

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Fri, 15 April	Last day of term 1, school assembly 1:55pm all welcome, early dismissal 2:15pm
Mon, 2 May	First day of term 2, assembly at 8:50am
Thurs, 12 May	P&F Meeting, 7:30pm at school

From the Principal

It's hard to believe that the end of the term is here already! We've certainly been busy, and maybe that's why it's gone so quickly. We've had the success of our entries at the Uraidla Show, the friendship and reading benches made and installed, new school pets with the rabbits and the mice, the working bee, swimming lessons, a revitalised playgroup, school photos, three-way interviews, Easter with a fund-raiser from the year 6/7 class, a visit to Arbury Park (no-one got sick), the arrival of our pre-service teachers, the formation of the choir, Ms Read had her surgery, the new Governing Council was formed, the year 7 tops arrived and so many sporting activities like lawn bowls, the swimming carnival, athletics day and knock-out cricket. It does make me wonder how we fit the entire curriculum learning in too, but so many of those activities listed above have direct and tangible links to the curriculum. Additionally, so much of what we have achieved this term has had significant parental support, and we really appreciate all of the parent and grandparent volunteers who are here every week, making lunches, listening to reading and helping teachers in so many ways.

We have also had two pupil free days this term. Yesterday, we joined with 13 other schools and staff from regional office of the Mount Lofty Partnership to hear a Victorian speaker, James Anderson. He was talking to us to help us think like growth mindset teachers. I was delighted to be able to take all of the staff, two of our volunteers, the student teachers and one of our relief teachers at no cost to the school, as the partnership valued the professional learning so much that they paid for the day. Ms Read came back from her sick leave to attend too. You may have heard of 'growth mindset', and I can assure you that you will hear more. It's about helping students to understand that they CAN learn, it's all about how they use their brain, how much practice they take, and how they learn little bit by little bit. All of the staff felt that the learning was extremely useful, and I'll be writing in the newsletter regularly to keep you in the loop.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison Mason for taking the year 6/7 class while Helen Read has been away – she has done a remarkable job of keeping the students challenged and learning. Jane Everett and Renee Goodman, who relieved 'behind' Alison, have also impressed us all with their engaging learning activities and the way in which they have both worked so positively with our students and staff.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday, and will look forward to seeing you all again next term!

M&S Fee reminder

Thank you to all families who have paid their school fees in full, you are wonderful and we are very grateful. Unfortunately, there are still some families who have not paid their fees and have not spoken to me regarding this. School fees are now overdue. To allow our school to purchase items and keep on top of our expenses, we rely heavily on the revenue from our school fees. We believe we have given all families adequate time to pay this account and are only too happy to arrange for alternate payment plans if needed. If you have not paid your fees, please do so as soon as possible, or see me to discuss other options. If you believe you may receive school card then please return the forms to me asap. Thank you, Julia.



SAPSASA Lawn Bowls

On Friday, April 8 twenty one of the upper primary students went to the Modbury Bowling Club to compete against other schools from around the state. Lenswood had seven triples teams in the competition. All of the students in the competition

bowled well and were able to demonstrate the skills that they had been learning this term. The students represented their school very well. Many thanks to the coaches who gave up several afternoons to train our students and special thanks to Warren Murdock and Dianne Green who came with us on the day. Thanks also to Bec Flavell and Kristian and Mel Coulter for helping out with driving and supervising a team or two on the day. Help from parents and the community make these excursions possible. The students enjoyed the day. Congratulations to the students for their teamwork and sportsmanship on the day!

Hills SAPSASA Athletics Day

On Monday, April 11 twenty six students travelled to Oakbank on the school bus to take part in the Hills SAPSASA athletics day. The children were involved in a variety of events including high jump, long jump, discus, shotput, 100m and 200m sprints 800m, plus relays. There were some very talented athletes there. Lenswood did very well coming second in the adjusted score trophy which was won by Bridgewater. Congratulations to Lachlan Schultz (high jump and 200m), Torsten Skinner(200m) and Owen Magee (placed in 100m) who made the Hills team. Well done to all team members, your support of one another and your willingness to keep going was commendable.

Team members were Owen Magee, Charlotte Teagle, Zoe Luke, Owen Coulter, Dylan Prior, Michael Wilden, Nick Wenham, Oliver Stafford, Lachie Schultz, William Mason, David Martin, Max Leimann, Alex Flavell, Hannah Coulter, Soraya Thompson, Jordan Tarasenko, Torsten Skinner, Keely Skinner, Lincoln Richter, Aidan Prior, Ellie Harris, Jacinta Coulter, Sunny Trost, Stanley Steiner, Josh Martin and Seth Hannaford. Thanks to Carmen for giving up considerable time to select the team and organise the students into their events as well as write all the notices to go home regarding the day. Thanks also to Kylie for her help on the day as well as Kim Tarasenko, Bronwyn and Cooper Skinner and Lois Harris for their help with discus as that was our job to do on the day and they kindly did it when I asked!!

Arbury Park Outdoor School day excursion

We had a great day at Arbury Park last week. The staff there are really good, and they made sure that the students were participating in activities that addressed the curriculum. Students read maps to find markers (maths and geography), worked in small teams to achieve goals like setting up a camp (personal and social capability), described how people would once have lived (literacy), tasted ingredients with a blindfold on (science), moved up and down hills, stairs and through the bush safely (physical education) imagined how Peramangk people would have lived, examined their artefacts, and built a 3-season shelter (Aboriginal Cultural Studies). That's just a very small sample of the learning that happened and it will certainly be used in our assessments. I think that it's fabulous that so many parents recognised that the gastro wasn't Arbury Park's fault and sent their children. I'm also very relieved that no-one got sick!

Reminder

We will be having our end of term assembly in the hall at 1:55pm on Friday before the early dismissal at 2:15pm. All parents are welcome to come along to this assembly where sporting certificates will be handed out.

Heating Lunches

Students, next term we will heat lunches on Tuesdays to Fridays. Please place your named lunch next to the pie warmer before recess. Thank you for your help with this. Remember we do not sell ice blocks in terms two and three.

Hats

Hats are not required to be worn by students in term 2. As a SunSmart School we adhere to the policies put forward by the Cancer Council Australia. Hats are required to be worn in terms 1, 3 & 4. Please put them somewhere safe so you can find them easily ready for term 3.

Thank you to

- The Brincat-Cotton family for donating books to our Library, the series Ranger's Apprentice and the series Brotherband. Lots of reading for everyone.
- Maria McAuley for walking to bowling with our older students.

Recycling Old Batteries

Goldstar Tyres & Batteries – 30 Glebe Road, Balhannah is a locally owned and operated business. Do you have any old car, boat, ride-on, tractor or truck batteries laying around the shed? Our school will receive \$3 for a small battery and up to \$12 for an X large battery. Battery deposits can be made Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm and on Saturday mornings 8:30am-12:30pm. Our SRC would love your support.

SRC News – Michael and Owen M

We have learnt many new leadership skills this term and we have enjoyed ourselves. Our meetings have been very productive with many issues discussed and most problems solved. Thank you to our secretaries and observers.

Uniforms

Please find our uniform order for term 2 enclosed with this newsletter. Please return it to the school by Friday, 6 May, no money required as you will be invoiced for it.



Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 2

Week 1, 2/5	Lunch Day:	Alicia B & Carey H
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Week 2, 9/5	Cakes:	Diana M & Leonie S
Week 3, 16/5	Lunch Day:	Tiff C & Tess S
Week 3, 16/5	Produce pick up:	Tess S

Happy April Birthday to:

Jobe who turns 6 on the 16th, Edward who will be 8 on the 17th,
Monique who turns 11 on the 27th and
Angus who will be 7 on the 28th.
Happy holiday birthdays to you all!

Bon Voyage!

Carmen, Kevin and Adam Brincat-Cotton head off on their overseas adventure tonight. They will be visiting family in Malta, the Eiffel Tower in France and lots of shops in Dubai. Have a wonderful time Brincat-Cotton family and return safely. Carmen will be back in class on Monday week 3 in term 2 and while she is away Renee Goodman will be the teacher in the r/1 class.



Aboriginal Studies – 4/5 Class



The year 4/5 class have been researching life before and after the arrival of the Europeans. We have encompassed many areas of study in conjunction with a year 4/5 class from Uraidla Primary School who we have been writing to. In week 3 of term 2, our Uraidla pen pals will be visiting our school to spend the day sharing all of our learning.

For History the students completed a project which explored the impact the Europeans had on the Aboriginal people. The students then gave an oral presentation to demonstrate an understanding of their research.

On Harmony Day, we enacted an Aboriginal Corroboree then sat around a very real looking camp fire telling each other Dream time stories. It was fantastic and the little ones were mesmerised with

the 'fire.' This is the advantage of having a traditional 'black' drama room where role plays feel very realistic.

Going to the Unknown by Josh
Here on the ship in the lower decks
In the corner I lie, looking around,
others staring sadly, desperate for air,
People so sick, some did not wake,
I'm afraid....

Convicts to Australia by Torsten
*Thrown onto a boat
Unsure of where I am going,
Months sailing
Fights start, people dropping dead,
Rats scatter in the flour,
Dirty air rises from the bottom,
Horrible diseases – measles..smallpox,
I was scared...terrified..I want to go back home.*



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.

Birdwood High School, Open Day – Wed, 1 June from 9:30am – 11:30am.

Mitcham Girls High School, Open Day – Mon, 9 May from 9 – 11am and 5 – 8pm. Principal's address at 9:10am and in the evening at 5pm and 7:15pm.