Loch Sport Primary NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we find ourselves in the second half of the term, I wanted to share some important updates and reminders for our school community.

Clean Up Australia Day at Charlie's Reserve

I would like to extend a big thank you to our students for their participation in Clean Up Australia Day at Charlie's Reserve. Our students did an incredible job in joining the national effort to care for the environment by helping clean up the local park. This initiative was a great way to reinforce our school's commitment to sustainability, and we are proud of how our students contributed to making a positive impact in our local community.

NAPLAN for Grade 3 and 5

A special mention to our Grade 3 and 5 students who recently participated in NAPLAN assessments. These assessments are important for measuring literacy and numeracy progress, and our students approached the tests with enthusiasm and determination. We are proud of their effort, and we remind them that NAPLAN is just one part of their learning journey. We still need to hold some catch-up sessions for students who were sick during the initial week of testing, and we will be working with them to ensure they have every opportunity to complete the assessments.

Golf Lessons for Students

We are excited to offer golf lessons to our students for the next three weeks on Monday mornings, as well as continuing into Term 2. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn new skills in a fun and engaging way. As part of the program, we will be walking to the local golf club to use their facilities. We are sure the students will enjoy the experience and look forward to this unique learning opportunity.

Staff Professional Development

Our staff recently attended a Professional Development Day with Dan Petro, a behaviour analysis professional. This session provided valuable insights into supporting students' behavioural and social development in the classroom. We are excited to incorporate these new strategies to continue enhancing our learning environment and supporting the well-being of all our students.

Welcoming Our New Family

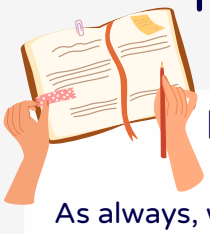
This week, we were pleased to welcome a new family to our school community. We are thrilled to have them join us, and we're happy to report that they've settled in wonderfully. We look forward to getting to know them better and are excited about the contributions they will make to our vibrant school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to an exciting and productive end to term which finishes on April 4th at 12.30pm.
We hope everyone has a great term break and Term 2 will commence on 22nd April after Easter, with Friday 25th ANZAC DAY.

Warm regards,

Damian
Principal

Important Reminders



Reading at Home

As always, we encourage families to continue to prioritise reading at home. Regular reading not only improves literacy skills but also sparks imagination and a love for learning. We appreciate the effort our families put into supporting their children's education at home, and we encourage you to keep up the great work by reading together as a family whenever possible.

Reminder for Absences

Please inform the school if your child is going to be absent. This helps us to keep track of attendance and ensure that our students are supported during any time away from school. You can ring or text the school phone to report your child's absence.
We also appreciate parents keeping students with symptoms at home to help protect our more vulnerable students and reduce the spread of illness within our school community.

International Day of Mathematics

Today, the 14th of March, is International Day of Mathemetics. Schools all throughout the united nations celebrate by playing fun and engaging maths games.
International Mathematics Day first originated from the company UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to raise awareness for how important mathematical science is.

Closely following is World Maths Day which falls on March 26th. The difference between World Maths Day and International Mathematics Day is that World Maths Day was originated by the company 3P Learning but meanwhile, International Mathematics Day originated in 1945 through the company UNESCO.

Reported by Harley

Upcoming Events

Golf

On Monday the 17th of March we will be participating in golf lessons at the Loch Sport Golf Club. We will do skills for beginners and we are doing golf every Monday for six weeks at the Loch Sport Golf Club.

By Kurtis

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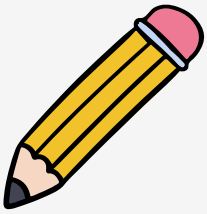


Art

In art we have been using the All You Can Draw cards to make a cartoon masterpiece. Yesterday, I worked on my original one because I'm working on colouring the background with black permanent marker. I'm almost done, because I only have got a little bit left. so for free learning time I'm going to do the rest. I can't wait.

By Archer

Passion Projects

Everyone is doing different things. I am learning about the solar system. I know that there are 8 planets that orbit around the sun. Only two planets in our solar system don't have moons. I am looking forward to learning more.

By RJ

MARC Van

Last Tuesday the 4th of March, Lynne, our MARC teacher, introduced us to Marcus Van Read. Marcus is a garden gnome that has been traveling around with the MARC van for over 25 years! Although Marcus has been out of commission for the last several years, he has decided to excitingly reinstate. With Marcus' reinstatement he has happily decided to travel to our school first. Lynne has asked us to take photos with Marcus so we can create a book about Marcus' adventures for other children to borrow in the MARC Van.

A fun fact about Marcus Van Read is that one time many years ago a family took him on an exciting overseas adventure to Thailand.

Written by Harley

Passion Projects

I'm doing Jupiter as my passion project. I have learnt a lot of facts. I have a box that I'm going to paint the background in black and I have a paint brush with white paint on it so I can flick the white paint on the box like stars. I'll draw some stars too.

I got some foam balls that I'll colour in as some of Jupiter's moons and Jupiter. I'll also use some string to hang the balls. I'll make a hole for every ball that is going to hang on the box.

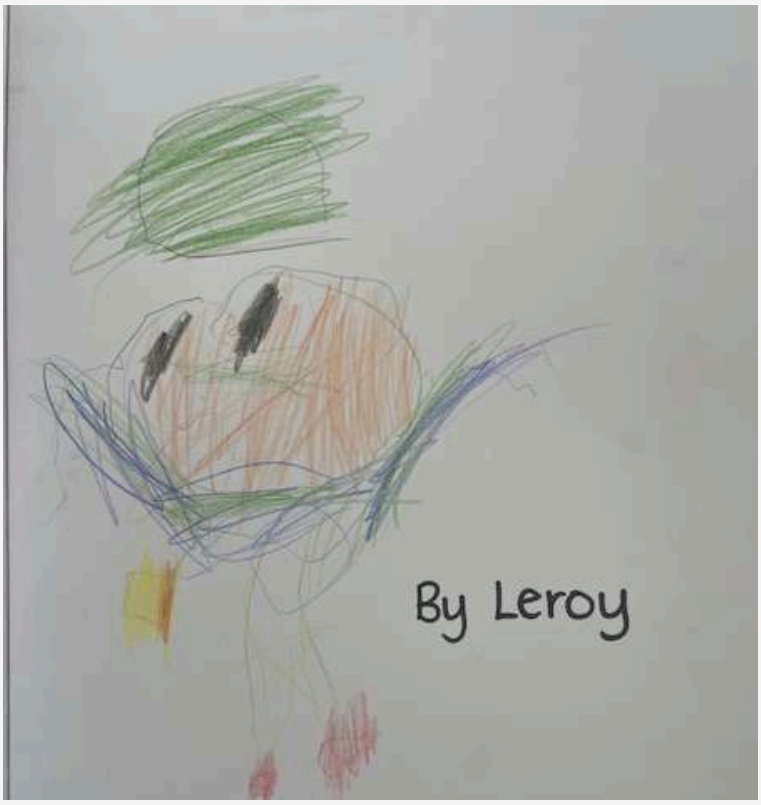
I'm not going to make every moon of Jupiter, because if I make every single moon of Jupiter it will take forever to do, because Jupiter has 95 moons!

I will have a poster that has information about my passion project.
Written by Kira

Music

At school in music we've been learning new songs on the ukelele. They are called Mr Jones by the Counting Crows, Video Killed the Radio Star by the Bugles and Radioactive by Imagine Dragons. My favourite is Mr Jones because it is a good song and I listen to it at home.

By Dexter



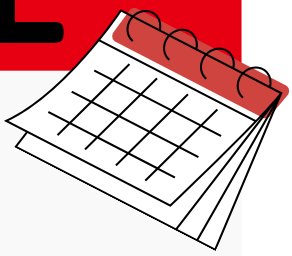
NAPLAN

Dexter and I have been doing NAPLAN. NAPLAN is something you only do in year 3, 5, 7 and 9.
On Thursday we did Writing and Reading. Today, we did Spelling and Maths.
I feel good about NAPLAN and I wish it could happen every year.

By Ivy

Important Dates

MARCH / APRIL



Thursday 20th March

School Council Meeting
11am

Friday 4th

Last day of Term 1
Pyjama day
Early finish at 12:30

Tuesday 22nd

First day of Term 2

Friday 25th

ANZAC Day
No school