

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Thurs, 30 July Round 1, Knockout Football at Lobethal Football Oval
Thurs, 7 July SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Oaklands Pk – Whole School Excursion

From the Principal

I'd like to share the survey results about excursions with you. Three respondents said that there should be as many excursions as are required and as one of those said, *"I completely agree that getting out there, hands on, meeting people and having new experiences is the most memorable way to learn."* Thirteen respondents said that four excursions every year was on the mark. One of those parents said, *"Excursions intensify children's learning – history, the environment and social interaction outside of the school."* One parent said that three to four was good, considering that students are sometimes out of school for sport as well, and that having a whole week at school helps kids to be in the flow of learning; two parents said at least two excursions, and one of those parents said, *"There should be one related to what the students are learning at the time i.e. history of the local area or a trip to something in the area. The other should be a reward at the end of term."* One parent said two to four excursions and thought that '... a few "better" excursions can, seemingly, be less of a financial strain.' Five respondents said that two excursions every year was the right number, and one said, *"They are important to help make learning motivational and relevant, they are rewarding, but 2 balances the time out of the classroom."* No-one suggested less than two.

When it came to suggestions for the best places for excursions, so many of you had fantastic ideas. Here are some of them:

homeless shelter	Platform One	Old Gum Tree
Birdwood Motor Museum	wildlife parks	Adelaide icons
SA Museum	Central Markets	Parliament House
art galleries	Migration Museum	sporting grounds
tour a factory	Botanic Gardens	Hallett Cove Conservation Park
visit an orchard	The Adelaide and Monarto Zoos	cinemas
Hans Heysen's The Cedars	Gorge Wildlife Park	chocolate factory
performances	Murray Mouth	Glenelg
nursing home	Mount Lofty Summit	farms

We are very excited to have the Federal election Polling Booth here at Lenswood Primary School this coming Saturday. We hope that it's a great opportunity for the wider community to come into the school and have a look around our excellent grounds. Those with relatives with limited mobility will be able to drive in as we will have designated parks for the disabled.

The year 6/7 class has been putting in an enormous amount of effort as part of their *economics and business studies* to create items for **their stall here on the day**. There will be the traditional sausage sizzle, as well as lemon cordial, pet treats, biscuits and lollies for sale starting at 10am and going until sold out (or 2:00pm, whichever comes first). So I would encourage you to bring some small change, as all of the proceeds are going to support the year 6/7 camp to Canberra later this year. They have also been learning about the Federal election as part of the *civics and citizenship studies*, and I have been very impressed at how both their interest and their knowledge base have improved during the election campaign. Yesterday morning they were asking me about Brexit and what implications it might have for us here. So often we underestimate children, and think that they don't have well-formed opinions yet, but they certainly do! I've been really proud of their learning in these two subjects over this term.



On another note, we were delighted to have our honour board returned. The Adelaide Hills Council had organised to have the lettering regilded at some cost. The work was done by an elderly man as the work of using gold-leaf with such delicate lettering is a rare skill these days. Steve Flinn (pictured below returning the board) organised the work, using a great deal of care to take down and then replace our honour board. We are very grateful to him and the council for their financial and practical support with this. Have a look the next time you pop into the school foyer.

Parent feedback opportunity – GOVchat

The South Australian Government wants to help parents support their children to be actively involved in learning from birth onwards. Research shows that children become better learners when parents are actively involved. Call the GOVchat line to provide feedback directly to government decision makers, including Education and Child Development Minister Susan Close, about how the department can better support you in understanding and participating in your child's education.

When: Monday 4 July 2016

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Find out more at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/govchat4

Thank you to

- James for sharing his very yummy birthday cupcakes.
- The Mason family for donating a rice cooker to our school.
- Tom Golding for his recent work in our woodlot.
- Julia Cowlam and Mel Coulter for their help with driving for our Knockout Football match.

SRC Report (Michael)

A fortnight ago we had two very special visitors attend our SRC meeting. Mr and Mrs Stafford observed how we run our meetings and they were both very impressed. After our meeting Mr Stafford gave us some interesting and helpful feedback. He also explained what we could do to improve our meetings. Mr Stafford has run many meetings, and he has been and is on many different committees. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Stafford for coming, we really appreciated your time.

Knockout Football

Our team consists of Adam, David, Dylan P, Lachie, Matt, Max, Michael, Ollie, Owen C and Owen M. Tomorrow we will combine with Lobethal Primary School to play against Unity College. The match will be at the Lobethal Recreation Ground starting at 12:30pm. Please come along and support our team. Thank you to Andre Leimann for umpiring, Julia Cowlam for scoring, Mel Coulter for goal umpiring and Jack S for boundary umpiring. Go Lenswood!

Art Room

We are in desperate need of plastic containers to put paint in. Are you able to help? If so, please collect and send clean containers to school soon, many thanks.

Aquatics Excursion

There are still some students who have not returned their signed permission note to our upcoming excursion to the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre at Marion next Thursday, 7 July. For your child/children to attend this day they will need to return the form asap. If you require another form you can find them on our website under Parent Information. Remember, you will be invoiced the \$7 for this excursion at the end of this term.

Lunch Orders

Please find attached the lunch orders for term 3. Can you please return these to school by the end of the term to allow orders to be placed for the first Monday back at school in term 3. Remember, you will be invoiced for these also, so no money needs to be sent with the order.

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 2



Week 10, 4/7/16	Cakes	Tess S & Lisa G
Week 1, Term 3 25/7/18	Lunch Day	Tess S & Carey H
Week 1, Term 3 25/7/16	Produce Pickup	Carey H
Week 2, 1/8/16	Cakes	Diana M & Sara R

Happy July & School Holidays Birthday to:



Liam who will be 9 on the 3rd, Josh who turns 10 on the 4th, Aidan P who will be 11 on the 8th, Lucy who turns 6 on the 14th, Kye who will be turning 8 on the 20th, Owen C who will be 13 on the 21st, Haylee who turns 10 on the 25th and Astina who will be 7 on the 29th.
Have a wonderful birthday all of you!

Poetry in the 2/3 Class

Last week the 2/3 class learnt about Cinquains. These are poems made up of five lines with a certain amount of syllables in each line. This means:

Line 1 - 2 syllables

Line 2 - 4 syllables

Line 3 - 6 syllables

Line 4 - 8 syllables

Line 5 - 2 syllables

Have a read of them, we're sure you'll agree they've done a fantastic job.

Quotes of the Fortnight

"Children must
be taught
HOW TO THINK,
not what to think."
Margaret Mead

WHENEVER YOU
FIND YOURSELF ON
THE SIDE OF THE MAJORITY
IT IS TIME TO
PAUSE AND REFLECT
Mark Twain



COMMUNITY NEWS

Fire Wood - \$220/heaped trailer of white gum – delivered to your home. All monies raised to go to the Lobethal Football Club end of season trip. Phone Charlie on 0429 114167 for more information or to order your trailer load.

Cinquains

By the 2/3
class

Lion
Roaring loudly
Orange mane, fierce, yellow
Fast, scary, brave, swimming, fearless

Lion
By Jaidan

Hot chips
Yummy, salty
Very hot, potatoes
Buy in a big bag at birthdays

Hot chips
By Edward M

Cheetah
Fast and spotty
Like to hunt and pounce, cute
Very good at hunting, can scratch

Cheetah
By Cam

Black bear
Climb up trees, eat
Have claws, eat bugs, attack
Sleep in Winter, wake up in Spring

Black bear
By Laura

Cricket
Fun, throw a ball
Try to hit the wickets
There are fielders to catch the ball

Cricket
By Clair

Hotdog
Yummy with sauce
Hot, very delicious
You go to shops and get them hot

Hotdog
By Kye

Milo
Brown, milky, hot
Warm, steamy, chocolate
Nice in a mug with cake and fudge

Milo
By Amaya

Football
Messy, goals, points
Muddy, slippery, fun
Fun in the cold, bumping, wet, Winter

Football
By Blake

Brown bear
Strong claws, sharp teeth
Angry, live in the woods
They eat grass, fruit, insects and bulbs

Brown bear
By Connor

Tacos
Filled with hot food
Lettuce, onion and meat
Chili, soft or hard, delicious

Tacos
By Lochlan

Penguin
Waddles about
In the ice all the time
Eating fish, black and white, small wings

Penguin
By Angus

The bird
Colourful wings
Big, small, slow, fast
Live in trees, sleep in nests, fly high

The bird
By Zac

Slow sloth
Sometimes eats leaves
Hang upside down and relax
Sleep most of the day, eat the rest

Slow sloth
By Liam

Netball
Shoot goals, run fast
Different positions
Loudly yelling at others, fun

Netball
By Grace