

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Thur 19 May	Knockout Netball v Uraidla at Uraidla PS at 2pm – good luck
Fri 20 May	Walk Safely to School Day – Lenswood Oval from 8:15am for pancake brekkie
Tues 24 May	SAPSASA Hills/Barker Cross Country at OAS
Fri 27 May	Playgroup in the gym from 9am

From the Principal

You would all be familiar with the *Bonus Play* program that we run at the school. Students who have kept all of the school rules have an extra 15 minutes of play time each week. Those students who have broken the rules miss that extra play and I write a note home to their parents. I've been thinking about what it means to be a "good citizen" after that came up on the ABC program Quanda on Monday night. Obviously the staff have been thinking about it too. Too often, we have let students avoid doing their tasks and all that helps them to learn is that they can get away with that. We're changing bonus play to make it more participatory, and to help the students learn about being accountable for their responsibilities. From now on, students will have to have completed a list of responsibilities before they can have the extra play time. (Those students who have broken the rules will still miss out on play and will have a note home.) If that takes 5 minutes, then they will still have 10 minutes of bonus play. If catching up on the jobs takes 10 minutes, then they'll only have 5 minutes of extra play. We'll be glad to have your support with this. Here's the list of responsibilities:

- No lost property
- Chess pieces are all in one piece
- Art room is tidy and the sink is clean and empty
- Library is tidy, chairs are all pushed in, cushions are neatly packed up and the tables are clear
- Rubbish is all picked up and the yard is tidy
- Eating tables are wiped down
- Rabbits are checked and have food, water, cardboard and clean straw
- Sports room is tidy and all equipment is in the right place
- Costume room is tidy
- There are no dishes on the sink in the hall
- The Drama/Music room is tidy with no lost property
- Monitors have done their jobs
- Kitchen is clean and tidy with no dishes left on the sink

DCSI History Screenings

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child's learning. To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures. As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening. This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner. A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students. As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day. Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour. Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au. If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

We're Taking it in Our Stride

On Friday, 20 May we will be holding our Walk Safely to School Day. Now in its 17th year, it is a campaign and annual event when all primary school children, their parents and carers are encouraged to walk and commute regularly and safely to school. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. This is an initiative supported by the Australian and all Local Governments. Did you know that children up to the age of 10 years need to hold an adult's hand when crossing the road?



For more information visit www.walk.com.au.

We will be asking all parents to drop their child/children off at the Lenswood Memorial Park (Lenswood Oval) from 8:15 where we will be holding a pancake breakfast for all students, kindly donated by our P&F, followed by some activities. We will then walk carefully to school together to commence our day. Parents, you are more than welcome to join us for breakfast and to walk with the students up the hill to school.

Pre-Service Teachers Visits

6/7 Class - I'm *Alice Minchin* (feel free to call me Alice) and I am a 3rd year education student at The University of South Australia. I'm looking forward to spending four weeks from the 16th of May learning from the students and staff of Lenswood and developing my teaching. I have always lived in the Adelaide Hills and love the community and environmental aspects of living and learning in our fantastic environments. Feel free to say hi during my time at Lenswood, it has been wonderful so far to meet many lovely students and be welcomed into the school.

4/5/ Class - My name is *Kathryn Gilligan* and I am a 22 year old student studying my fourth year at the University of South Australia in a Bachelor of Primary Education. I grew up and learned a lot of life's skills through attending Woodside Primary School and Cornerstone College. I fell in love with teaching when I was 15 years old and it was around the time that our teachers supported us to begin to think about what we wanted to do and accomplish in a career once we finished school. This was always a challenging thing to comprehend for me and I was never able to limit my direction to just one career. During this time, I was a keen soccer player and soccer captain who loved being a leader and encouraged her team mates to always try their best. I was a loving family member who always seemed to be in charge of playing and looking after the little ones at family events. Finally, I have always been a keen and hard working learner throughout my education. It wasn't until I was 15 that I finally put the pieces of my strengths, passions and abilities together and found teaching was the career for me. I loved my Primary School Education and I met many inspiring teachers that have significantly influenced and enhanced my passion for teaching. I hope to one day have such an impact upon my students learning and development throughout their schooling years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I have spent within your community at Lenswood Primary and I cannot wait to continue growing as a teacher through engaging and learning alongside your students. Thank you for this memorable opportunity, please come and say hello to me during my time here.

P&F News

Bunnings Cake Stall, Saturday 28 of May in Mt Barker.

Once again the P&F have been fortunate in being able to run another cake stall at Bunnings, Mt Barker on Saturday 28 May from 9am to 4pm. Our last stall was a great success so we hope this time will be too. We are looking for volunteers to assist in running the stall. If you are able to spare a few hours can you please fill in the slip provided and return it to school by Monday the 23 May so a roster can be drafted. You will receive an sms to confirm your rostered time. Donation of items to place on the cake stall will also be much appreciated. Ideas for items: log cakes, slices, biscuits, meringues, toffee apples, bags of apricot balls, brownies, (all with ingredients clearly listed) If you don't have time to bake, a bags of lollies for making up smaller bags of lollies would be extremely helpful. Donations can be dropped off at the school on Friday, 27 May. Thank you for your help.

Lost Property

Parents and students please make sure all your clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes and hats are clearly labelled with your name. We have recently had an abundance of lost property in the school which has not been collected. Students, you are responsible for your own property. If you can not find it, please look in the lost property bin under the veranda outside of the office.

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 2



Week 4, 23/5	Cakes	Toni W & Sue B-B
Week 5, 30/5	Lunch Day	Jess B & Chrissy M
Week 5, 30/5	Produce Pickup	Rebecca F

Happy May Birthday to:

William Mason who turns 11 on the 23rd and
Grace Trost who will be turning 9 on May 30th.

Have a wonderful birthday you two!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids Club – is on again this term on Friday 13 May, 27 May, 10 June and 24 June. From 3:15 – 4:30pm at the Lenswood Church of Christ (next door to the school) for \$2 per child. Any questions please ring Melinda on 0459 437850.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is looking for volunteer families to host the large numbers of European exchange students arriving in July. Please open your hearts and your homes for a culturally enriching experience and gain your very own special window to the world!

For more information please call or email Jenny, or phone 8323 0973 or email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au.

The Census of Population and Housing is occurring this year on the 9th of August, 2016. The Census provides important information about the Australian population. The data it produces is used to support funding decisions for services and infrastructure including education.

The ABS is currently looking for 2,000 field officers across South Australia to undertake important Census field work. Experience has shown that hiring local members of the community provides the best results for the ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) and positively influences the way the Census is carried out in the area. Up to 38,000 opportunities to make a difference. We're seeking up to 38,000 Census Field Officers to join our team and play a role in shaping the future of Australia. If you're community minded, comfortable using a computer, mobile or tablet device, are an Australian Citizen or have the legal right to work in Australia, then jump online and apply today. A Census Field Officer's duties may vary, depending on their assigned area. Job seekers from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Apply now at abs.gov.au/careers.

BUNNING CAKE STALL VOLUNTEER: Saturday, 28 May 2016		
Name:	Mobile No:	
Time: 8am to 11am (please circle)	11am to 2pm	2pm to 4:30pm

Literacy – Year 4/5 Class

The year 4/5's are writing Procedural texts then teaching the class their Procedure. We will be learning sporting tips, computing skills, how to erect a swag, train a dog etc. We are looking forward to some exciting lessons to come.

Here, a group are learning how to bake rose petal cakes by reading the procedure very carefully.

