

**FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL**

Firstly, I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself; I'm Damian Lappin and the acting Principal for the first half of 2016 while Tracey is on Maternity Leave. I live in Morwell and I have been borrowed from Latrobe Special Developmental School in Traralgon.

I’d like to welcome all the families to the 2016 school year and encourage you all to call in and say hi and introduce yourselves (it may take a couple of times for me to remember names). I have met some of the parents and carers and already I have been made to feel very welcome.

Chanae Johns, who is teaching the senior students, and myself have been very encouraged by the enthusiasm of the students and the ease in which they have resumed working as the Loch Sport Primary School team.

Albie Fitt took some time in the holidays to bring me up to speed with the school and in particular, the work the whole school community has been doing on building a real team spirit and as a new comer to the community I can already feel the cohesion and cooperation that families bring to the important task of educating their children. On that note, I’d like to remind parents of the importance of your children reading everyday at home. Just the simple act of reading a bed time story or discussing an article that you have read in a paper of magazine can do wonders in developing a life long habit of reading.

We have a number of things that I’ll be calling on families support for this term, school council nominations, family BBQ, morning assemblies and playgroup which we will let you know about specific dates and times when we get a little more organised.

We have had a busy couple of weeks settling into class routines, getting our bodies back into the rhythm of the school term and setting a positive environment in the classrooms and getting to know 2 new teachers (Chanae is not that new... but you know what I mean)

We have a short term this term so we'll need to be working hard.

Kind regards

Damian Lappin
Emergency Management Plan – CODE RED – FIRE AWARENESS

Loch Sport Primary School has been declared by DET as a CODE RED school.

DET will announce when the school will be CODE RED. This announcement could be with as little as 12 hours notice. The school will be closed on CODE RED days.

No Student or staff can attend the school on a CODE RED day.

Supervising times for students is between 8.45am and 3.30pm. Unless organised with your class teacher if you need to drop your child at school earlier or pick up later.

Recycling

We have purchased bins for each classroom school so that students will be able to recycle paper etc. and also we will be looking at cleaning out the composite and starting saving new composite instead of just throwing waste in the bin.

Extreme UV

Term 1 is upon us and so we now go into wearing of our sunsmart hats at school. In line with the changes to Sunsmart Victoria’s Policy, students need to wear a hat on any day where the UV Index is 3 or higher.