

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Thurs 28 July	Wheels Day – 2/3 Class
Thurs 4 Aug	Wheels Day – Rec/1 Class
Fri 5 Aug	Playgroup 9am
Tues 8 Aug	Gov Council Meeting
Friday 12 Aug	Rec – Year 5 City Excursion
	Yr 6/7 First Aid Course – in house

From the Principal

It was so good to see everyone back, fresh-faced and relaxed after the recent break. It was certainly a holiday that might grimly be called “exciting”, with all of the storms, power failures tree-falls and heavy rain. I know that that has caused some extra work and discomfort for a lot of you, and we can only hope that milder weather is coming our way.

During the break, several of the staff and I went to a digital technology professional learning day being run by the University of Adelaide. We learned more about coding, then practised that, we programmed robots, discovered more about binary code, explored computational thinking and writing algorithms, and talked to staff from other schools about how they are building technology literacy in their sites. This is an important part of the children’s’ futures, and it is critically important that we provide them with the skills that they will need as technology increasingly becomes part of our daily existence. The Australian Curriculum clearly outlines what children are entitled to with regards to all subjects, including digital technology. I’m currently exploring what extra resources are available to us to build on the excellent start that we have made with the iPads that the school invested in several years ago.

Did you see the item in *The Courier* about the wonderful efforts of the year6/7 class on election day? We should all be proud of their learning, their hard work, their team work, their cooperation and their success!



NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

So I want to emphasise that this is not a second round of NAPLAN testing for this year – the sole purpose of the trial is to see how the technological requirements in each school handle the requirements of the online testing. If you have any questions, please just come and ask.

Excursion to Marion Pool



In our recent survey, you clearly indicated that you'd like more excursions, and we've listened to you. As you know, the whole school went to the Marion Pool at the end of last term. As you can see, there was a lot of relaxed fun to be had. There was also a lot of learning, about safety and swimming, caring for others, exploring

relationships through play and group experiences, personal and group decision making and solving simple interpersonal problems. All those experiences are part of the Australian Curriculum, in the *Personal and Social Capability*. Excursions like this show what we all know to be true – learning and fun can go hand-in-hand.

During the excursion a pair of light blue children's Zoggs goggles was found. If they are yours, please see Julia in the front office.

The receptions to year 5 students are all going into the city for another excursion on the 12th August while the year 6/7 class are doing their first aid training.

P&F News

We would like to thank everyone who has helped the P + F with all the fundraising over the last 12 months. We have been making some great purchases for the students. They range from 10 new music stands for the band and music hub students, 52 educational magnetic white boards and 2 extra class room kits, so now all the children have one each, replaced the 20+ year old basketball backboards, with new rings purchased by the school and a \$1500 contribution to a new literacy program which will be introduced to the school shortly. We have the 5 cent challenge still under way and will be wrapping up on the Friday of week 5. The funds from this will be going towards kitchen equipment for the students use. The Class prize to be announced at the end.

With your newsletter today you'll receive raffle tickets for the Father's Day Raffle. To be drawn on the Monday of week 6 at assembly, please return your books by the Friday of week 5. We are asking all our school families for donations to put towards our raffle. We also have a signed Adelaide Crows football up for grabs. The funds will go towards the sandpit refurbishment.

Also, apples are now for sale in the foyer each day. \$2 per punnet with proceeds going to the P&F. Julia will have the money container in her office.

The P&F would like to introduce family social nights, where the families get a chance to get together with the children. We have a few ideas and we would like parent's feedback. Please return the tear off slip so we can arrange an event. Thank you.

Thank you to

- Tom Waterhouse for spending a lot of time and effort installing our new wall-mounted projectors.
- Mel Coulter for washing our tea towels. Thanks Mel!

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.

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 2



Week 2, Mon 1/8/16	Cakes:	Diana M & Sara R
Week 3, Mon 8/8/16	Lunche Day:	Tiff C & Tess S
Week 3, Mon 8/8/16	Produce Pickup:	Rebecca F (please cook rice)

Play group Cakes

Week 2, Fri 5/8/16	Cakes:	Bri Hermel
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SRC News

“We are hoping to improve our confidence, encourage audience participation, work on our leadership skills and acknowledge people’s suggestions in our SRC meetings this term.” Charlotte and Riley

Our new executives for this term are:-

Chairpersons # Strikers – Riley and Warriors – Charlotte.

Observers # Strikers – Owen M and Warriors - Max.

Secretaries # Strikers – Dylan P and Warriors - Owen C.

We received \$56.60 from 10c containers for our SRC account from semester one.

Congratulations to

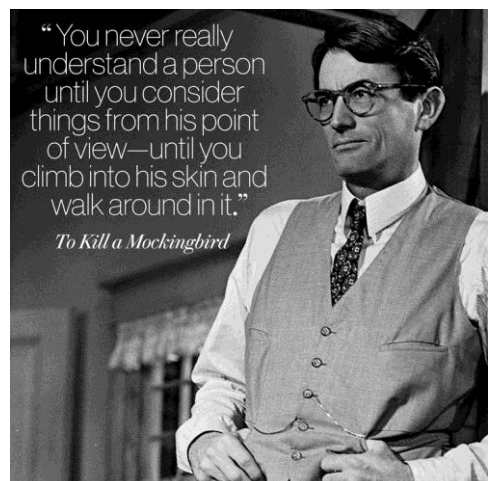
Owen Magee and Zoe Luke will both be absent in week four this term, because they will be representing our school in the SAPSASA Hills Football and Netball Teams. Have a great week!

Happy August Birthday to:

Jaime Bartlett who will be turning 9 on Monday, 1st August
Have a wonderful birthday Jaime!



Quotes of the Fortnight



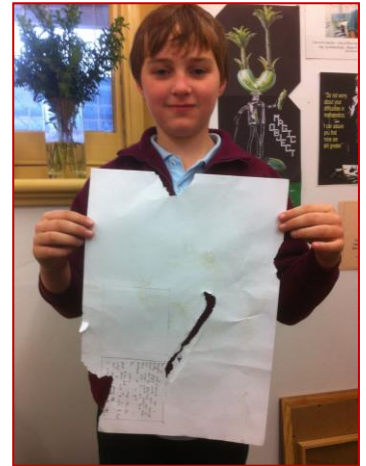
Last Assembly at School in Term 2



We are delighted with the way that the students are engaging with music at Lenswood. The band has made amazing progress and can hold a tune really well now, and the choir sings so well – they've learned all of the words and harmonies for their songs for the Festival Choir. It's great for both of them to have a "real" audience to perform to, and we're so glad that parents come to our assemblies to see what the students are achieving!

The rabbit ate my work! What happens when the pet rabbits free range.....

Please respond before Friday if your child will be in years 4-7 in 2017



2016 Sovereign Hill Camp

It has become a tradition at Lenswood for the year 4 to year 7 students to go on an interstate camp to Sovereign Hill every second year. This has been a rich learning experience, with a particular focus on history, geography, literacy and personal and social capability. The students have really supported each other, and the younger students have an important opportunity to practise being independent. As educators, we see a lot of benefits to a camp like this, and we are seriously considering booking this camp for late in term 4 next year. It would run for 4 days and three nights, and we would use the excellent programs and accommodation that we have used before. We need to book before Friday to secure our tentative bookings.

At this stage the anticipated cost of the camp will be \$450.00. If not all students attend, then the cost per student will increase. **We need to know if you will be sending your child/ren to the camp next year before Friday.** If many students are unable to attend, we will have to reconsider the viability of the camp. (We do understand that an expense like this can be a burden to some families. Julia would be delighted to set up a payment agreement with any families experiencing difficulties. Please don't let finances get in the way of your child's participation in the camp – we can find a way around these things.)

Please return before Friday.

I/we will/will not send our child/children to the camp at Sovereign Hill in December 2017.

Signed

While you're at it, please fill in the P&F questionnaire and return by Friday.

How would you like to enjoy our Family Nights? (please tick)

- Parents Only Dinner at a winery or restaurant.
- Curry + Movie Night at school with the kids – bring a curry or casserole or dessert to share
- Bowling
- Sorry not interested