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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSFLASH

Welcome to Term 2 everyone. I'm absolutely thrilled to have been appointed as the new principal at LSOE.

The staff and community have made me feel very welcome and for that I'm most grateful. My sincere thanks to Mrs Rachelle Moore and her administration team for the wonderful job they did last term whilst awaiting the appointment of the new principal. I'm a farm boy by heart having grown up on a farm in Africa. I also had the privilege of being principal of Blackall State School twelve years ago and it's pleasing to still note some familiar faces.

It is my intention to get to know all of our families and at this end I'm looking forward to our Cluster Days when I get to meet everyone. As you know, writing is a key focus for our school this year and our staff received some useful Professional Development on our Monday pupil free day that will enable them to better equip our students to develop sound writing routines.

Mrs Peta Bates takes over the management of our school website which we plan to make more active and personable. I will also be posting fortnightly principal newsflashes for you to read.

Bobby Harding
Principal



ANZAC DAY

On April 25th, Australians and New Zealanders celebrate the first major battle fought by the ANZACs at Gallipoli in Turkey, during World War 1. The date, 25th April, was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916. During the 1920s, ANZAC Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the 60 000 Australians who died during the war. The first year in which all the states observed some form of public holiday together on ANZAC Day was 1927. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we today associate with the day - dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games - were firmly established as part of ANZAC Day traditions.

With the coming of the Second World War, ANZAC Day became a day on which to commemorate the lives of Australians lost in that war as well, and in subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include Australians killed in all the military operations in which Australia has been involved. It is a day to remember the courage and sacrifice of all men and women who have served their country in times of war. It is a day when Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

The Ode is part of a special poem read during the ANZAC service:



Longreach, like all towns, has a strong tradition of community involvement in the ANZAC Day march and service. Schools and community groups march proudly down our main street as we make our way to Edkin's Park.

LSODE students represent our school in each of the towns in our area and march behind the school banner.

We invite and encourage every staff member and school families to march with our school in Longreach and surrounding districts on Wednesday (next week) Longreach will meet on the side street of the RSL Club at 8.30am to move off at 8.45am. (Times still TBC).

"THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT"

Bobby Harding, Principal

Don't Avoid the Void

“When we feel stuck, going nowhere – even starting to slip backward – we may actually be backing up to get a running start.” Dan Millman

To change, we must go through a transition zone. It's not easy being in a void that can be quite uncomfortable.

When we're in the void, our first impulse will be to revert to old habits because they feel comfortable. Our goal is to hang in there until the change is complete. Knowing that TRANSITIONS ARE PART OF THE CHANGE PROCESS helps us to muster the courage to put up with the discomfort, the uneasiness, the void.

Change requires a letting go of what we've always known and done to allow in something new. We need to trust ourselves and higher forces to unfold a new reality for us.

“Every positive change – every jump to a higher level of energy and awareness – involves a rite of passage. Each time to ascend to a higher rung on the ladder of personal evolution, we must go through a period of discomfort, of initiation. I have never found an exception.”

Dan Millman

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

16th March 2018



Mackenzie



Lucy & Jack



Macey & Bess



Jacob & Lucy



BULLYING NO WAY