Community Noticeboard

St Laurence Parish/Primary School Fete
SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2013
School Grounds, Leongatha
9.00am—1.00pm
Homemade cakes, Devonshire tea, mystery jars, face painting, hair extensions, spinning wheel, abseiling wall game zone, showbags, chips, barbecue, jumping castle, cent auction, drinks, barbeque, raffles, white elephant, craft items, pony rides and so much more.

Eggs For Sale
Farm fresh eggs, free range, $3.50 per dozen. Call Jeff after 6pm weekdays or anytime on weekends on 0411217691

RSPCA
All for creatures great and small
Get creative, Draw a circus of your favourite animals with lots of bright colours.
Anyone can enter.
$2 donation to enter, all proceeds go to the RSPCA to help animals in need.
Entries must be in the school office by Friday, 15th November.
Extra donations welcome.
Please get your brothers and sisters involved.
Mrs Turner will judge best colouring.
Any size, colour piece of paper.
Good Luck!
Remember to donate to the RSPCA on their website
http://www.rspca.org.au

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Important Dates

November
Monday 4th  Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5th  Melbourne Cup Day
Sunday 10th  Working Bee
Monday 11th  Kanga Cricket Gr 5/6—Leongatha
Thursday 14th  School Concert
Thursday 21st  Kinder Transition
Wednesday 27th  Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Thursday 28th  Kinder Transition
Friday 29th  Grade 6 Leadership Day

December
Mon 2nd—Fri 13th  Swimming Program
Tuesday 3rd  Starlab Incursion—No Swimming
Thursday 5th  Kinder Transition
Tuesday 11th  Statewide Transition Day—No Swimming
Tuesday 17th  Christmas Dinner

Principal Comment

Over the past few months I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know many families and have begun to build what I hope to be positive, long term and collaborative relationships with you all. I hope to continue to develop open and honest communications with you all. In order to do that you must feel comfortable and confident discussing the positives and also the more sensitive issues with the school directly where we can address issues appropriately and in a timely manner. Please let me know if there is any way I can assist you with this.

Student wellbeing is one of our school’s strategic plan priorities and as a school we have been working very hard to make improvements in this area. Our successes so far in this short period have included beginning the school wide Bounce Back resilience program, eSmart and KidsMatter, strong focus on values, more opportunities for student leadership and student voice. My commitment to this is strong, with further work in this area planned for next year as we consolidate these programs and develop a positive learning environment for all.
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**Value of the Term**

This term we are learning all about respect. This includes respect for oneself, respect for others and respect for the environment. It is great to see some students taking this on board and demonstrating respectful behaviours. Please continue to support and encourage this at home.

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**Calendars, Diaries, iPhone cases & Cards**

Our students have been very busy in Art doing artwork which can be printed on to numerous items. Order forms are included in the newsletter this week. If you would like to view the artwork before you place an order, please call in at the office and have a look. Orders need to be in by Tuesday Nov 12th.

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**Swimming**

Our swimming program is coming up and we would like to get an idea of which families are members of the Toora Pool so we can charge the appropriate fees. Similar to last year, the fees will be around $35 for members and $60 for non-members. Payment will be required in full prior to the program beginning on Monday 2nd December. Please indicate your membership via Signmee including your membership number. There are still a few families who have not yet activated their accounts. Please do so at your earliest convenience. If you have any technical difficulties (we’ve had a couple of glitches) please contact Irene on Thursday or Friday. The school computers are available to assist with your account activation if your home internet connection is unreliable.

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**Remembrance Day**

Our Junior School council are currently selling Poppy badges/pens/bracelets. Prices range from $2 to $30. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please bring along some money any time from now till Remembrance Day.

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