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TERM 2

Week 1

May 4th

2018

DIARY DATES

11/5/18 – Pupil Free Day

25/5 – 1/6/18 – SAPSASA Football & Netball – Adelaide

8/6/18 – Assembly – Yr. 3/4/5

11/6/18 – Public Holiday

28/5/18 – Student Free Day

27/6/18 – School Photos

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome Back

It was delightful to see our students return to school on Monday to commence Term 2, with a genuine air of positivity and expectation about them. So surely it is our collective role as educators and school community members to put a positive spin on the great learning that takes place at Lock Area School and keep that energy and interest driving the learning. I am engaging in face-to-face discussions with all of the staff over this coming week and can see all the thoughtful and very thorough planning that goes into the delivery of great learning opportunities. I am especially keen to attend the upcoming School Camps this year as I know how valuable the Outdoor Classroom setting can be.

External Site Review

All schools in the Public Education system are reviewed through the External Site Review process. Lock Area School has already commenced this process through the data, evidence, reports and plans that I had to submit last term. The ESR team, comprising Alison Lynch and Ilia Tsoutouras will be on-site Mon 7th – Tuesday 8th May. They will be visiting classes, interviewing students, teachers and parents over the course of those 2 days and providing us with a written summative report by Monday 14th May.

You are invited to attend the Parent Session on Monday 7th May at 7pm in the IT Room.

The ESR are pursuing 3 Lines of Inquiry (which they will outline in full) around themes such as:

1. Does our site's Professional Learning and Performance Development build the capacity of teachers?
2. How well is the school engaging and intellectually challenging our students?
3. How well are we using data and evidence to inform teaching-learning actions?

If you have any contributions, you would like to make to these Lines of Inquiry then you are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The Footsteps Concert

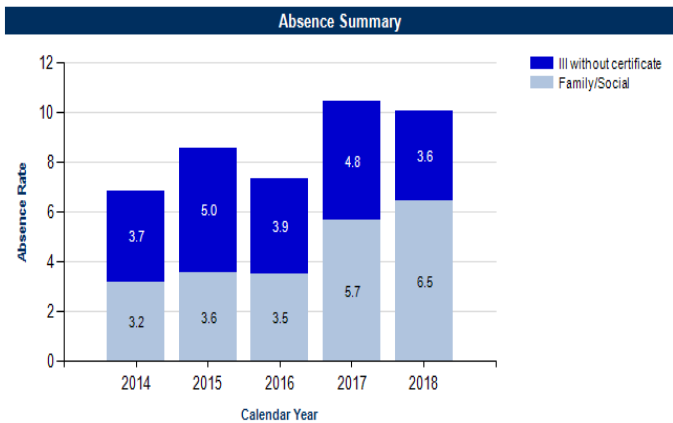
What a delight it was to attend the Footsteps Concert last night. Many thanks to all our hard-working staff who prepared the hall, cooked and served the food, set-up great displays, sold home-made produce, sold second-hand Library books, promoted the Library, as well as encouraged and supported the dance lessons with Sarah, the Footsteps Instructor.

It was well-supported by parents and families and will hopefully be an annual calendar event!

The Student Leadership Group did a fabulous job of hosting the event, and a special thanks to Beth Sampson who took on the co-ordinating role at late notice. We haven't got a final figure of how much money was raised for the Yr. 6/7 camp, but it will certainly subsidise the cost of things and will be very much appreciated all round.



Targeting Attendance



The image above shows the student absence rate at Lock Area School (2014-18). The DECD target rate for absence is 5%. Lock Area School has an absence rate in excess of 10% this year!

We can, and we ***must*** do better than this!

To encourage better attendance, I will be making periodic visual displays of class attendance rates. I am aiming to encourage a little ‘friendly competition’ so students can strive towards winning ‘The Best Class Attendance’ Award. I will also be acknowledging Individual Attendance Awards each term.

Last Term’s winners of Individual Attendance Awards were Michael Fordham and Alexaviah O’Neil, both with 100% attendance! This is an exceptional achievement, especially as both students were new students at Lock Area School this year.

Student-Free Days: 11/5 AND 28/5.

Following the External Site Review Team’s visit, staff will invest a whole day in establishing Agreements for progress. **NO students should attend school on Friday 11th May.** There will also be a Student-Free Day on **Monday 28th May** for the purpose of staff fine-tuning their expertise around Learning Design, which is a priority of the Central Eyre Partnership to which we belong.

Peter Blackburn | Principal | Lock Area School

HOMEWORK CLUB

There will be **NO** Homework Club on Monday 7th May due to Staff Meeting.

Thank you.
Kristin and Alana.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Nelly who volunteered her time and cleaned out the fish pond at the school and to the following students who also helped out; Joshua Kammermann, Caleb Hancock and Isabella Baines.

The school is looking for some more goldfish, if anyone has some that we could have it would be much appreciated.

If anyone would like any water lilies for their pond, we have some available.

HATS

Reminder – hats are to be worn during Term 2. Make sure your child has a “bottle green broad-brimmed hat” to wear at school.

Hats are available at the front office \$9.50 each.





FOOTSTEPS CONCERT



PHOTO COMPETITION

The Lock Health Advisory Committee invite all members of the Lock Community to take part in our Photo Competition. This is an initiative of the Lock Health Advisory Committee. We will be having two sections for Photography. All photos can be dropped off at the Lock Health Centre by 19th October 2018, photos will be judged in the last week of October by our nominated judges. Our judges will select the best 6 photos from each category, plus we will choose a photo for the cover which we feel is the essence of Lock. These will then go into a Community Calendar for 2019. All photos will be displayed at the Lock Health Centre. Free Entry so get snapping .

- Around the District
- Behind the Scenes/People in View

All photos to be printed on 6x4" photo paper and mounted on 7x5" white card with a caption under photo depicting your photo, please write your name on the back of the white card so we can return these after the competition. All enquiries can be made to Jacqui Wiseman 0427891097 or the Lock Health Centre 86891006 PLEASE NO PHOTOS FROM YOUR PHONE DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE FILE.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Biggest Morning Tea in MAY Monies from the morning teas at the Lock Op Shop during May will be donated to the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea this year, this will be instead of having the Biggest Morning Tea on one day for this year. So come in & have a cuppa on Tuesday or Friday mornings during May.

There is a raffle for a quilt (kindly donated by Lyn Illman of Cleve) as well.

Donation boxes will be at various businesses round town.
Lock Op Shop Committee



ALL LADIES WELCOME

**SEWING
CRAFT DAY**

SUNDAY 6th May

LOCK AREA SCHOOL HOME EC. ROOM

9am – 5pm

Bring along your Quilting, Sewing, Crafts,
Scrapbooking or whatever craft you enjoy
OR

Just come for a cuppa and a chat!

Come for the day or a little while

Bring your own lunch

Coffee and Tea Supplied

Any questions contact Marilyn Kelly
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