

# BUSH TELE 2019

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## PRINCIPALS NEWSFLASH



It's hard to believe, but did you know that we've already completed five weeks of school and only have five weeks of this term left? I would like to congratulate staff, Home Tutors students and parents for getting 2019 off to a great start. Our children have settled quickly into on-air routines and it is encouraging to see them hard at work in their schoolwork.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and trust that they have settled into our LSODE school community. A reminder to all parents to please discuss any issues that may arise concerning your child with the classroom teacher. I would rather an issue be dealt with immediately than have it turn into an unpleasant experience.

Next week sees us hosting our Home Tutor Workshop and Swimming Carnival. I'm looking forward in catching up with everyone at the "Meet and Greet" on Tuesday night. I know that Mrs Moore and Mrs Bates have been hard at work putting a program together for our Home Tutors. I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Last week Mrs Winterbotham held her Partners in Learning workshop. This was well attended and I trust beneficial to those who attended. Thanks to everyone involved in it.

Over the next few weeks you'll be able to read my story about COFFEE.

I hope you will enjoy the article.

### Coffee - Part 1

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each one a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter she asked, "Tell me what you see."

To be continued...

Principal  
Bobby Harding



## Quote of the Week

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Deputy Principal  
Rachelle Moore

Time really does zoom by. It's hard to believe that we are nearly half way through term one. There has been lots of timetable juggling in multi-age homes, many great on-air lessons taught and support and reading lessons underway. It has been a privilege to 'walk through/dial in' to some of these lessons during the last three weeks. It's been wonderful to see the students interacting with each other and their teachers in exciting and engaging ways.

On-air lessons are very valuable for the teachers and students. They allow the teacher to see firsthand what their students can and cannot do. While we still ask that the home tutor of a Prep student is present for the entire lesson, to assist their student to navigate around a completely new web conferencing program and class structure, we ask that home tutors of all other year levels allow their students to be on-air independently with the teacher. The importance of a teacher interacting, assisting and teaching their students independently provides the teacher with honest feedback about their students' capabilities. This enables the teacher to provide accurate feedback to the home tutor about where they can assist at home and also enables the teacher to teach to their students' needs.

**'It is not what you do for your children,  
But what you have taught them to do for themselves  
That will make them successful human beings.' (Ann Landers)**

Looking ahead, we have more wonderful opportunities for our teachers and students to get to know one other and foster their learning together relationships at our 2019 home tutor workshop next week. We are all getting ready and looking forward to it; one of our biggest annual events on the school calendar. Travel safe, see you next week,

Rachelle Moore

# HEAD OF DEPARTMENT



Head of Department  
Peta Bates

Hello to our students, home tutors and govies, both new and returning. You may be wondering what 'head of department' at LSOE means. This position is new to our school this year and covers all years from Prep to Year 10. Among other things, I am responsible for implementing curriculum frameworks, pedagogy, programs to support student learning, assessment and reporting, mentoring, coaching, moderation across schools and professional development for teachers, home tutors and govies where required. This is my sixth year with LSOE after having taught Year 4, Year 3 and writing, as well as acting deputy, master teacher and curriculum co-ordinator. I am very proud to be part of this unique school and the students and families of LSOE. As partners in your students' education and working together each and every day, I welcome calls at any time if you have questions. Please don't hesitate to pop in and see me, call on 4658 4249 or email [prbato@eq.edu.au](mailto:prbato@eq.edu.au)



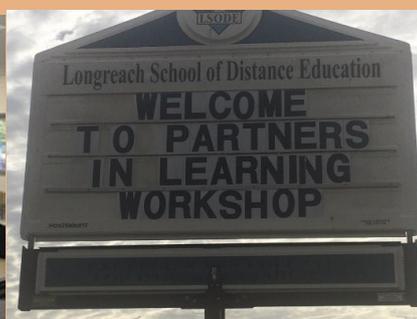
# PARTNERS IN LEARNING

Last Thursday and Friday 21st and 22nd February we had 19 fantastic home tutors with children in Prep to Year 2 complete 12 hours of Partners in Learning training. The training focused on literacy and the essential components of reading – oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, comprehension, vocabulary and fluency.

There were four modules – Learning to Read, Engaging with Phonics, Supporting Readers and Responding to Readers. We had keen participation from both our passionate govies and our amazing parents.

Partners in learning will support students in becoming better readers. It will help home tutors understand more about learning to read, so that tutors are confident monitoring and providing feedback to teachers about their child's progress. The tutor, the child and the teacher will work together as partners in learning. I am here to support you during the year with your reading – only an email away!

Rosie Winterbotham



# SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Hi, I'm Elka and I live at Dalkeith Station ... 110km out of Longreach. I am ten years old and my birthday is the 23rd of April. I live at Dalkeith with my grandparents, parents, sister and two brothers. My favourite sports are netball, cricket and swimming. I love drawing and painting. I want to be a receptionist when I get a job. I am looking forward to starting boarding school at the start of next year, and I hope to make loads of new friends there. I am really happy to be one of the 2019 school captains and I hope to have truckloads of fun this year. Thank you.



Elka

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

### Junior Sports Award



## CENTRAL WEST SWIMMING

On Friday 8th February Riley, Casey, Heath and Jennifer travelled to Barcaldine to represent LSOE at the Central West Swimming Carnival. Riley and Heath were selected on the Central West team. Riley will travel to Barcaldine on Friday 22nd February to compete at the North West Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all our competitors and good luck Riley!



Riley, Casey, Heath,  
Jennifer & Mr Harding



LSOE Cheer Squad

By Miss Cassin

## RURAL AID 'GIFT OF MUSIC'

On Friday 22nd February Wayne & Robyn Thompson from Rural Aid travelled to LSOE to bring donated musical instruments. They collect instruments from people in the city and bring them out to rural families and communities. We are very grateful for these kind donations.



Robyn Thomson Rural aid, Kenneth and Layla &  
Deputy Principal Mrs Rachelle Moore



Wayne & Robyn Thomson Rural aid &  
Principal Mr Bobby Harding