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School Newsletter



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Mon 5 Dec	Garden Club meeting – 3:30pm in the yard
Mon 5 Dec	Year 6 students meeting for Year 7 Graduation Dinner 7pm
Tues 6 Dec	Volunteer Morning Tea 10am in the Library
Fri 9 Dec	Music is Fun Excursion Year 7 Graduation Dinner
Tues 13 Dec	Sports Day
Wed 14 Dec	Presentations of Premiers Be Active and Reading Challenge
Thurs 15 Dec	End of Year Presentation Night, 7pm
Fri 16 Dec	Last Day of School 2:15pm early dismissal

From the Principal

As you will see from the above diary dates in the last couple of newsletters, we are having sports day on Tuesday, 13 December. You will remember that we had decided to cancel sports day because the oval was in such a soggy condition after the winter that we've had. I think that the staff were all downcast after the wet weather and after two parents spoke to us about their disappointment, we rethought our decision and now will have it in the last week of school. It will be our usual sports day, and previous student and teacher trainee Cooper Skinner will be coming to help the students practise their techniques for the day. We hope to see many of you there on the day cheering for your children.

There has been a lot of media coverage recently about 'fake news'. I think that many of you will be unsurprised to find out that a lot of lies were told during the recent presidential election in the USA, and we've certainly had many instances of 'fake news' here in Australia too. When so many of us go to social media for our news, and when the media companies and television stations often pick up stories without fact-checking them, it's hard to find reliable content. That's why we have such a focus on teaching students critical literacy skills: that is, the ability to look for bias, ask clarifying questions, and interrogate written and numerical data for consistency and reliability. As adults, the next generations will have access to more information than ever before, and it is our responsibility to help them make sense of it so that they can make good decisions about their lives and their futures.

We need your help. We work hard to help students develop responsibility around their actions, and we have rules in place to help students understand 'how we do it at school'. This is true in classes, in the yard and as they make their way to and from school. There have been some instances this year of parents encouraging their children to do things that they know are against the rules, and saying that they can override staff. We ask you all to respect the staff and the rules of the school, as we believe that respecting rules is the beginning of respecting the law, and respecting law is an important part of being a successful citizen. As with so much that we do, it's all about preparing students for their futures.

We would like to formally announce to our parents and community that Carmen Brincat-Cotton will be on 6 months long service leave from the beginning of next year followed by her retirement. Carmen has been teaching at our school for over 20 years and will leave a long and prolific legacy at Lenswood Primary School. I am sure it will not be the last we see of Carmen around our school though.

Last Thursday we held a very well-attended parent information/discussion evening to discuss 2017 and the proposed classes. We will be having three classes next year. A reception/1/2 class, 3/4/5 class and 6/7

class. Julie Browne full-time and Alison Mason on a part-time basis will be teaching in the r/1/2 class, Darly Jones in the 3/4/5 class and Helen Read will teach the 6/7 class. We are also fortunate to have a very reasonable amount of SSO hours helping out in each class also. Both Jan Frost and Kay Stafford will also be working with students to meet their needs. Our Fridays will be set up as 'whole school' days where many of the joint/shared activities will take place as well as STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) most Friday afternoons.

Volunteer Morning Tea

On Tuesday, 6 December we will be having a Volunteer Morning Tea. This is our way of saying thank you to the many people who volunteer at our school. Everyone benefits from volunteers. All our children and students benefit from the support of volunteers who bring life skills, expertise, knowledge and diversity to our school. Volunteers also benefit from the time and hours they spend with our students, with that sense of giving back to the community and feeling valued.

So, please, anyone who has heard reading, transported students, worked at working bees, taken school sport, made cakes, been on the P&F, been on the Governing Council, helped prepare lunches, cleaned around the school, cooked with students, attended camps or excursions or been part of the new garden group please join us on Tuesday at 10am in the library where we would love to show you our appreciation.

Year 6/7 Canberra Fundraising Raffle

Once again, a big thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our fundraising raffle, and thank you to the families and friends who purchased tickets. \$530 was raised from the ticket sales, and the lucky winners of the fantastic prizes were:

- 1st Prize – Dayna Bellman
- 2nd Prize – Sadie McLew c/- Leah Kennewell
- 3rd Prize – Shane Wilden
- 4th Prize – Bella Bronzin
- 5th Prize – Darly Jones
- 6th Prize – Dayna Bellman
- 7th Prize – Adman Brincat-Cotton
- 8th Prize – Max Leimann
- 9th Prize – Lachlan Maczowiack
- 10th Prize – Torsten Skinner
- 11th Prize – Jacquie Heritage

Thank you to.....

- Alice and Hannah for writing to our sponsor child Mengesha in Ethiopia.
- Michael Stafford for picking-up the matting for our cricket game last week.
- Damien Haese for his recent work in the school yard.
- Todd Thompson for taking students to the Woodside Kindy last week and for his work in the yard.
- Mick Brew for donating his time sourcing and delivering the new Manchurian Pear trees that we are going to train into climbing trees, and for donating the strawberry plants.

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster for Term 4



Week 8, 5/12/16	Cakes	Serena F & Bron W
Week 9, 12/12/16	Lunch Day	Chrissy M & Jess B
Week 9, 12/12/16	Produce Pick-up	Rebecca F

Play group Cakes (no nuts please)

Week 8, Friday 5/12/16 – Isabella M (24 iced patty cakes, slices or muffins)

Last Friday the Birdwood High School music students came to our school as part of their small tour to local schools. Their performance was about an hour long and the students did a wonderful job. They sang, played instruments and performed to our students who thoroughly enjoyed listening to these very talented students.



Happy December Birthday to:

Darcey who turns 7 on the 5th, Soraya who will be turning 11 on the 9th,
Riley who will be 13 on the 11th, Addelie who turns 11 on the 23rd,
Lachlan S who is 12 on the 27th and Henry who turns 10 on the 28th.

Have a wonderful birthday and enjoy your holidays!



Community News

Little Athletics – Athletics Holiday Development Clinic is conducted in the January school holidays and open to all age groups from under 6 through to under 18. The clinic is designed to provide opportunities for skill/technique development in the participants desired athletic track and field events through coaching from some of South Australia's best young coaches. For more information or to register, head to www.salaa.org.au/holidayclinics or www.ahtleticssa.com.au/holidayclinics or phone 83528133.

Kids Club – the last afternoon session for the year will be this Friday, 2 December, not the 9th as previously advertised.

Christmas Gymnastics program - Need to finish your Christmas shopping? Looking for an activity for your kids to do? Come and join us for a gymnastics session at Gymnastics SA's State Training Centre (located inside the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre).

- ☑ A combination of 3 activities; General gymnastics, Rhythmic gymnastics and multi-sport activities.
- ☑ Use of our pit and trampolines
- ☑ Structured warmup, circuits and activities
- ☑ A taste of all equipment
- ☑ Qualified Gymnastics Australia coaches
- ☑ 3 hours for you to finish your Christmas shopping!

Dates: Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st December 2016

Time: Tues 11:00am – 2:00pm or Wed 12:00-3:00pm

Holiday price: \$15 per day

Age: 5+

Are you able to help out in 2017???

Helpers and volunteers help our school to run. Are you able to help out in any way in 2017?

Yes, I am willing to help with collecting fresh food from Foodland, Lobethal or Woodside on a Monday morning to help out with Monday Munchies.

Yes, I am able to come into the school and help with the P&F Monday Munchies at various times during the year. I am aware I will need to be at the school by 12 noon and should be finished by 1:20pm.

Yes, I am able to make cupcakes to help with the Monday FPP Lunchdays. I understand this may be only once a term and I will need to supply 20.

Yes, I am able to make cupcakes to help with the Friday Playgroup session. I understand this may be only once a term and I will need to supply 24.

Yes, I am happy to be asked to help out with making cakes/goodies when we have a function/celebration at the school.

Yes, I am able to help out with the Garden Group in 2017.

Parent Name:

Student Name: