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Important

Dates:

2nd May

Labour Day

9-12th May

NAPLAN testing

12th May

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ATTENDANCE

93.21%

Principal's Address

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place this term in week 5 between May 10-12th. Our student in year three will be completing his writing and language conventions on the morning of the 10th. He will follow on with reading on Wednesday morning and finish testing on Thursday morning with his numeracy exam.

Whilst this is taking place, students in years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will also be completing practice testing for diagnostic purposes. These tests were completed at the beginning of the year and will give useful information on the academic progress of all students.

To coincide with testing, staff, students and parents will be offered breakfast on the final day of testing.

PACT

Parents And Children Time is a new initiative at St Lawrence State School. This is a pathways to school program to help our younger children in the community access our school and start to prepare for school.

Activities involved in PACT will build excitement around reading and give skills in retelling; develop fine and gross motor skills; begin awareness around number; development of social skilling and most importantly provide a set time and place for fun activities for children and parents in the community.

Our chaplain, Kari Morphy will be organising these days which will run from 9:30 until 11:45 and will include an opportunity to mix with all students in the school.

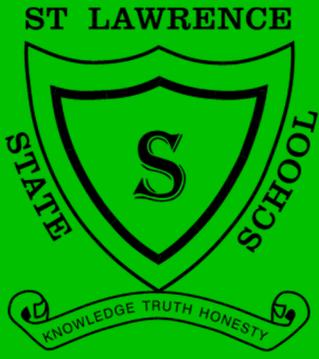
Our first session was wonderful and I hope that PACT can grow. Our next session is on May 12 at the school library.

Staffing

Our vacant administration officer role has been filled by Wendy Counsell. Wendy has been a wonderful asset to the school over the past five years while working as the school cleaner, teacher aide and giving up her time by volunteering as well. Congratulations Wendy and good luck in your new role.

James Morley

Principal



Avril Sabine
Author of
The Irish Wizard

MAY 12th

PACT

SESSION 2

Author Visit

Last Thursday we were privileged to have Avril Sabine visit us and work with students in story writing. It was a wonderful session with valuable insights into the mind of an author and excellent tips in planning.

Avril Sabine is an author of many novels working primarily in the area of fantasy. Avril aims her writing at 10-15 year olds and has some very interesting concepts. She has written books such as *The Irish Wizard*, *Dragon Blood*, *Elf Sight* and *The Jungle Inside*

Avril Sabine has a new book coming out in June called *Rosie's Rangers: Justice* which follows the story of a steam powered half-human, half cyborg in the wild west. Clinton brought in a costume designed from the book that amazed the students at the school.

Thank you Avril for coming into our school.



PACT

Parent And Children Time

Through out term one the Isaac Regional Council offered a program aimed at building an awareness at reading in the first five years and developing a love of reading in children. This was a wonderful initiative because building pathways to encourage the value of education and literacy are extremely important to the growth of children.

Beginning this term we have initiated PACT at the school to give children the opportunity to access learning opportunities in a fun environment. To do this our school Chaplain will be organising activities to develop fine motor skills, artistic capabilities, letter recognition for Kindy-aged children, gross motor skills, counting and more. These will be done through play-based activities. Each session we will also be having story time and the children will also be able to enjoy lunch time with the rest of our students.

If you have children or grandchildren not yet in school, come along. Our next session is May 12th.



Camp

This year in Term 3 we will be participating in a camp at Tallebudgera Outdoor Education Centre on the Gold Coast. This camp has been organised with the cooperation of Muttaborra State School, Isisford State School and Windorah State School. We will be joining with students from Prep–year 6 and participating in group activities to build resilience, teamwork and cooperation.

Also involved in this camp are trips to fun and educational sites around Brisbane and the Gold Coast. We will be visiting the Gallery Of Modern Art, the Brisbane Museum, the Science Centre, Southbank, Infinity, Ripley's Believe It Or Not and Movie World.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all students to see the south-east corner of Queensland and be involved in a larger group setting.



Marlborough Sports Carnival

This year, the Marlborough District Athletics Carnival will be held in Marlborough on June 13th. We have begun our preparations for this event by focusing on shot put. Students were able to follow instructions wonderfully and all students managed to complete a legal attempt.

Ky:	5.9m
Ryan:	4.84m
Jake:	2.6m
Adam:	3m
Decklen:	2.6m

We have quite a while until the carnival and we will be ready for it when it comes.

BOMDAS

Our year 4 and 6 students have been working on their order of operations. Equations written in this manner can look very complicated but our students have done a wonderful job at realising that by following logical steps makes the process much easier to complete.

Brackets are always the first part of an operation to complete. This is followed by the order or indices used. This refers to squared and cubed numbers. Following this is the multiplication, division, subtraction and addition.

Have a try yourself. Our students found this one easy.

$$7 + 7 / 7 + 7 \times 7 - 7 =$$

- A) 56
- B) 0
- C) 50
- D) 44



P&C NEWS

The P&C met on the 20th of May. From the meeting, the P&C agreed to assist in the cost of camp and to do so through a series of fundraising schemes.

Leading up to Easter we were able to sell rocky road at the post office as part of this fundraising. The P&C also raised money through selling ANZAC biscuits made by the students. This week, Mothers' Day chocolates will be available at the Post Office for purchase to continue our fundraising.

A raffle for mothers day will also be taking place with the draw being completed this Thursday at the Sportsmans' Hotel. The P&C will be holding trivia, cooking a sausage sizzle and drawing the raffle at the conclusion.

There are a number of prizes with the most expensive being a Seiko watch for \$249.

We hope to see you there.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

93.21%

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses.....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	& over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40mins per week	over 2 ½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years

TALKING ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S TALKING!



A **FREE** session for all parents and caregivers of children from birth to five

Presenter: Dr Pam Gargett. An experienced Early Childhood Practitioner

Venue: South Suburban Bowls Club,
39 Wardrop Street, West Mackay

Date and Time: Thursday 16th June 2016
9.30am to 10.30am

RSVP: CQEarlyYears@dete.qld.gov.au

NB: Please write in the subject line:

Parents/caregivers Oral Language Workshop - Mackay

Also include names of participants attending.

This workshop session is aimed at increasing knowledge for educators about how children develop oral language and how we can help support this process. It will cover how the brain develops language understanding, how children's vocabulary increases and simple steps educators can take to help. Several resources will be shared and demonstrated.

