. If you can spare a few hours on a Fridays next term please contact the school.

PRE-SCHOOL/RURAL CARE

Last week Kindy children joined the Primary School for Sports Day and had a great time running races and playing some team games. I think there would have been some pretty tired children on Friday! It was a fantastic day and we were really proud of the way our children managed being part of such a big event. Thank you families for your support and encouragement on Sports Day.

Next week is the last Kindy week for the term. **School holiday dates are Monday 2nd October – Friday 13th October.** If you have Rural Care bookings that you won't use during the holidays, please make sure you complete a notification of changes form.

We have recently purchased a climbing dome, which will give children the opportunity to build upper body strength while also inviting imaginative play in the outdoor learning area. We are in the process of having the dome assembled and the children are watching it 'grow' and feeling excited about trying out their new equipment once it is built.

Rural Care closure dates over Christmas and New Year have been confirmed. We will close at 1pm on Friday December 22nd and re-open at 8am on Monday 8th January. Rural Care families have received a letter in their pockets this week asking them to indicate preferences and changes for bookings in 2024. Please

return these as soon as you can and we will aim to accommodate requests where possible.

Our Healthy Food Supply and Nutrition policy has recently been reviewed and approved by Governing Council.

Please don't send:

-Popcorn, whole nuts or whole grapes (due to choking risk)

-Foods containing pine nuts, such as pesto (due to a current allergy case)

We have enjoyed some warmer weather recently and with the higher temperatures comes water play at the Preschool Centre! Children love creating channels and dams with sand and water and often get quite wet. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes (or two) in their bag when they come to Kindy or Rural Care, so that they can put on dry clothes after water play if necessary.

Please remember to complete (as applicable) the Rural Care Family Survey and the Preschool Parent Opinion Survey. Links to the surveys have been sent via Seesaw. Both surveys close on Friday 6th October and results will inform our improvement planning for 2024, so please have your say if you haven't already.

That's all for now, from the Laura Preschool Centre team



SPORTS DAY



MARLEY AKBAR FOR BEING AWARDED THE ATHLETE OF THE DAY!



TEAM HUGHES OVERALL WINNERS FOR THE DAY AFTER POINTS BEING EVEN UP UNTIL THE LAST 6 EVENTS. VERY CLOSE AND EXCITING.

IT WAS A GREAT DAY!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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SATURDAY, 7TH OCTOBER
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**2023-24 JUNIOR BASKETBALL
SEASON**

The season will begin early in term 4, and children born from 2007-2015 are eligible to play.

Games will be played on a Monday night in The Big Shed. Game times and age groups will not be confirmed until player numbers are finalised.

If your child would like to play basketball this season, please email your child's name and date of birth to jamestownjuniorbasketball@gmail.com by Friday 22 September 2023.

Please contact Bernadette McCarthy on 0438 640 175 for further details.

JUNIOR TENNIS REGISTRATION

COMPETITION BEGINS FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2023

Registrations will be open online on
Wednesday 27th September @ 5pm Closing Wednesday 4th October
@5pm (link will be posted to our Facebook site)

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- *HOT SHOTS (Term 1 2024) – 6 weeks of skill-based development (5 years old +) Friday nights 4-5 pm
- *SUPER 10'S – Junior Tennis development program (Yr 2+) Friday nights 4-5pm
(Skill development, learn to score and play modified games to prepare children to play Junior Tennis)
- *UNDER 17'S TENNIS COMPETITION- Friday nights from 5pm

PROGRAMS BEGIN ON FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2023 - HOT SHOTS TERM 1 2024

If you have any questions, please contact Jaimie Clark on
0411278902 or jumbojaimo@hotmail.com

2023

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TERM 4 PLANNER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	16	17 Crystal Brook Tennis Carnival 10-2 Yr 3 & 4	18 Jamestown Tennis Carnival 10-2 Yr 5 & 6	19 Newsletter Playgroup SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket training	20
Week 2	23	24	25	26 Playgroup	27
Week 3	30 Governing Council Meeting 7pm	31 SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket Training	1	2 Newsletter Playgroup Assembly	3 R-6 Zoo Excursion
Week 4	6	7	8 Yr 6 Transition to GHS parent evening 6pm	9 Playgroup	10
	BOOK FAIR				
		SAPSASA CRICKET			
Week 5	13	14	15	16 Newsletter Playgroup	17
			SAPSASA TENNIS		
Week 6	20	21	22	23 Playgroup	24 Assembly 2.50pm
	SWIMMING LESSONS				
Week 7	27	28	29	30 Playgroup Newsletter	1 STUDENT FREE DAY
Week 8	4 Governing Council Meeting 7pm	5 Year 6 Graduation	6	7 Playgroup Yr 6 Transition Day GHS	8 Yr 6 Transition Day GHS
Week 9	11	12 SCHOOL CONCERT	13	14 Playgroup Newsletter	15 Last Day of School Early dismissal 2.20pm

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