FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Being a brand new member of the Loch Sport Primary School community, and although Mrs. Johns is an ex-student, we are both finding our feet in our new roles and we really appreciate the welcomes and support that we have received so far.

We have some very exciting news; this week we had our school Captain elections and we are happy to announce that our two school Captains are Leslie and Wilson. These two boys have already demonstrated leadership qualities and throughout the year we will assist these 2 young leaders to grow and develop their skills.

We have had a number of new faces in the school to fill in when we need to be away from school. We have been fortunate to have Margie Harvey return to school in a casual capacity and I am very appreciative of the expertise she is generously sharing as we move into the first term. We have also had a visit from Rod who came to talk to the grade 6’s about the Junior Rotary Community Awards where the grade 6’s are encouraged to try new things and contribute to the local community. Mrs. Johns and I have been working on our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program to make some consistent strategies for dealing with the expected behaviours of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility and Safety.

As you may be aware, the hoax phone calls to schools are still occurring and as disrupting as they are, we still need to take them seriously. We have been practicing our emergency management plans and hope that we never have to enact them for real. But as a result of these calls, we have had to look at the way we do things at school to keep the students safe. We will be locking the office door when we are not in there just so we can see who is coming and going from the school. We still require visitors to sign in and ask parents to remember to sign their students in or out if they need to arrive or leave out of normal school hours.

We are planning on having a family BBQ Thursday the 3rd March starting at about 3:30 just to welcome families, to show off the work we are doing in class and to have a quick tidy up of the school grounds. There are a few jobs that need to be done such as trimming branches, tiding sheds and other odd jobs. I’ll compile a list to give parents a chance to see where they could contribute in a small way to the school before downing tools and sharing a snag or 2 with each other.

Damian Lappin
Our Leadership team for 2016

School Captains are Wilson W and Leslie H with the other year 6 student assisting our captains Ayden H - School student photographer, assisting younger students Haylee L, Kaleb S, and Chace Z.

Congratulations to all our grade 6 students

Family BBQ , Clean up school sheds

On Thursday March 3rd we would like to have a clean up after school starting at 3.15 of the school sheds and trimming of trees that overhang the gate.

This will be followed by having a look at your child’s work and a BBQ where we mingle and get to know one another.

More information will go out next week.

Playgroup at Loch Sport Primary School

As kinder times have changed for some children we have changed the day this year from Thursday to a Monday hoping this will best accommodate all families.

Start time 10am until 11.30 am
Just bring a snack
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Loch Sport Primary School are calling for nominees to stand for our school council.

We have one parent vacancy for two years and the nomination form is available at the office. You must be a parent or guardian to nominate for this position.

The election will start from Thursday 18th February until Thursday 25th February and a ballot will be held if necessary after this from Friday 26th February until Wednesday 2nd March at 4.00pm

We thank Kristen Youl for her time on School Council and for her time as President of school Council.

Emergency Management Plan – CODE RED – FIRE AWARENESS

Loch Sport Primary School has been declared by Education Department (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

Extreme UV

Term 1 is upon us and so we now go into wearing 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.

Second-hand uniforms

If you are needing school clothing for your child to top up what you have come and have a look at what we have in second-hand clothing at the school that students have grown out of and may be a perfect size for your child

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.

Camps, Sport, Excursion Funds (CSEF—Form)

This form was sent home with first newsletter. Thankyou to families that have returned their form. If you still have to return your form could you please do so ASAP as information needs to go on the system for a claim to be made on behalf of your child. The money helps pay towards Camps, Sport or excursions during the year.