



GRAPEVINE NEWS

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SCHOOL VALUES: *Respect, Responsibility, Resilience*

We're Back!

2017 has started really smoothly, the students have settled into our new class structure. We have joined the classes and Chanae and I will team teach which will enable us to break off into groups when we need or to have the chance for 2 teachers floating as the students are learning. We have 12 students and 8 families so far, I have already had a phone call from another family who are planning to start in March, so we will keep growing as the year progresses.

We will continue to be working as a team and making the school a great place to be. Yesterday we were all busy cleaning up around the school, we swept the basketball court, weeded the vegie garden, picked up sticks around the paths and put up displays in the classroom. It was great seeing everyone working on making our school a safe and attractive place to work.

As usual when school goes back so does the hot weather, please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning and so far, everyone has a hat that they are wearing when we go outside. Please remember to pack a water bottle so we can keep our bodies working throughout the day.

We have fruit every morning about 10 o'clock so please remember to pack something. A simple piece of fruit is the best for the class and but I understand that this is not always possible.

We are fortunate to have Tracey Gall returning as our specialist teacher this year. Tracey has been off on maternity leave and did some work at Guthridge Primary school last year. Tracey will be working Monday, Tuesday one week and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday the next.

All staff will be working together at times to cater for the different levels and at other times we will have time for planning individually and as a team. Meaghan is also working as our Education Support person and has many roles that she carries out and Mary is supporting us all on a Thursday and Friday in the office. Of course, we will have different teaching styles but we will all strive to provide the most cohesive and collaborative learning environment for our students. We have clear expectations for the whole community; students, staff and community members. As the term progresses we will review these expectations and then send them home to families.

I have already had some parents and community members offering support in the school in various capacities; I'd like to remind volunteers that we require a Working with Children Check (WWCC) to be presented to school and put on file before you can start volunteering. The WWCC is free if you are volunteering in the school. You need to complete the information online www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ for information. I know it seems like a bit of a hassle but it is to ensure the safety of our students.

It has been really enjoyable returning to Loch Sport and meeting the new students Jesse, Ethan, Callan, Xavier and Jake and reconnecting with Lochie, Zac, Sebastian, Caleb and Poppy, Elisabeth and Henry. Make sure you jump out of your cars sometime and pop your head in to say hi. This year our grade 5's will be our student leaders (Ethan, Henry and Liz) and already have shown that they are capable of leading by example and supporting the younger students. It has been encouraging to see them building the team in the room from day 1.

Damian Lappin

2017 start of year



School Polo Shirt

We have available our polo shirt for sale.

The cost is \$20 each

Please see Meaghan or Mary if you require another one which needs to be paid for at time of purchase.

TERM ONE -February



Monday 27th Rural Schools Swimming Sports
March

13th LABOUR DAY –SCHOOL CLOSED

17th Ride to School

31st END TERM ONE



February

3rd Caleb M

6th Jesse R

26th Zachary H

Emergency Management Plan – CODE RED – FIRE AWARENESS

Loch Sport Primary School has been declared by Education Department (DET) as a **CODE RED** school.



EMERGENCY

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 - Sun Smart Hat



Term 1 is when we start 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. All students have be given a new Red Broad Brim hat to wear at school.