

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Thurs, 16 June	P&F Meeting 7:30pm at school
Thurs, 16 June	Wheels Thursday 2/3 class
Tues, 21 June	Governing Council Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs, 23 June	Wheels Thursday R/1 class
Thurs, 7 July	SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Oaklands Pk – Whole School Excursion

From the Principal

I would like to thank all of the families who have returned our survey so far. We'll be putting the results in the newsletter over the next several issues. It's been a very interesting exercise and a great opportunity to get a "snapshot" of parent and family views at this time. A couple of families included their children in their responses and I'm grateful for that too, although we will be surveying students at school through SRC. It's not too late for you if you haven't put your survey in yet – we will accept them over the next couple of days.

Susie Green and I wanted to do the survey to help the Governing Council as we prepare a five-year plan for the school, and I'd like to remind you that all parents and students are welcome to come to a Governing Council meeting – just let Susie Green as chairperson know that you are coming a few days before the meeting.

In this newsletter I am including the opinion data on what you consider important at the school. We asked about learning areas, and a couple of other areas (wellbeing and social/friendship skills) that have been considered important both at the school and to educational researchers looking at how to maximise learning for students. This was so that we could gauge how parents see the curriculum, and to work out how we need to communicate the importance of every learning area and how it all fits into a cohesive whole. I think that your results reflect what many educators firmly believe, and that is that English and maths, and the ability to use them well, are the skills that students need to continue to learn and function well in society for all of their lives. The Australian Curriculum includes all of the 9 learning areas on the list, and the last two would fit into health and PE. We are required to teach all of them, and the Australian Curriculum has been written so that they interconnect and intertwine really well.

	5	4	3	2	1
Literacy/ English	25				
Numeracy/Maths	25				
Science	12	12		1	
HASS – history, geography, civics and citizenship, business and economics	10	11	2	1	
Technology	14	8	2	1	
The arts – dance, drama, visual arts, music and media arts	8	10	3	4	
Health and PE	13	10	2	1	
Languages other than English	4	8	3	9	
Wellbeing	15	5	3	2	
Social and friendship skills	15	7	2	1	

(One person put a number 4 for the arts, except that they crossed out music in that.)

Another question that we asked was **"What else is important?"** Here are your responses.

- The world is changing so fast. I love history as an adult and wish I had been given a better grasp of it as a kid. To know what we have now comes from our history in all aspects learning about it will surely help kids have wisdom to decide where they are going.
- I think that by having more visitors to the school this may inspire future career choices or pathways.

- Other soft skills e.g. communication, resilience etc. Understanding other cultures (not just language).
- That the children are happy and well rounded. Sense of community, understanding their place and their potential.
- I think that music could also have a bigger focus. It's a subject that combines literacy and numeracy and encourages left/right brain connections. It can also increase student's self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing through performances to the public. Continuing the band would be fantastic.
- Community/ volunteer work
- Good manners, respect, responsibility, community, ownership, home economics (cooking cleaning, budgeting and other life skills)
- More freedom for physical activity at lunch and recess
- That kids are taught to read and write correctly in the early years (r-2/3) prior to the need to use technology which should be for older classes
- Make learning fun (practical learning).
- Teaching kids to love and respect one another. Good leadership skills, and the ability to freely serve.
- Self confidence
- Environmental science
- Environment
- Extra support for students who struggle with the basic concepts in any subject.
- Respect, manners, understanding sustainability and putting that into action, camps, co-operation, and team work, caring for others.
- To continue to encourage the interaction of the students across the ages.
- Respect and discipline
- Discipline
- Life skills e.g. agricultural, cooking, road safety and awareness.

We don't quite have space this week to acknowledge the families who have returned their surveys by name but we'll list you in the next newsletter. Many thanks again!

Excursion with Be Active Grant money

On Thursday, 7 July our whole school will be travelling to the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre at Oaklands Park. Following our 10 week challenge in the Premiers Be Active Challenge last year, we were awarded \$1,000 for being selected as one of 50 High Achieving Schools. We will be using this grant for students to participate in Splash Park which includes playground and waterslides, an inflatable obstacle course, and for competent swimmers the 1m & 3m diving boards.



The pluses add up

The \$1,000 grant will cover the entry fee for every student to attend the aquatic centre, however we will be asking families to pay the \$7.00 per child transport costs, which you will be invoiced for at the end of the month. We will travel by Woodside Coaches and leave school at 9:15am and return for normal pick up. Please find attached a permission slip which needs to be returned to school asap.

Please also be aware that the staff have spoken to the students regarding behaviour leading up to this special excursion. If a student loses their Bonus Play two or more times from the beginning of week 6 this term they will not attend this excursion but will need to stay at school for the day.

New Jumpers to our Uniform

Discussions have taken place between our SRC, students and the staff regarding the introduction of new school jumpers. Students want to have an option of a hooded jumper to wear at school. The supplier of our uniforms can supply a hooded jumper in the same colour with our logo in a fleecy material which is different to what we currently have. Both students and staff are happy with these alternate jumpers and they are now on our uniform order. Feel free to come in and have a look at the samples we have here at school. They have front pockets as well as the hood. Students have been told they are not to put the hood on while inside. These jumpers will sell for \$24.80 while our current jumpers will still be available and now sell for \$23.10 due to a price increase from our supplier. Morgan and Owen are proudly showing off our new hooded jumpers.



Year 6/7 class – wool and knitting needles WANTED

Do you have some old wool or knitting needles you no longer want? The 6/7 class are looking for knitting needles, crochet hooks and wool to help them practice their needle craft skills. If you do, please send them in, Helen will be forever appreciative.

6/7 Class Learning



Thank you Kevin B-C for coming in and talking to the year 6/7 class about electrical circuits. The year 6/7 class had the challenge of creating an electrical circuit to light a light bulb. All of the groups conquered the challenge.

R/1 Class Learning

We have been looking at different flags including the Australian flag, Aboriginal flag, Torres Strait Islander flag and the South Australian flag. Also, flags representing our different states and territories in Australia. Students created their own Family flag and we wanted to share them with you. This is Alice's flag which includes her family, pets, her house and England. Have a look at the others included with this newsletter. Students have also given an oral presentation to the class about their flag. We have recorded them and have invited parents to come and watch their child's presentation.



P&F News

The P&F has decided to once again hold the "5 cent challenge". This proved to be an extremely popular and beneficial challenge last year, so why not do it again?

Do you know those pesky little 5 cent coins that rattle around, take up room in your wallet/purse and can buy very little with? Well, the P&F would love to have them!

Each classroom has already been given a collection container and every little 5 cent coin will be greatly appreciated. During term 3 the containers will be collected so we can count up the coins.

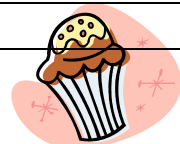
The classroom who has collected the most will win a surprise and all money raised will be used to purchase new cooking equipment to help the students with their cooking culinary skills. Please note that we will only be collecting 5 cent pieces. It would be lovely to collect other coins but for the purpose of this challenge all coins need to be the same.

So let's get collecting and see how many 5 cent coins we can gather up!

Congratulations to

Morgan Waterhouse on her recent selection in the Hills/Barker Hockey Team. Morgan will be absent in week 8. Have a great week Morgan and good luck!

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 2



Week 8, 20/6/16	Cakes	Serena F & Sara R
Week 9, 27/6/16	Lunch Day	Lisa G & Nadine S
Week 9, 27/6/16	Produce Pickup	Lisa G
<u>Play group Cakes</u>		

Week 8, Friday 24/6/16 – Isabella M (24 iced patty cakes, slices or muffins)

Happy June Birthday to:

Matthew who turns 12 on the 16th,
Seth Hermel and Tahran who both turn 6 on the 16th,
James who also turns 6 years old on the 20th,
David who will be 12 on the 23rd,
Stanley who turns
10 on the 26th and
Sunny who turns 10 on the 27th.
Have a wonderful birthday all of you!



Quote of the Fortnight

"ALL LIFE IS AN EXPERIMENT.
THE MORE EXPERIMENTS YOU MAKE THE BETTER."

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

COMMUNITY NEWS

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange are still URGENTLY trying find families for the last 7 French students and 1 Italian student arriving on the 6 July. Can you please help? Host families do not need to have a child the same age to have a student, what we require is people with a kind heart and a willingness to help bring different cultures closer together. Anyone interested to know more can contact me on (08)83230973 or email me jeh1313@bigpond.net.au. I thank you again for your continued help, Jenny Hanson.

Save the date - Lobethal Primary School will be hosting a matinee viewing of **'FINDING DORY'** on Saturday, July 16 at 3pm at the Lobethal Cinema. Tickets will be available at the school front office for \$14 each. PRE BOOK so you don't miss out! Kiosk open, door prizes and school raffle.

Switch 2 Fit – Swamp Road, Lenswood. Shannon Green specializes in strength and conditioning for all ages. Classes run Monday to Friday, personal training, group classes and boxing available. Phone Shannon on 0488224564 for more information.



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MATINEE - Saturday July 16th @ 3PM
Tickets - \$14 - A Lobethal Primary Fundraising Event



We specialises in strength and conditioning for all age levels.

- HIIT
- Boxing
- Personal training
- Group classes
- Athlete specific training

"Be humble. Be hungry.
and always be the
hardest worker
in the room"
- Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson -

Classes run Monday to Friday.

Contact us today to find out more...

Shannon Green 0488 224 564
Strength and Conditioning Coach

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