

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Wednesday, 2 March 2016

Diary Dates

Thurs, 17 March	P&F Meeting, 7:30pm at school – all welcome!
Fri, 18 March	Playgroup in the Gym at 9am
Fri, 18 May	Round 2 – Knockout Cricket at East Torrens Primary School
Fri, 18 March	Harmony Day – wear orange
Tues, 22 March	School Photos
Thurs, 24 March	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Sunday, 3 April	Working Bee – 9am at school. The more helpers the better!



From the Principal

I'd like to say **congratulations** to the Parents and Friends group who have completely revamped the playgroup at school now that we are having it more often. Playgroup helps children to socialise by playing with each other and it gives parents a chance to sit down together and have a bit of a break! Our students help out too, and that means that they are practising their social abilities, their caring attitudes and their organisational skills. As you can see below, we have more families coming along to playgroup now, and the parents arranged a craft table that was hugely popular. If you know families with small children who aren't coming along yet, let them know about it – everyone is welcome.

The next playgroup is this Friday, 18 March, and then the final one for this term is Friday 8 April.



I have now completed the Annual Report. It includes a review of 2015 and has information about how our students are doing in Naplan. When I met with the educational director (my boss, Nanette van Ruiten) last week, she said that she was very happy with our current results. What we agreed on though, was that some students could be doing even better. It's important that we don't get complacent about how good we are, but that we challenge all students to do their own personal best. You will find a copy of the Annual Report on our website in the next few days, and we welcome any questions that you have about it.

Talking about student results, we will be having our **three-way interviews from 4 April to 7 April**. We are trialling a new online booking system which we think will make the appointment system so much easier for you. We'll be sending information home about that soon.

Please remember that our **school photos will be taken on 22 March**. We understand that some families use the blue school shirt, and we are very happy with that, but it seems like the tradition here has been to prefer maroon shirts on photo day. If you have not returned your envelope to Julia please make sure your child has it with them on Tuesday.

You will have noticed in the diary dates above that we have a **pupil free day on 24 March**. The teachers will be working with staff from Basket Range, Uraidla and Norton Summit schools. In the morning, we will be checking to see if the ways that we assess our students' work is aligned over the four schools, and then we will spend a large part of the day learning how to make student learning more exciting and more relevant to their world, so that it makes sense to them and is easier to make a link between subjects and is more engaging. Then we will spend the afternoon sharing our collective wisdom when we are planning some future units of work.

Knockout Cricket – Lenswood v Uraidla Round 1



It was a very exciting game with a nail biting finish. Uraidla needed 7 runs to win and Lenswood needed 1 wicket to get. Uraidla managed to score a couple of runs and then we completed an excellent fielding effort by running out their best batsman. Lenswood got five run-outs in all and came away with a well-deserved win 132 - 127. Well done to those boys who played their first game of cricket on this day, it was a great team game. Round 2 will be against East Torrens Primary this Friday, 18 March.

SAPSASA Courier Cup

Last Thursday a group of seven students from our school went to the Mountain Pool at Mt Barker to compete in the SAPSASA Courier Cup. They competed in freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke events. Dylan Prior, Addelie Flavell, Adam Brincat-Cotton, Ashton Coulter, William Mason and Torsten & Keely Skinner all swam well and were excellent sportspeople. Congratulations to Adam for his selection to represent the Hills team this Friday at Marion.



Congratulations to

- Adam Brincat-Cotton for his recent selection in the Hills District Team. The SAPSASA State Swimming Country Outer Metro Carnival will be this Friday and Adam will be competing in the 12 Year Boys 4 X 50 freestyle relay team at the State Marion Pool. Go Adam!
- Aidan Waterhouse and Lachlan Schultz for being selected to represent the Hills districts at this year's state SAPSASA softball carnival – great work guys, good luck!

Happy March Birthday to:

Jack Rosenthal who turns 9 on the 19th,
Ellie Schultz who will be 6 on the 22nd,

Dylan Brierley who will be 12 on the 23rd, Jemima who will be turning 6 on the 24th and
Zac Flavell who celebrates turning 8 on the 26th.

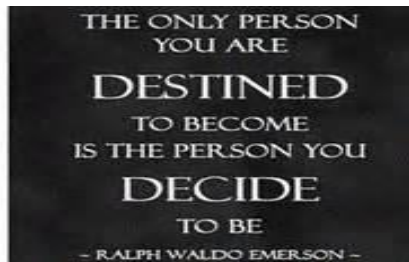
Have a wonderful day everyone!

Thank you to

- Hammond Family for the use of their recumbent bike.
- Dimi from Bunnings for her great lesson last Friday.
- Lenswood Cricket Club for lending us their matting.
- Leonie Stafford and Maria McAuley for helping us with lawn bowling.
- Kevin Brincat-Cotton, Julia Cowlam and Alison Mason for driving our students to SAPASA swimming.
- Melinda Martin for coaching, Jaine Thomas for scoring and Bruce Martin (David's grandfather) for umpiring our second match on Friday at East Torrens Primary School. Alison Mason, Leonie Stafford, Jaine and Melinda for driving our students to knockout cricket.
- Krissi Maczkowiack for doing some fabulous Easter cooking (including lots of maths) with students from Ms Jones' class.



Quote of the Week



Science in the Year 6/7 Class



The year 6/7s have been looking at micro-organisms in Science. They have researched different types of micro-organisms and used microscopes to see some. Some micro-organisms are very useful as the students discovered after feeding a ginger beer plant for a number of days then making up a batch of ginger beer. The micro-organisms put the bubbles in our drink!

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster (a big thank you to you all!!)



Week 8, 21/3	Cakes:	Bron S & Sara R
Week 9, (Tues)29/3	Lunch:	Tess S & Carey H
Week 9 (Tues) 29/3	Produce Pick Up	Tess S

COMMUNITY NEWS



Lobethal Netball Club – Is offering NetSetGo! again this year. Sessions commence on Wednesday, 4 May at 4pm at the Lobethal Rec Ground and run for 10 weeks. The cost is \$50 but you will be able to use your \$50 Government Sports Voucher which will reduce your cost to nil! Participants will receive a netball, t-shirt and a medal.

For more information email Katherine on katherine.wimberley@bws.com.au or speak to Julia in the office.

FASTEST 12 YEAR OLD BOY & GIRL IN SA?

DATE: Sunday, 24th April 2016 LOCATION: SA Athletics Stadium, 145 Railway Terrace, Mile End 5031
TIMES: Heats 9am-10am / Finals 1pm-1:30pm
The 2016 Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC) are being held in Adelaide on Sunday, 24th of April 2016. As a part of this major event, Little Athletics SA - with the proud support of Nova - are in the search for potential 12 year old champions to compete on the national stage! Your School is invited to nominate your best 12 year old boy and girl over 100m to be a part of this significant event.

Onkapinga Netball Club is proud to offer ANZ NetSetGo! again in 2016. Registrations are now open. ANZ NetSetGo! is Netball Australia's Junior Netball program. It provides children aged from 5-10 years with a safe and enjoyable environment to learn to love Netball.

It involves skill activities, minor games and modified matches, aimed at giving children a positive introduction to the sport, leading to enjoyment and continued participation.

NetSetGo! starts at Balhannah Netball Courts on Sunday 8th May 2016, and runs until July 10. Sessions run from 9-10 am each Sunday, Cost; \$50

All participants receive a Size 4 Gilbert netball, ANZ NetSetGO t-shirt, Adelaide Thunderbird tattoos and a participation medal. Contact Kelly Wicks on 0403 906 918 or email onkas@hotmail.com for registration details.

Is your child born in 2007 or 2008? Would they like to try something new and exciting?

Onkapinga Netball Club invites you to a 'Come and Try' Netball sessions on Wednesday's for the months of March & April 2016 at 4pm at Balhannah Netball Courts (The session will go for 1 hour)

We are desperately trying to nominate a 9 & Under team at present and we are seeking additional players to make this team happen.

Training will be every Wednesday night and a weekly game played on Saturday mornings at 8.30am at Woodside (starting on May 7 2016) a great way to encourage active play, learn about a team sport and have loads of FUN!

If you have any questions or to register your interest please contact Jayne Colloff (9 & Under Coach) on 0410 585 478 or email onkas@hotmail.com

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