What a hectic week!

Typically in Term 1 schools are establishing a routine and days just seem to flow, but that hasn’t been the case this fortnight! We have been absolutely flat out, not only establishing new routines, but with many events occurring or needing organisation.

We had a very successful time at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Meg was named 11 Year Girls Aged Champion and Roley received second place in freestyle. Hughie had a blast in the pool and running around making new friends. Thank you to Clare and Mandy for driving the students and myself to the pool and helping out on the day.

We enjoyed a day of “no books learning” at our first Freaky Friday Fortnight. On this day the students dressed up and created an impromptu play based on Little Red Riding Hood, titled Supercape. Roley, dressed as Supercape (his version of Little Red), had to ‘fly’ (as Superman does) the basket of goodies to Crazy haired Gran (Meg). Of course along the way he was confronted by the giant werewolf (Hughie). A fight entailed, but Red was successful in delivering Crazy haired Gran her goodies, which of course made her feel better.

TAFE is starting back up—please see the information inside about courses and times. If you are interested you can pop into the school to register online.

Also we need to hold a P&C meeting ASAP to discuss our possible attendance at a small schools camp, excursions, library resources and other school supply matters. I have set the date for Tuesday 5th March at 10am, I hope this is most suitable.

Thank you for your support,

Lee-Ann Thomson

Ps. Sorry for the delay- I have been a bear with a sore tooth and had to get the rest of it removed in Cobar yesterday (with the use of anesthetic this time)
Freaky Friday Fortnight

As well as the play, students created a Lego Louth town, based on the unit of work we are doing about "ourselves".
Meg’s town was complete with every house in Louth and a school full of children (we can only wish). Roley did a fantastic job of capturing the country lifestyle with his cows in the paddock and Hughie gathered a population first, then chose furniture and built his house around the needs of the people (smart thinking).

Learning at Home

There is a lot of recent research about children reading in their early years. I personally think reading is an essential skill in any age bracket. The joy of reading is something that people gain from an exposure to a variety of texts, it is not something learnt by reading a set text. With this in mind, reading comics and magazines should be encouraged not frowned upon. It is not a lesser reading ability, it is just a different means of enjoying texts. Ensuring an exposure to these different range of texts will allow children to experiment and find their personal reading pleasure. Just a thought :)

“I like nonsense. It wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living.” Dr Seuss
Learning at Louth

We are progressing with our unit “ourselves” which will involve us going to visit shearing and properties over the coming weeks so we can compare the different ways people live and work within our community.

Mrs Neilsen is utilising her amazing talents and teaching the students about Picasso and an in-depth look at the techniques he used in portraits.

TAFE

I have organised with TAFE to commence the IDL (Interactive Distance Learning Project) courses next Tuesday, as we received the email too late to organise for this week. The courses on offer are all held on a Tuesday:

- 9am—11am—Intro to computers
- 11.30am-12.30pm—Advanced Computing
- 1pm—3pm—Creative Art
- 4pm—6pm Home Maintenance

These courses are free. Enrolment is online, so if you are interested please call into or ring the school and you may come and enrol online here (before next Tuesday).

Staff Meetings

We will be holding staff meetings at school on Monday mornings from 8.30—8.45am and Tuesday afternoons 3pm—4pm. Please note staff will be unavailable for supervision of students or any enquiries during these times. Thank you for your support.

Active After Schools

Active After Schools will be Monday afternoon 3pm—4pm and Thursday afternoon 3pm—4pm.
**Important Dates for Louth PS**

**Term 1**

Week 4  * Thu 28th February—excursion to El Dorado

* Fri 1 March - Mid Term Break  SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Week 5  * Mon 4 March -Mid Term Break  SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Week 7  * Mon 18 Match—excursion to Bally Castle and Lakemere

Week 8  * Fri 29 March - Good Friday  SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Week 9  * Mon 1 April - Easter Monday  SCHOOL HOLIDAY

* Tue 2 April - School assembly 2pm

Week 10 * Dates to be confirmed - Super Camp?

**Term 2**

Week 5  * Tues 28 May - School assembly 2pm

Week 7  * Mon 10 June - Queens Bday SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Week 9  * Tues 25 June - School assembly 2pm

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**P & C meeting:** Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 10am in the meeting room at the school (TAFE building)

Everybody is invited to attend please come along and say hi.

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**A thought for the fortnight:**

How heavy is a glass of water?
The absolute weight doesn’t matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it’s not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I’ll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralysed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn’t change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.

The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. And if you think about them all day long, you will feel paralysed – incapable of doing anything.

It’s important to remember to let go of your stresses. As early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don’t carry them through the evening and into the night.

Remember to put the glass down! And have an amazing fortnight.