

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Fri, 10 June	Playgroup in the Gym 9am
Mon, 13 June	Public Holiday
Mon, 16 June	P&F Meeting 7:30pm at school

From the Principal



Walk to school safely day, starting with breakfast on the town oval was highly successful. Many thanks go to the P&F for their breakfast donations, and to Bron Wenham for the BBQ. Julia Cowlam did a great job organising it all. It was a way to have some informal yet purposeful learning and play time away from the school environment and all of the adults and children really enjoyed the novel surroundings. It's important to feature non-sporting fitness sometimes too, with that great walk up the hill back to school.

We've had the news that the school will be a polling booth for the upcoming Federal election on 2 July. It will be a great opportunity for the local community to visit the school, and the year 6/7 class has been doing business plans for the stalls that they will have on the day. They are planning to raise some funds for their Canberra visit, so this

is an early heads-up to let your family and friends know to bring some money on the day!

The community meeting last night organised by the Adelaide Hills Council and hosted by the Bowls Club was very well attended and I was pleased to be given the opportunity to talk about the school. I emphasised the strong community aspect of the school, and the fact that some families have been here for generations. I added that there were also families which hadn't been here so long, and that it is important for us to hold onto the precious community history while we incorporate new ideas and different ways of thinking and doing things. Inclusion of all the parts of the community mean that the school is central to the life of the district. Because we're not a 'freeway school', I said, we will continue to serve our local community rather than enrolling students whose parents are driving past on the way to work. That means that our numbers will fluctuate, and because of our flexibility we can continue to manage that change in demographics really well. I added that we work with the curriculum, but the ways in which we work with the curriculum, the pedagogy or 'how we do it' is critically important. Students need to have knowledge and skills, but now it's just as important that they can take some action using that knowledge and skills. I talked about the way that we have had an emphasis on the arts here, and that I am eager to drive more digital technologies in the school, as that will be central to the lives of all of our students for the rest of their lives. The fantastic staff here encourage students to take risks, and I said that the children have confidence and resilience, especially in the outdoor environment. Importantly, all the age groups play happily with each other, something that I haven't seen in other schools.

Peter Stafford spoke to the audience about the developing plans for the Lenswood Centenary celebrations next year; you'll certainly been hearing more about that! Cam Stafford led a conversation about the need to consider the economic conditions of the area. Andrew Flavell (Cherry Growers Association) and Mark Joyce (Lenswood Coop and Pike and Joyce Wines) added to the conversation, talking about tourism opportunities and the hard work that is being done to keep the apple industry viable into the long term.

Thank you to

- Lisa and Tom Golding for their recent work in our secret garden and the neighbour's front fence.
- Classes for making goodies for the Bunnings cake stall.
- Lisa Golding for making special biscuits with our r/1 for the Bunnings cake stall.
- Brenton Green for repairing two chess pieces.

Cross Country

Thank you to Aidan Prior, Ashton Coulter, Jacinta Coulter, Josh Martin, Lachie Schultz, Leo Haese, Lincoln Richter, Nick Wenham, Seth Hannaford, Soraya Thompson, Stanley Steiner and Torsten Skinner for representing our school in the Hills/Barker Cross Country event. All students completed the course and they enjoyed their day at Woodside. Special thank you to Damien Haese, Nicola Green and Todd Thompson for driving our students and helping out on the day.



Wheels Thursday - SRC

This Thursday our school will be starting a new activity called Wheels Thursday. Classes will take turns to bring a bike, scooter or any other type of wheeled vehicle on a Thursday. There will be a four week roster commencing this week:

Week 5 – 6/7 class

Week 6 – 4/5 class

Week 7 – 2/3 class

Week 8 – R/1 class

Week 9 – 6/7 class

Week 10 – 4/5 class

Riding will take place at recess and lunch time on the asphalt. Thank you to the parents for helping transport your child's wheeled vehicle to and from school, from the SRC.

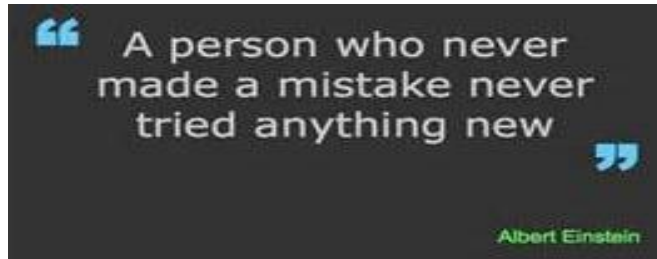
Recycling Old Batteries

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.

P&F News

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and baked for our cake stall at Bunnings last weekend. We had to cut our time allocation down a little bit due to not having enough volunteers on the day, but to those who did come out we thank you enormously. Some of our parents put their hand up to help out with all of our volunteering ventures and we really appreciate it. If you're a parent who isn't able to help out during the weekdays because of work commitments, please have a think about putting your hand up in the future to help out for just a couple of hours especially on the weekends. All monies raised goes to benefit your child too. An amazing \$531.15 was raised on the day, great effort had by all!!

Quote of the Fortnight



Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 2

Week 6, 6/6/16	Cakes	Alison M & Haley M
Week 7, 14/6/16 (Tues)	Lunch Day	Lisa G & Tiff C
Week 7, 14/6/16 (Tues)	Produce Pickup	Carey H

Play group Cakes

Week 6, Friday 10/6/16 – Jacqui Plummer (24 iced patty cakes, slices or muffins)

Happy June Birthday to:



Jordan Tarasenko who turns 11 on the 4th June.

Have a wonderful birthday Jordan!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lost – Soraya is missing her white digital camera which she brought to school on Friday for our Uraidla PS visit. Please help us find it.

Lobethal Kindy Parent Information Night - to be held at the kindergarten on Thursday, 16 June from 2-3pm. Children born between 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2013 are due to start kindergarten in 2017.

Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Mount Barker School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8391 0858



Our Uraidla Primary School Visit Year 4/5 Class

On Friday, our Yr 4/5 Uraidla PS pen pals came to spend the day with us and what a wonderful day it was. It was exciting for the students to finally meet the children to whom they had been writing.



At 'Our Patch' we had a treasure hunt, where the students had to follow clues and find hidden Aboriginal treasures in trunks and branches. We also played the game 'Web of Life.'

Because we had both completed the same unit of work on Aboriginal studies, we shared all of our learning. Uraidla showed us their dot paintings and read out Dreamtime stories they had written. We performed our Corroboree Dance Drama which the Uraidla class really enjoyed.

