

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



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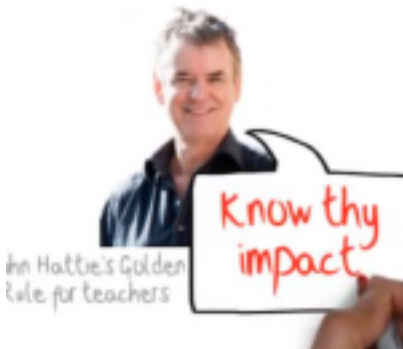
Playgroup 9am

Remembrance Day Service, 10:50

Arts Spectacular Show 7pm

Pupil Free day

From the Principal



John Hattie is an eminent international researcher who does what is called 'meta-analysis' of data from research studies all over the world. He is particularly interested in what makes a difference to students' learning. He says that almost everything that teachers do makes a positive difference, but that some things make a bigger difference than others. He now has a list of 195 factors that influence learning, and he has ranked them from the highest of 'teacher estimates of student achievement' (how well teachers judge students will do makes the biggest difference) to the two lowest positive indicators of 'parental employment' and 'multi-age/grade classes' (so they don't make a big difference to student learning outcomes) and the two indicators that have the most negative impact are 'mobility' (students moving from school to school) and depression.

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Lenswood's learning data is already extremely impressive, and we are up there with the highest achieving schools, but we are always looking for ways to improve how we teach and how we work with individual students to stretch them from where they are. So we have joined with other schools from the Mount Lofty Partnership and other schools across the state to work with John Hattie to examine our data and identify what we do well, and what we can do to be even better. This will be a big part of our work over the next three years, and principals and staff who are already involved say that it has really helped them to choose what is best to do and when is best to do it. Please feel free to come and ask me more about this.

You can find more information about John Hattie and his work at <http://visible-learning.org/john-hattie/>

Our Indonesian Visitors

We have been delighted to welcome Raudhatul (known as Ohdah) Jannah and Ricky Fernandes to Lenswood Primary. They were selected through a competitive process to be part of the Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP) of 18 young people to spend 4 weeks in Australia. The program is based around groups of young Australians and Indonesians living with host families in one another's countries for two months to undertake a program of cultural activities and work placements. So that means that each year, the AIYEP sends outstanding young Indonesians to a different state in Australia, and when those young people return to Jakarta, they take 18 outstanding young Australians with them. Odah and Ricky will be at Lenswood for three weeks, and are spending time in each classroom and with each teacher. As well as observing teachers and learning about our educational system, they will also be teaching some language, some dance, and they are really looking forward to doing some cooking with the students. They are very excited to be here, and we are very happy to have them. My thanks go to Clair Anderson for giving us the opportunity for this wonderful experience.



Overdue Accounts

We are nearing the end of the year and all accounts should be and need to be finalised asap. Statements have been sent home to all families owing money and you are asked to pay either eft or cash or cheque immediately. Unless a payment plan has been organised, failure to finalise outstanding materials and services charges may result in debt collection becoming involved. Feel free to come and see me if you have any queries. Thanks, Julia

From The Garden Club



We're excited & hope that all of the students have been coming home raving about the new garden, nature play area they have created with the help of parents & teachers. At the moment there are a few projects underway & hopefully the garden will be at a stage where all of the students will progressively get more & more involved.

If you'd like to help out please come to the next meeting on Monday, 7 November at

3:30pm. Please let us know if you can't come & would love to help out.

We'd just like to make a mention & thank:

- Tess Schultz for organising the soil, the mulch and putting in the ag cloth in the bins, as well as for donating the stones for the rock art, as well as the rods for making the tepee
- Carmen and Kevin for constructing and donating the board walk across the pond
- Sally Bellman for beginning the restoration of the pallets on the vertical garden, as well as sourcing and donating the castors for the apple bins
- Melinda Martin for donating garden pots
- Hannah Hermel for donating seedlings
- Kris Carter for assembling castors on the bins and donating the geo textile fabric
- Carmen and Laura Duerdoth for cleaning out the shed and finding us some garden tools
- Appelinna Hills for donating soil
- Jody Schultz for constructing and donating the vertical planter and ½ apple bins.
- All of the wonderful people who have donated seedlings and plants
- If we've missed anyone, we apologise!



Remembrance Day

On Friday, 11 November we will once again be holding a Remembrance Day Service at our school. Each year this day becomes one of commemoration and tribute to those fallen during our history, and our students and staff represent this day with the honour and respect it so well deserves. Many hours have been spent gathering and reading information to make sure this service is a memorable one for parents and our community. Please be here by 10:50am.

Each year we honour those fallen with wreaths specially made by our students. Once again this year we are asking for flowers and greenery to be donated to the school so the wreaths can be made. Are you able to help out? If so, please bring you flowers and greenery to the school on Thursday, 10 November.



Knockout Cricket (Owen Magee – captain)

Last Friday twelve year 6/7 students went to Lobethal to play their third game against Aldgate Primary School. Lenswood won the toss and elected to bat. Our top scorers were Lachie with 39 not out, Riley on 35 not out and Michael with 31 not out, our team total was 186. Then we went out to field. Max took three catches. Aldgate's final score was 153. It was an exciting match. Our next game will be against School of the Nativity.



Thank you so much to our coach Melinda Martin and scorer John England (Ms Read's husband).

Knockout Tennis (Lachie Schultz)

Last Thursday we played against Good Shepherd Angaston in the first round of the Knockout Tennis at the Lobethal Recreation Grounds. We played extremely well for our first match ever, and we won 6 – 0. Our next game is against Trinity Gardens Primary School. Thank you to Nadine Schultz for coaching us and thanks to Matt for filling in.

P&F 5c fundraiser

We had a great result with our recent 5 cent challenge. The total raised was \$179.20. The funds raised will go towards kitchen equipment for the students to use. The winning class was the 4/5 class with \$84.50, they received a lucky dip prize. The R/1 class raised \$50.30, 6/7 with \$32.40 and the 2/3 class with \$12. Thank you to everyone for emptying their pockets to fill the containers.

We have our end of year break up and AGM on Friday, 25 November at Tess + Jody Schultz's. Everyone is welcome, invitation to follow.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped the P+F out over 2016, from baking cupcakes, to volunteering your time for lunch duty/bbq's/cake stalls to donating prizes for our raffle. Being such a small school community we appreciate all the help and support from all our school families. Thank you.

Instrumental Music Performance

Parents and friends are invited to attend this end of year performance on Wednesday 23rd November at the Lobethal Primary School starting at 6:30pm. All Welcome!

River Pebbles/Rocks

We are in the process of a make-over for our pond. Would you have any river rocks or large pebbles to donate for a bottom layer? Please see Carmen soon. Thank you for your donation.

Congratulations to.....

- Adam Brincat-Cotton and David Martin for their recent acceptance to the Instrumental Music Primary School Concert Band workshop tomorrow and Thursday at the Ridley Centre. They will be performing on Thursday night for parents and friends involved.
- Owen Magee for his selection in the SAPSASA Hills Cricket Team, and
- Lachie Schultz for his selection in the SAPSASA Hills Tennis Team. Both boys will be absent in week 6. Have a fabulous week!

Thank you to

- The Stafford family for donating some wonderful books to our library
- Thomas Waterhouse for fitting a projector in the 4/5 class recently
- Kevin Brincat-Cotton for his recent jobs
- Bec Flavell, John England and Melinda Martin for driving our cricketers last Friday
- Nadine Schultz for driving our tennis team last Thursday

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 4

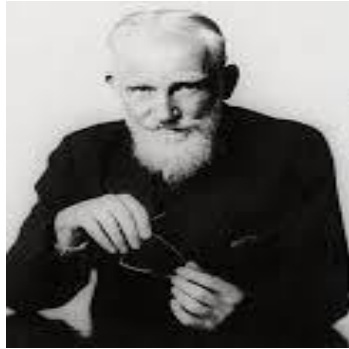


Week 4, 7/11/16	Cakes	Bronwyn S & Sue B-B
Week 5, 14/11/16	Lunch Day	Lisa G & Nadine S
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Week 6, 21/11/16	Cakes	Alison M & Haley M

Play group Cakes (no nuts please)

Week 4, Friday 7/11/16 – Hannah H (24 iced patty cakes, slices or muffins)

Quote of the Fortnight



You see things; and you say, 'Why?'
But I dream things that never were;
and I say, 'Why not?'

- George Bernard Shaw

Thanks to @Shaw.com

Community News



The Lobethal Tennis Club 2016/17 Community Play Hot Shots Program commences **4.30pm on Wednesday 2nd November** at the Lobethal Recreation Ground.

The 10 week program (5 weeks November/December and 5 weeks February/March 2017) is recommended for children aged 5-8 years with half hour sessions supervised by Club coach and volunteers.

Hot Shots is a fun way for kids to learn to play tennis - no previous experience is necessary.

The cost of the program is \$50 (SA Government Sports Vouchers Program eligible).

Registration forms and Sports Vouchers will be available on the night or can be downloaded via LTC website www.lobethaltennisclub.org

Keep your kids smiling - Dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service clinics. All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

Your local clinics are located at:

Magill Primary School

Park Street

MAGILL SA 5072

and

Mount Barker Primary School

Dumas Street

MOUNT BARKER SA 5251

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Please call Magill on 8333 0707 or Mt Barker on 8391 0858 to make an appointment.