

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Sat, 20 Feb	Uraidla Show – P&F Fundraising BBQ
Mon 22 – Fri 26 Feb	Swimming lessons – leaving school at 9:05 & returning at approx. 11:30am
Tues, 1 March	Governing Council AGM 7:30pm in the Library
Thurs, 3 March	Courier Cup Swimming at Mt Barker
Fri, 4 March	Playgroup in the Gym – Coffee, Chat & Play inc Craft Activities

From the Principal

I'd like to thank the families who were able to attend the family information evening and bbq last night. It was a great way for families to have informal conversations with all of the teachers, and then to spend some social time together. I was particularly happy that all of our new families came along, and that everyone else made them feel so welcome. Even though the temperature was a bit cool, everyone happily lingered and enjoyed the tasty shared food and the kids playing together.

I took the opportunity to talk about some of my ideas for the school. I won't repeat everything I said here, but I did say that I want to build on the current strengths of the school, such as the arts (especially music and drama) and sports, and I also want to ensure that all students are achieving the best that they possibly can in academic subjects. We have to make sure that we know every child's strengths and challenge areas, and fortunately in a small school that is very easy for us to manage. I also want Lenswood to be a vibrant, exciting school for your children to attend, and I emphasised that we are very happy to hear your suggestions and ideas about how we can do that. We'll add them to our own. I said that it's important that we keep the communication lines open, and that if you have any concerns, questions or issues that you want to raise, our doors are always open.

I was asked a number of questions and one in particular was about students not learning a second language here. It does mean that students are at a disadvantage when they begin secondary school, and all the research shows that children who learn a second language when they are young learn better in other areas of their schooling. I anticipate that students at Lenswood will be learning a second language in 2017. During the year, I will be talking to you about the processes that we have to go through to select a language, find a teacher and begin a language program.



SRC News

Congratulations to our two new executives for this term.

Warriors # Chairperson - Michael, Secretary - Zoe and Observer - Aidan W.

Strikers # Chairperson - Owen M, Secretary - Dylan B and Observer - Riley.

"We are hoping to become much more confident, and improve our public speaking and leadership skills." Michael and Owen M. We decided at our last meeting to give our r/1 class \$100 to repair our water play equipment. The majority of students would like to start using it again. We also voted to change the lunch for our Foster Parent Plan from hotdogs to mini pizzas next term. We received a lovely thank you letter from our sponsor child Mengesha. The chickens will be staying with the Wenham family because we all thought they would be happier there. This term our secret garden will be used by boys on even weeks and girls odd weeks. The secret garden is not used during terms two and three.

Welcome New Families and Students

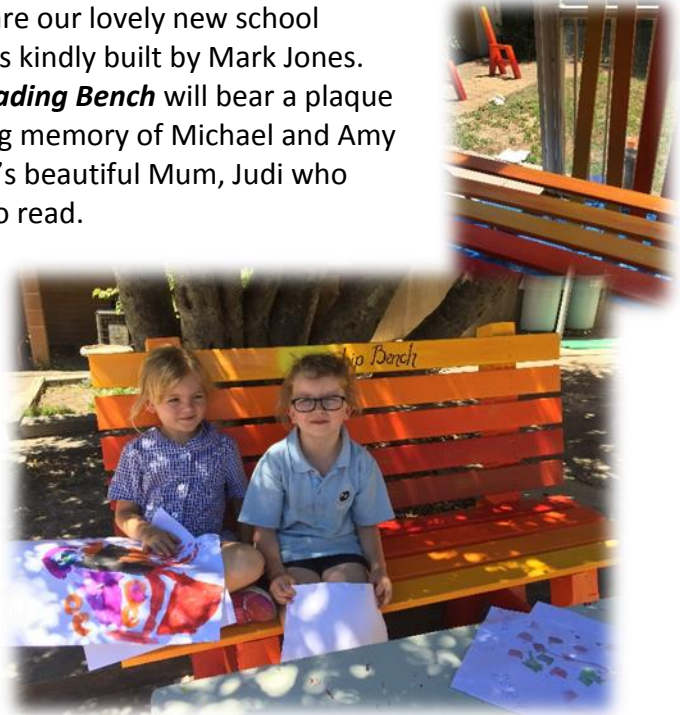
We have three new families we would like to welcome to our school community. Krissi & Lachlan Maczkowiack with their children Jesse in year 4 and Astina in year 1. Another new family includes Reception James Marden with his mum Bella, step-dad Mark Trost and dad Matt. James is the step-brother to Sunny and Grace. And the other new family is Sally-Ann and Casey Bellman with their daughter Dayna who is also in the Reception class. We also say welcome to Lucy Flavell, younger sister to Addelie and Cameron, Seth Hermel, younger brother to Amaya, and Tahran, younger brother to Soraya and Clair.



School Benches



These are our lovely new school benches kindly built by Mark Jones. The **Reading Bench** will bear a plaque in loving memory of Michael and Amy Wilden's beautiful Mum, Judi who loved to read.



The **Friendship Bench** is designed for children who, during play times, feel like they would like to join in with other students or just enjoy some company and a chat, however the bench will be used during class time for listening to children read or for other activities on pleasant days. We had some paint left over so also painted over the old shed mural in warm, harmony colours.

We would like to thank Bunnings at Mt. Barker for their generous donation of wood and paint for this very important and valued community project.

Uraidla and Summertown Show and Sustainability Fair

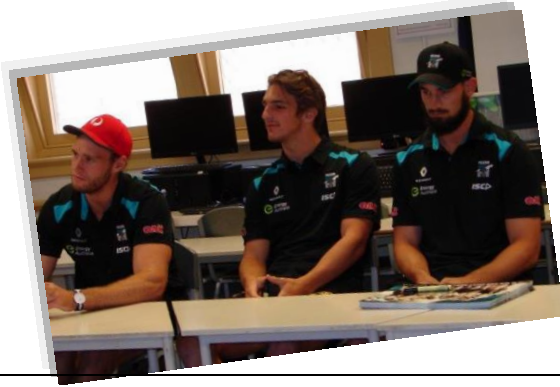


I'm hoping to see lots of you at the show on Saturday! There's been a new committee this year and the show has been revamped and revitalised. Lenswood Primary School will be having a display, and my thanks go to the students and the teachers for the fabulous way that

they have contributed to that. Classes will be entering scarecrows and some students will be entering art work and cookery. I'm so glad that we are using an important local community event to show how we can authentically link learning to what is available outside of school. Next year the show will be held in November, and I think that we will have many more students entering examples of learning that they have done at school, so this is just the start for us!

The entry price has changed – now the cost is \$5.00 for everyone over 12, under 12 year old children have free entry. I have included a copy of the entertainment program, which I have also listed on our Facebook page. I can't wait to see the medieval siege engine in action! There will be a kids' movie screening at 6:00pm so that you can keep your children occupied until the **fireworks at 9:00pm**. If you want to go to check out all the action and competitions, and then come back later for the fireworks, you'll be able to get a pass-out.

While you're there, make sure that you visit our parents and friends bbq stall! It'll be delicious!



Port Adelaide Football Club Visit

Last week we welcomed three players from the Port Adelaide Football Club. Students answered many questions relating to the topics outlined by them. Owen Magee and Michael Wilden, our current chairpersons presented the players with some local fresh apples. They were delighted to receive their gift from our community.

Premiers Reading Challenge and Premiers Be Active Challenge

We will once again be participating in these two challenges this year. All students will receive their medals/certificates in term four if they successfully complete these programs. If you would like any more information please see Carmen.

Coffee, Chat & Play Mornings

In the Lenswood Primary School Gym
*Activities suitable for
 Toddlers & Preschooler's*



*Morning tea provided
 FRIDAY mornings 9 to 10:30*

Term 1

4th March: Create a hat fit for a King/Queen

18th March: Easter egg baskets

8th April: Peg butterflies & insects

All Welcome!!!

Gold coin donation

Happy February Birthday to:

Lincoln Richter who turns 10 today, the 17th, Michael Wilden who will be turning 12 on the 19th and Jacinta Coulter who will be 10 on the 28th.



We wish you all a wonderful birthday celebration!

P&F News

As the P&F begin the year with fundraising ideas, we would like to know what you as parents with students in the school would like to see our hard earned money spent on. Please provide us with some idea on the below slip and return to school by the beginning of week 6 (7th March), thank you.

Ideas for P&F funds to be used towards

1.
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3.
Year level of student / s:



Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster

Week 4, 22/2 Cakes: Mel M & Alison M

Week 5, 29/2 Lunch: Lisa G & Carey H

Sports Vouchers – Gov of SA Office of Recreation & Sport

The Gov of SA Office of Recreation & Sport is once again offering Sports Vouchers to Primary School students. For further information on the Vouchers please visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au. Each eligible child is able to claim one voucher per calendar year (currently \$50). To find your nearest club please use our 'Find a Club' tool on the website.

Uraidla Show Roster – Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time.

BBQ Roster Times

8 – 11am Carey Hannaford, Sara Rosenthal, Carmen B-C & Tiff Coulter
11 – 1pm Lisa Golding, Bec Flavell, Bron Wenham & family, Thomas Waterhouse, Darly & Mark Jones
1 – 4pm Bec Kennedy, Sue Boyd-Brierley, Tess Schultz & Leonie Stafford

<i>Order Meat</i>	Carmen BC
<i>Order produce from Foodland...shopping list to be provided.</i>	Haley M
<i>Order sliced onion + Tomato</i>	Tess S
<i>Pick up Meat</i>	Carmen BC
<i>Pick up produce... bring to school Friday pm.</i>	Haley M
<i>Slice / prepare tomato + lettuce and Pack up utensils from school kitchen</i>	Tiff C, Jess B, Tess S, Lisa G & Serena F
<i>Get equipment out of school shed</i>	Carmen BC
<i>Lend gas bottle x3 (be at school Thursday)</i>	Sara R School has 2
<i>Ensure gas bottles are full</i>	Jess B
<i>Lend a shade tent x3 with a spare</i>	Lisa G School has 2
<i>Transport large items to showgrounds Friday evening... time</i>	Serena F Carey H
<i>Transport food items to showgrounds Saturday am. ... time</i>	Sara R Tiff C
<i>Responsible for taking petty cash tin back to school. Sat pm.</i>	Tess S
<i>Transport large items back to school. Saturday pm</i>	Tess S
<i>Transport food items back to school. Saturday pm</i>	Sue B-B
<i>Extra BBQ. Saturday am.</i>	Wenham family

Thank you to....

- Parents who have volunteered to drive for music hub this year.
- Kevin Brincat-Cotton for repairing a staffroom chair.
- Parents who have volunteered to hear reading this year.
- Mel Coulter for volunteering to wash our tea towels this year.
- Bronwyn Wenham for the use of her barbeque last night.
- Mark Jones (Darly's husband) for making our wonderful, sturdy, colourful benches.
- Darly Jones (Mark's wife) for painting our wonderful, sturdy, colourful benches.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SA Dental Service - Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service. Magill School Dental Clinic, phone: 8333 0707.

Lobethal Football Club Junior Registration Day – Sun, 21 Feb, 9:30 – 11am at the Lobethal Recreation Ground. The Junior Academy training session will be held on this day also. For more information contact Shane on 0412941945 or visit the Lobethal Football Club on Facebook

OVFC Junior Fun & Registration Day – Sun, 21 Feb 11am – 3pm. New and returning players, families and friends are all welcome. BBQ and bar open, waterslide, junior player skill games, player registration and club merchandise for sale. Computers available on day in clubroom for online registration – committee members will be able to assist with registrations. For further details contact Andrew Adcock 0418 816874, Brian Humble 0405 683917 or Paul Tyrer 0419 144966.