

# Lenswood Primary

## School Newsletter



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### Diary Dates

Fri, 1 April	'Come to school in your parent's shoes (or clothes) day' with activities
Sunday, 3 April	Working Bee – 9am at school. The more helpers the better!
Fri, 8 April	Play group, 9am in the Gym
Wed, 13 April	PUPIL Free day

### From the Principal



We were very grateful that the Parents and Friends organised for the Easter Bunny to visit the school last Wednesday to leave eggs for the children. Bunny left the eggs in lots of interesting places, and I think Easter Bilby must have been helping to hide them. Some children might have needed a hint or two, but in the end all of the students found an egg with their name on it. It was a really special event and you can see how excited all of the kids were.

The next day was our pupil free day and we welcomed staff here from the surrounding schools. Some of them hadn't visited Lenswood Primary before, and there were a number of positive comments made to me about the playground, the grounds and the good state of the oval. All of the teachers worked hard during the day moderating student portfolios, learning more about how they can move "from tell to ask", and designing future learning for students. I strongly believe that this will continue to build the expertise of the teachers and progress the learning they provide to your children.

Governing Council met last night, and we began work on a five-year plan for the grounds. We certainly acknowledged that there is a lot to celebrate in what we have now, and we have a good list of repairs and maintenance that need to be done. We had lots of fabulous ideas from Parents and Friends, some of the students, the staff and our own thoughts. We have a very long list of what everyone would like, and our vision is to make the school a colourful, inviting and exciting place to be at. We will work out our priorities, get some time frames in place and start to find grants that we can apply for. Some of the work will need to be done by contractors, but it might be that we can organise a lot of the jobs through the school community. I think that you will find that we will be calling for volunteers, so it would be great if you can offer some help from time to time. If we share out the load, it's easier for everyone and we will be able to see some changes quickly.


## Come to School in your Parent's Shoes

You will have noticed in the last newsletter that we are having a "Come to school in your parent's shoes (or clothes) day this Friday. The SRC decided to have this day as a way to celebrate all of the good things that parents are. Teachers will be doing lessons in the afternoon that focus on our parents, the roles that they have in our lives and how we can show our appreciation for what they do. So we would like your help – please lend your child or children either a pair of shoes or boots, and maybe a shirt or top that they can wear as they enjoy this fun afternoon. I know that I'll be wearing something of both my parents! I'd like to remind you that this is not a fundraiser, so the kids don't have to bring any money.



## Working Bee

Talking about the grounds, there is a chance for you to help out this coming Sunday! We know that it's picking time, but we are trying to get in a working bee before the football season begins. It starts at 9.00am, and will be going for a few hours, so if you can't come at 9.00, or if you can only come for a half-hour, we'd be very pleased to see you! Here's a long list of jobs that we would like done as soon as possible that we've listed for the day.

Job to do	What you might need to bring
Deal with the blackberries near to the woodlot.	Todd has already put his name down for this.
Dig over the ground and fertilise behind the r/1 and 2/3 class prior to planting.	School will provide some fertiliser. Forks and spades needed.
Dig over, fertilise and plant new plants in the established garden beds.	School will provide some annual plants and some fertiliser. Forks and spades needed.
Dig over and fertilise the veggie garden beds before kids plant seedlings.	School will provide some fertiliser. Forks and spades needed.
Put a latch on the heavy staff room door so that it doesn't close on children.	School will provide latch. Will need a drill with correct size masonry bit.
Move concrete sleeper that has come out of fence on road back into place.	Crow bar, shovel, sledgehammer.
Rake under matting in playground to reduce trip hazard.	Rake, spade, hand trowel.
Either drive in or cut off the steel pegs that are sticking up by the steps into the secret garden.	Sledgehammer or angle grinder. 
Clear out and tidy the storage shed behind the toilets.	This might be a messy job – we think rats have been in there – you'll need gloves and we can provide a broom and duster.
Soften the edge of the air conditioning cage behind the gym so that kids don't keep banging their heads.	School will provide some foam – maybe like a pool noodle, and a way to attach it.
Lift up the mesh in the pond before we replant it.	This might be a several-person job. The mesh just needs lifting around the plants so that we can clean them out.
Prise open the painted-in windows in the stone building.	Pinch bar?
Wash down the pavers and picnic tables.	Pressure sprayer.
Chess board area – clean, sweep, prune roses and other plants, repair garden border and clean out drain.	We will have an outdoor broom, then you will need secateurs and a wheelbarrow.
Sweeping the yard and around sandpit.	We have brooms.
Clean out the woodwork shed before we start using it more.	Broom and duster?
Pruning in the native garden.	Secateurs and a rake.
Clean the lockers outside the r/1 class.	Scrubbing brush and big sponge. We will have cleaners.

### Arbury Park Visit

Because of a late cancellation at Arbury Park Outdoor School, we have been offered the opportunity to have a day trip there for some of our classes next Friday 8 April. The program would be linked closely to the curriculum, and include Aboriginal cultural studies, exploring ecology (plants and animals), sensory/discovery type activities and group development challenges. Our r/1, 2/3 and 4/5 classes will travel there by bus and return back to the school in time for normal pick up. The total cost for the bus and the excursion is approximately \$13.50, however as this is an unexpected special event, the school will subsidise the day. Each child will be invoiced \$7.00 which we feel is a reasonable price for a whole day, informative excursion which also includes morning tea and lunch for each child. A permission note will be sent home in the next few days which will need to be returned to the school before the event.

### SA Bowls - Primary Competition

Congratulations to our 6/7 class for their enthusiasm with this competition. All available students will be competing in this competition at the Modbury Bowling Club next Friday. A special thank you goes to our local Lenswood Bowling Club for their coaching sessions and the use of the venue. It has been wonderful working with the club, watching our students grow with their skill development and understanding of the game. Go Lenswood!

### SAPSASA Cross Country

This event is open to students born in 2003 to 2006. Eligible students need to be in training now. Students born in 2003 to 2005 will need to run 3000m and students born in 2006, 2000m. Often students do not make the distance or need to walk because they have not done enough training. This event will be held on Tuesday 24 May at the Woodside Recreation Grounds. Parents, if your child will be competing and you can help with driving for this event please let Carmen know soon.

### Knockout Cricket – Lenswood v East Torres PS Round 2

Another exciting game of Knockout Cricket was held last Friday, 18 March at East Torrens Primary School. The Lenswood team once again came away with a well-deserved win. Well done boys on a great game and again thanks Melinda on your coaching, thanks parents who drove and scored for us and David Martin's grandfather Bruce for umpiring. We're now into round 3 and our next game will be held in term 4.

### Year 7 Tops



Thank you to our wonderful P&F committee for once again purchasing the year 7 'Seniors' tops. This is a wonderful tradition our school and students are extremely proud and privileged to receive. These tops are over \$50 each to purchase and due to the continued hard work of our committee and parents, the P&F are able to offer this to all our year 7s. Thank you to the P&F

President Jessica Boyle for presenting the tops to our students last week at our Monday morning assembly.

### Congratulations & Good Luck to .....

- Morgan Waterhouse for being selected as part of the **Barker** SAPSASA Softball competition next week – well done to you Morgan, have fun!

# Happy April Birthday to:

Sarah who turns 11 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and also Cameron who turns 6 on the same day,  
Owen Magee who will be 13 on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
and Alex who will be turning 11 on the 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Blake who will be 8 on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Jaidan turns 7 on the 12<sup>th</sup> and  
Lily will be 6 on the 12<sup>th</sup> also.

## Thank you to .....

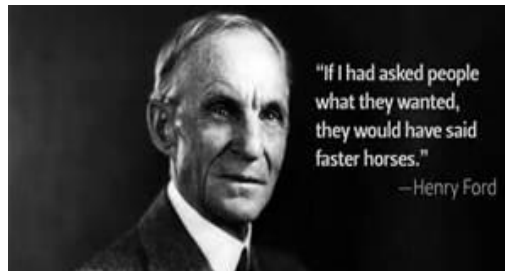
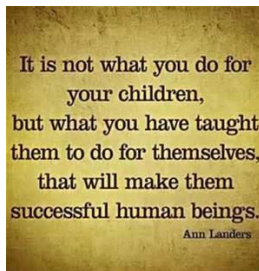
- Bronwyn Wenham and Maria McAuley for walking with our students to bowling recently.
- Tom Golding for his recent help with our rabbits.
- Thomas Waterhouse for his help with the r/1 smartboard.
- Jody Schultz for treating our very sick elm tree.
- Charlotte and Monique Teagle for caring for our rabbits over Easter.
- Alison Mason, Bec Flavell, Kristian Coulter and Warren Murdoch for driving our students to the Bowls SA competition next Friday.



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

Week 10, 4/4	Cakes:	Haley M & Serena F
Week 11, 4/4	Lunch:	Tess S & Nadine S
Week 11, 4/4	Produce Pick Up	Carey H

## Quotes of the Week



## Lunch Orders

You will find term 2 lunch orders included with this newsletter. Remember, no need to send money in with the order, you will be invoiced for it.

## COFFEE, CHAT & PLAY...Mornings...

In the Lenswood Primary School gym

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Activities suitable for toddlers & preschoolers

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MORNING TEA provided

**FRIDAY mornings 9 to 10:30 All Welcome!!!**

Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 + 10

Please bring along a piece of fruit to share + a gold coin donation to cover activities.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ANZAC Day Service** – the Forest Range & Lenswood History Group supported by the Lobethal RSL Sub-branch will once again hold the ANZAC Day service at the World War One Memorial, Lobethal Rd, Forest Range at 10am on Monday April 25, 2016, all welcome.