A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

One Bite at a Time

There is an old joke which goes like this. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. Sometimes we need to help our children take this approach to the tasks that they face especially when they feel overwhelmed and uncertain of where to start.

This system works by taking any task that seems large and breaking it down into smaller, bite size pieces and it can be applied universally to the tasks that are faced by our children.

Tidy your room could appear to be just too hard. Maybe it hasn’t been tidied for some time and they don’t know where to begin. One bite might be to pick up the clothes from the floor, or to tidy the computer desk, or to take one small area.

Completing a science assignment. This could consist of researching the topic, getting the necessary books from the library, assembling website information, writing a mind map, writing the headings, writing the first draft.

A medium or long term goal can seem so far away that it is tempting to not worry about it for now and think we will deal with it later. If they can develop the skill of working things back from the goal to today it will indicate some smaller steps that can be taken right now.

Smaller steps or bites enable us to keep focussed and make progress. Slow progress is better than no progress at all.
2017 Swiming Carnival will be remembered as the Rollercoaster Carnival. It was happening. It was cancelled. It was back on again at a new venue. LPS was fortunate enough to put on the event at SPLASH! with less than 24 hours notice and students, teachers, aides and parents all came together to make the event work. On a sunny day, every student had a smile on their face and were happy just to get the chance to jump in the pool and enjoy the day.

Johnston broke Wightman’s 6 year reign of success to become the House Champions of 2017. There were some old and new faces amongst the Age Champion list this year. Xavier Bolge (12yo), Nicolette Wight (11yo), Rem Dal Pozzo (11yo) and Isaac Bolge (10yo) won Age Champions for the second, third or fourth time while Sophie Carruthers (12yo), Rahni Matheson (9yo), Hugh Munro (9yo) and Eleanor Pedlow (10yo) won their first Age Champion medal.

A big thank you to all staff, students and parents for showing understanding in the last few topsy turvy days. The event ran quite smoothly in the end and that could only happen with everyone putting their hand up to help out. This reflects Leongatha’s strong sense of community and it is a credit to everyone for setting an excellent example of resilience for the students to witness and learn from.

Joel Cahir

Back L to R: Lachie Gill, Tyler Richards, Tom Hanily, Jude Fixter, Ja’Khobi Brewer, Lily Hume, Chloe Pollard
Front L to R: Kinesha Anderson, Xavier Bolge, Harper McLennan, Chloe Stoops
As always, there's a lot happening in our Chinese classes. Some serious work is being done in our small groups, where students who are able to 'go a bit further' with their learning, get extension tasks and more challenging work to do. There's also the less serious stuff...like Sophie turning into a zhū after watching part of the Sūn Wūkōng movie where Zhū Bā Jiè, aka 'Pigsy,' joins the Monkey King on his Journey to the West!

Grade 4s had a visitor, Cherie, from China, drop in and help with their Year of the 鸡 activity -- thanks to Charlotte for sharing her Chinese friend!

Each year, I'm blown away by the amazing brains that our Preps have; how they love to learn and soak up Chinese with ease! Our cuddly classroom friend, Xióngmāo， has been super-impressed by many of this year's little ones, who have been learning Mandarin Chinese in kinder...wow!

Zài jiàn for now. Peí Lǎoshī :-}
CANTEEN ROSTER FRIDAY – TERM 1

February
24th   Fabio Dal Pozzo

March
3rd    Mel Heber – Sarah Norman
10th   Mel Heber – Carmen Olm
17th   Phil Munro – Janine Lowe
24th   Viv Scott – Katrina Lawson
31st   Tori Martin – Gaynor Greenaway

More helpers required
If could spare a few hours once a term on a Friday please contact Kerrie in the canteen

UNIFORM
The uniform is available to purchase online from Buxwear
Here is the link to their website
http://shop.buxwear.com.au

Friends of the Library are having a book sale at St Peters' hall on Thursday the 2nd of March and Friday the 3rd of March from 10-4pm. This will be a great opportunity to purchase books. Children's books will be 5 for $1. There's a great variety of fiction and non-fiction, a good read available to everyone!

LEONGATHA JUNIOR FOOTBALL
Under 10/12yrs
Registrations are now open and training will commence on the 8th of March for Leongatha Junior Footballs 2017 season

FEBRUARY

Friday 24th   District Swimming Carnival – Korumburra

MARCH

Friday 3rd    Division Swimming – Korumburra
Thursday 16th Grade 2 Botanical Gardens Excursion – Cranbourne
Regional Swimming - Sale
Tuesday 21st  Grade 6 Camp – Wilsons From
Wednesday 22nd Grade 3 Camp – Cowes
Tuesday 28th  Senior School House Aths
Wednesday 29th China 2017 Trip
Friday 31st   End of Term 1

APRIL

Tuesday 18th First day Term 2
School Photos Day
Wednesday 19th State Swimming MSAC

UNITING CARE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Positions available every day
Phone 5662 5150 or email:- ucgipps.org.au
Mobile Number – 0466 480 712

Stony Creek Registration and Information Day
Sunday Feb 26th, 11am
Come along all Football and Netball Junior!!
Food and Drink available
Discounted to $20 per ride.
Bring friends, family and any new interested players.

COMING EVENTS – 2017

Stony Creek Registration and Information Day