

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Friday 26 Aug
Thursday 1 Sept
Monday 5 Sept
Tuesday 6 Sept
Friday 9 Sept

Saturday 17 Sept

Teddy/Soft Toy Day to school
Students to start wearing their Sun Safe Hats
School Closure – Royal Show Day
Pupil Free Day
Sam Pring Concert
School Disco (Canberra trip fundraiser)
Working bee

From the Principal

We all know the value of a broad general education, and I'm so grateful that every child in Australia can access quality affordable education. You'll be aware of the research that shows what impact low literacy and numeracy rates have on children as they grow, and for the whole of their lives. It must be a terrible thing to not quite be able to manage your life in the ways that other people can. All of the staff and relief staff at Lenswood work really hard to provide excellent learning experiences for your children, and I know just how much of their own time they use to research, plan and design rich and appropriate learning. It's why our NAPLAN results are so good! However, when students are late or away, that can really get in the way of their achievement. We understand that children get sick, and I'm glad that it has been a much better winter for that than last year, so that's great for all of us. But we seem to be having a lot of absences listed as 'family days', so I thought that I would clarify the department's definition of that. It says that family days are 'for absences condoned by a parent as being for family, social or cultural reason.' So really they are for say, when a family member might be arriving from overseas after a long absence, or when a religious ceremony is happening, or when there might be a funeral to attend. Having a day at home 'just because' really does not fit into the definition. The department takes a fairly strong stand on this, because it says that the "family should also be monitored as these can sometimes mask other issues affecting a student's attendance" which might include caring for an unwell parent or undiagnosed mental health issues. I know that none of you would fall into those categories, and so many of you are diligent about your child's attendance at school, but I hope that you understand why we need to be clear about the stringent rules around what constitutes a family day. Also, I'd like to remind you that the reason for a child's absence needs to be written in their diary as we have some students just going "Oh yeah, it was a family day..." when we ask them why they were away. Legally, we need to have a note from a parent or carer or a telephone call to the school. All of us would really appreciate your help with this, and your child's education will benefit if they are at school and on time every day! Have a look at the maths that some of the students did today to calculate how much time might be lost when students are late to class or to school, and if they are away.

A child without
education, is like a
bird without wings.
~Tibetan proverb

Thank you to.....



- Damien Haese for repairing our pie warmer
- Kevin B-C for putting our pie warmer back together
- Bill, Emma and Nick from the Emergency Ambulance Woodside Service for their visit last week
- Carmen B-C for organising the ambulance visit



R/1 Recount - Adelaide Excursion

It was a lovely sunny day for our excursion on Friday, 12 August. We went on a big bus down the freeway to Adelaide.

Our first stop was the Apple Store. We had three helpers and we were shown how to draw dinosaurs for our iMovie. Then using headphones and a microphone, we told our story as the pages moved across the screen. It was great fun. We were all given a free t-shirt, a USB and a certificate.

We then enjoyed our scenic walk through the Rundle Mall to the Torrens Footbridge. We saw the Adelaide Oval, the Adelaide Railway Station and the Festival Centre.

Finally, we went on the Popeye. We all had a turn driving the boat. We went under many bridges and saw a beautiful fountain. Our trip was excellent and our Haigh's chocolate frog was yummy. Thank you to Mrs Hermel, Mrs Stafford and Mr Thompson for their help on the day.



First Aid



On Friday, 12 August the Red Cross came to our school to train to our 6/7 class in basic first aid. Our school sees basic first aid training to our students as a critical life skill and therefore offers this training every second year to our 6/7 students. The school heavily subsidises this training as did our



wonderful P&F committee this year which donated \$10 to each student. Students were taught how to perform CPR, how to use a defibrillator, how to bandage to stop bleeding, how to manage snake bites and how to treat a burn. The students were also given a lesson in dealing with asthma and how to use an EpiPen.

Sun Safe Hats

Data from the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency shows ultraviolet (UV) radiation level is consistently 3 and above from the beginning of August. We have decided to start our hat policy early this year and in future years. We have chosen the first day of spring.

All classrooms have sunscreen. It would help if your child/ren come to school already wearing sunscreen. Students need to wear their sun safe school hat from Thursday, 1 September until 30 April. We also need to remind our students to wear their hats after school when playing in the schoolyard and at any outside after school training sessions. If you would like more information visit www.sunsmart.org.au or call 82914356. We appreciate your help with this matter.

Bring A Teddy/Soft Toy To School

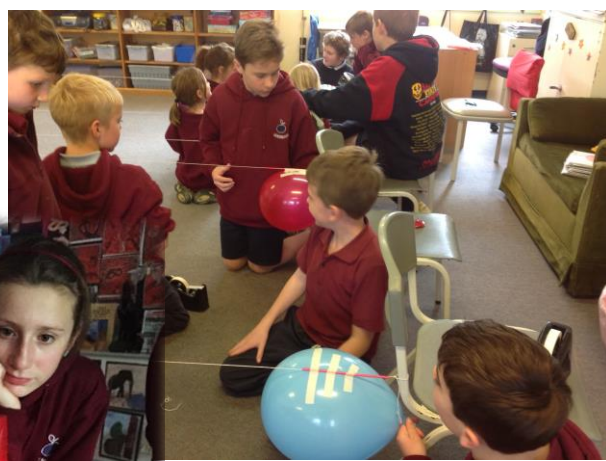
This Friday we are encouraging all students and staff members to bring a teddy or soft toy to school. Students you could wear your teddy to school?

Hopefully, we will have many extra small members at school for recess and lunch. Imagine the conversation between us. This is not a fundraiser, but a great opportunity to share with everyone a special loved character.

Science Week



Have a look at the great things we did for Science Week on Friday. We had fun and we learnt lots! We made our own butter using a jar, marble and cream. After lots of shaking we were very impressed with our butter making skills and the taste. We also made Lava Lamps, we cleaned the malachite from old copper coins, we made rocket balloons, elephant toothpaste and we got to see primary colours become secondary colours.



Sam Pring Concert and School Disco

Samuel Pring is a singer song writer, who performs a great blend of covers and original music. Recently Sam supported "The Collective" at this year's Playford Live Concert and "Justice Crew" in 2013. He has also performed at a number of local events including local radio and he has been in the local papers.

Sam will be performing at our school on Friday 9 September at 1:30pm just before our disco starts. Sam is a young passionate performer and he will share his journey in the music industry with us. Cost will be \$4 per student and \$7 per family for this concert and entry into the disco. A signed permission note is not required. We thought it would be a great idea to have Sam perform before the disco. We will send a reminder note home next week for payment of the concert and disco entry. Thanks for your help. You could visit Sam's web site if you are interested. www.sampring.com

After the Sam Pring concert students will be able to stay for a whole school disco. This will start at 2.30 and go until 4:30pm. There will be drinks and snacks available for a small cost. We will have some chips, fruit boxes and a limited supply of mixed lollies for students to purchase. The older maths group have also created some arcade games to help them understand probability. They will be setting these up at the disco for students to have a try. They have decided to charge a small fee for a game to go towards their

Canberra trip. There will be some prizes to go with these games. Student spending money during the afternoon will be limited to \$5. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support with the 6/7 fundraising.

Quote of the Fortnight

If you don't make mistakes,
you're not working on hard
enough problems.
And that's a big mistake.
- Frank Wilczek, Nobel Prize in Physics



Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 3

Week 6, 29/8/16	Cakes	Alison M & Haley M
Week 7, 9/9/16 (Wed)	Lunch Day	Jess B & Chriss M
Week 7, 9/9/16 (Wed)	Produce Pickup	Tess S
<u>Play group Cakes</u>		
Week 6, Friday 29/8/16 – Jacqui P (24 iced patty cakes, slices or muffins)		

Happy August & September Birthday to:

Amelia who turns 7 on the 26th, Edward H who will be 8 on the 28th
Jesse who will be turning 11 on the 1st Sept and
Vejay who turns 7 on the 2nd.

We hope you all have a wonderful birthday!



Community News

4 Sale - 5.5m X 6m gabled roof carport with electric panel door, colorbond roof and hardiplank gable infill. Great condition, buyer needs to remove. \$2200 ono please phone Kevin on 0427 866600.

Lobethal Cricket Club – Junior Cricket Academy 2016. Commencing Monday, 29 August for U 12, U14 & U16 age groups, new players welcome. **Player Registration** will be held on Monday, 19 September for more details contact Brenton Green on 0437 816992 or Melinda Martin on 0459 437850.

Lobethal Tennis Club Needs You!!

Do you want to play tennis this season? Players of all ages and ability are encouraged to come and join the Lobethal Tennis Club.

§ Saturday Junior and Senior competitions

§ Night Senior Competition

§ Hot shots and Junior coaching programs

For more information please contact Di Farrell on 0418 481 671 or go to www.lobethaltennisclub.org or email info@lobethaltennisclub.org.

Lenswood Ranges Cricket Club - we will again be fielding junior (U10s & U12s) and senior teams this season, new players and coaches always welcome. Contact Al Barnes on 0415 087 442 for information. Further details have gone out to students this week or speak with Mrs B-C for more information.

Kickboxing - Jodie Mlikota, Active Fitness & Lifestyle Group Co-ordinator, phone: 0413 593 316

We are looking at introducing a new class, commencing in a few weeks if we receive enough interest. Kickboxing with Brock (new instructor) Wednesday nights at 5.45pm. Could you please let me know if you would be interested in this class and if we receive enough interest we will trial this class for 6 weeks, commencing 31 August. Please let me know by August 25 as I will advise if it is going to go ahead.