



Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Wednesday, 1 March 2017

Thurs, 2 Mar	Courier Cup Swimming at Mt Barker
Fri, 3 Mar	Knockout Tennis at Uraidla
Mon, 6 Mar – 10 Mar	Archery Week – all students
Tues, 7 Mar	Governing Council AGM 7:30pm in school library Governing Council 1 st meeting to follow
Fri, 10 Mar	Play group 9am
Fri, 17 Mar	Celebration of Harmony Day & National Day of Action
Thur, 23 Mar	P&F Meeting at Woodside Hotel
Fri, 24 Mar	School Photos

From the Governing Council Chairperson – Susie Green

You are all invited to come along to the Governing Council Annual General Meeting to be held next Tuesday 7 March at 7.30 pm in the School library. This will be followed by a normal meeting of the newly elected Governing Council. We are also looking for new members to join the Governing Council this year.

Why join Governing Council?

Governing Council is a great way to stay informed about what is happening within the school; what are the positives, where the challenges are, and what roles the teachers and staff are playing to ensure the best outcomes for your children. Being on Governing Council also allows you to share your ideas or concerns, and put forward constructive ways in which we can improve the school. Joining Governing Council also allows you to meet other parents, interact socially and be a stronger part of the school community. It strengthens your sense of belonging and in return you are making a contribution back to the school community.

Meetings are also open for all to come along to, so if you are not sure if it's for you, we'd welcome you to come along to Tuesday's meeting and see how it runs.

Broadly speaking, the Council as a collective has **joint responsibility** with the principal for the governance of the school. Meetings are held twice a term at a time that is mutually agreeable to members (usually an evening). If you are interested in joining or would like to know more about the role of Governing Council, please feel free to speak with Leah or give me a call on 0417 451 999.

LENSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL A.G.M.

You are warmly invited to the Lenswood Primary School Governing Council AGM

Lenswood School Library

Tuesday 7 March, 7:30pm

Light refreshments provided

(this will be followed by our first Gov Council Meeting of the year with the new committee)

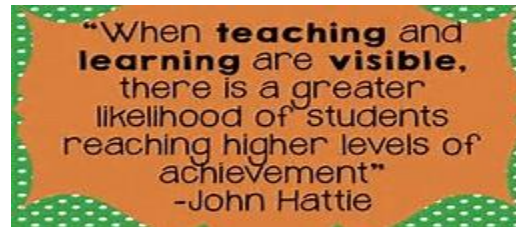
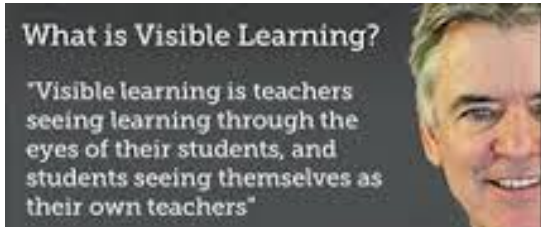
From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

During our pupil free day last week the teaching staff joined many other schools in having some professional development about "Visible Learning". As many of you will know, this is part of a three-year project that we are involved in. The PFD was just the start of our learning, and I'll keep updating you regularly. The key message of Visible Learning is for students to be able to answer:

- ❖ Where am I going in my learning?
- ❖ How am I doing at it?

❖ Where to next?

So that means that students understand how to learn and have a range of strategies and ways of thinking; they can use effective habits of thinking and doing; they ask for and act on feedback that they are given; and that they can explain what progress they have achieved and where they go to next. Obviously, they don't do all of that on their own! That's the job of the staff at the school. The key message to educators in Visible Learning is Know Thy Impact. That means that there are many ways that teachers can help students to learn, but that it's important to know what works and what works best. That'll be the work over our time in the project. John Hattie is the lead researcher and writer for Visible Learning, and if you want you can find out more at <https://visible-learning.org/john-hattie/>



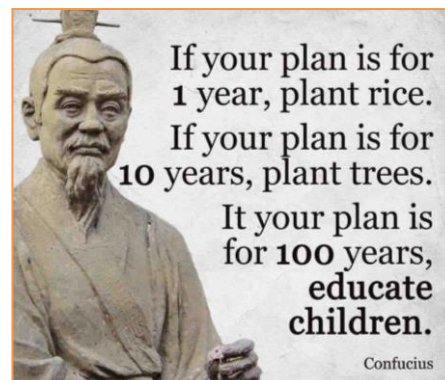
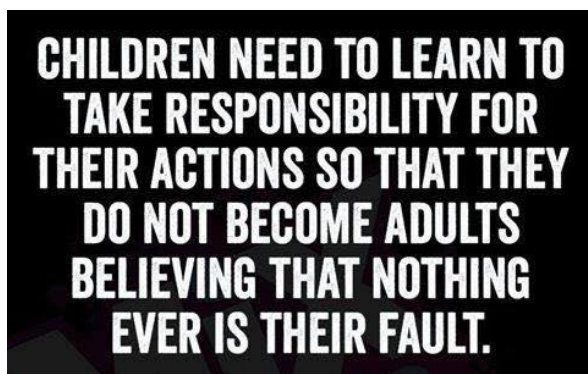
Archery Classes

As mentioned in the note we sent home, next week we will be holding Archery classes for all our students. We feel Archery is a sport students would not be too familiar with and most would probably not ever have had a chance to try. We will be subsidising the cost of the classes with the \$1,000 Premier's Be Active grant we won late last year. This means parents will be invoiced \$6 per child for these classes. Andrew Postma from interstate will be coming over to Adelaide next week to teach our students. Andrew is an experienced archery coach having coached across New Zealand and competed in the World Archery Championships in Australia.

Thank you to:

- James & Kerby Thorburn (William & Edward's grandparents) and Dean & Mary Rorlack (their neighbours, for their donations of Roald Dahl Fantabulous Books
- Helen Lane, Susie Green and Carmen B-C for driving students to Paracombe Primary School on Thursday for a choir rehearsal
- John England for helping make pancakes with our 6/7 class
- Carmen B-C for helping make banana bread with our 6/7 class
- Melinda Martin for helping coach our cricket boys
- Todd Thompson and Carmen B-C for planting what will be the climbing trees

Quotes of the Fortnight



Good Luck

Good luck to both Adam Brincat-Cotton and Sunny Trost who will be competing in the Courier Cup Swimming Carnival at Mt Barker Swimming Pool tomorrow. Cheer loud for each other!!

Sports Vouchers

Sports vouchers are available to all South Australian primary school aged children (from reception to year 7). Each eligible child is able to claim one voucher per calendar year (currently \$50). To find your nearest club please use the 'Find a Club' online tool: <http://portal.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au/find-a-club/>

You must then provide all the required details to the club including your child's eleven digit medicare number. You must also complete a Sports Voucher form available at www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au or ask at the front office for a copy of one.

Happy March Birthday to:

*Bella Bellinger who turns 10 today,
Keely & Torsten Skinner who turn 11 on the 3rd
and Connor who will be 8 on the 12th.
Happy Birthday to you all!*

Power Outage

We have been informed by SA Power Networks that our school and adjoining areas will have the power switched off on Thursday, 9 March. Rather than cause major disruption, we have organised with the power company to supply us with a generator all day. There may only be a few minutes of power outage to the school when the generator is either being turned on or off.

Community News

Lenswood Primary School Cleaner – We are looking for a new cleaner for our school. Katrina, our current, wonderful cleaner is moving house and won't be able to continue on in the role. Are you interested? You will be required for 2.5hrs per day Monday – Friday before or after school. The cleaners' award rate is paid. If you have any questions or think you may be interested, please see Julia in the front office.

Forest Range & Lenswood History Group - Next Meeting 2 March 7.30 7 Fry Lane. Agenda attached and on web as are minutes of the last meeting/s. <https://historymeetings.wordpress.com/>

Keep your kids smiling SA Dental Service - have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a child dental benefits schedule provider. Dental care is FREE for all babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics. Call now for an appointment. Your clinic is: Mount Barker School Dental Clinic Phone: 8391 0858.

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL Open Night

Wednesday 22 March 2017,
from 5:30pm – 8:00pm.

Special Entry applications due Wed 29 March.
Applications for Cricket Entry, Rowing Entry
and Special Language Entry are available in the
LPS front office.



URRBRAE
AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 8 STUDENTS
TUESDAY MARCH 21ST 2017

2 hour programme (9:30 - 11:30am or 1:00 - 3:00pm or 6:00 - 8:00pm)
Includes Application Information, Farm Tours and School Tours

Students wishing to enrol at Year 8 level in 2018 and their parents are invited to attend. Parking on the School Oval with approval Gate 3 off Cross Rd. Proceed to the Gym.

• Urrbrae is an Education Department Special Interest School which offers a comprehensive curriculum including Agricultural Studies.
• Selection for enrolment is based on the student's interest in Agriculture, the Environment and Technology.
• Application Packages available from March 21st.
• Enrolment applications close 5pm Wednesday May 3rd

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MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A girls' school | A public school
An unzoned school delivering academic excellence and educating girls from all suburbs across Adelaide and nearby country towns

OPEN DAY 8 MAY 2017
9-11am and 5-8pm
Principal's address 9.10am | 5pm | 7.15pm
Tours during opening times

