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Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



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Wed, 15 Mar
Fri, 17 Mar

Thur, 23 Mar
Fri, 24 Mar

Governing Council AGM 7:30pm TONIGHT
Celebration of **Harmony Day** & **National Day of Action**
Everyone to wear ORANGE
P&F Meeting at Woodside Hotel
School Photos

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

We appreciate the way that so many of you have your children at school on time. It's great to see them starting the day by playing with their friends in the yard before school. However, we are concerned about the amount of lateness creeping into the classes. Julia kindly looked up some supporting evidence and found this from "Effects of Tardiness on Your Child's Education", 2016, *Our Everyday Life*. <http://oureverydaylife.com/effects-tardiness-chilids-education-25692.html>

We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally won't cause major disruption. Inevitably, children will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. Fortunately, parents can help prevent tardiness from becoming frequent enough to negatively impact their child's school life.

Disrupted Routines

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organised, scheduled and predictable. Students depend on the structure of the day. They know where they have to be and when. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place precisely to help them focus on that learning. When students are repeatedly tardy, these routines are disrupted. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Tardiness can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful.

Social Criticism

The social experience has a powerful impact on a child's feelings about school and his or her ability to be academically successful. When a child continuously shows up late to class, other students are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or task and toward the child who has just arrived. Over time, classmates may begin to criticise this child, affecting how they feel about themselves in school.

Low Achievement

Perform Well, a nonprofit policy research and educational organisation, reports that frequent lateness is associated with lower grades and lower scores on standardised tests. It is also linked to low high school completion rates. In many classrooms, particularly at the primary level, morning routines are critical to daily lessons. Warm-up activities may introduce topics that will be learned later in the day, or review work offers students an opportunity to review previously learned skills.

Responsibility

Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules and rules, complete tasks and keep track of their materials. Learning responsibility in school is a precursor to functioning in the working world, as noted by William Kirby in his 2010 article "School Attendance Tied to Academic Success".

Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child's attendance depends on his parents' ability to help him or her be on time. Parents can teach their children organisational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.

Here's a chart of what being late to school actually means for your child over time.

My child is only missing...	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	nearly 1 and a half weeks per year	nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	over 2 and a half weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 and a half years
60 minutes per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	nearly 2 and a half years

Parking around the school grounds

Just a friendly reminder to all parents who park around the school grounds before and after school. Please be considerate to our neighbours. Please make sure our neighbours are able to enter their own driveway by leaving it clear and not double-parking your vehicles on the footpath. Please show consideration when parking your car.

Quotes of the Fortnight

An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it's going to launch you into something great.

A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD WOULD DISAPPEAR IF WE TALK TO EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF ABOUT EACH OTHER

Can you help? Second-hand tools wanted!!

We're going through our woodworking shed and updating a few things. The P&F are kindly donating \$200 to various things in there, but we need your help. Do you have any second-hand tools you no longer want? Nails, sandpaper, off-cuts will also help. If you can, please see either Lisa Golding or Carmen B-C for further information.



Happy March Birthday to:

Jack Rosenthal who turns 10 on the 19th,
 Ellie Schultz who will be 7 on the 22nd,
 Polly Norris who turns 11 on the 24th,
 Jemima Boyle who celebrates her 7th birthday on the 24th and
 Zac Flavell who will be turning 9 on the 26th.
 Happy Birthday to you all!

Community News

Lobethal Netball Club – Do you want to play netball for the Tigers this season? Our trials start on Thursday, 23 March at the Lobethal Rec Ground netball courts. U11's at 4:30pm, U13's & U15's at 5:30pm, U17's and Seniors at 7pm. No trials for the U9's. If you are turning 7 this year you can come and play netball too!!! If you are turning 5 or 6 this year you can play NetSetGo!! Please contact Julia Cowlam for further details 0439 007153.

Birdwood High School Open Day – Wednesday, 5 April 2017. Principal's address at 9:15 – 9:30am, followed by the School in Action Tour at 9:35 – 10:40am and morning tea with the leadership team at 10:40 – 11am. Shannon Street, Birdwood phone 85685100 for further information.



Charleston Netball Club - Under 9's & Under 11's Training every Thursday 4.00pm at Woodside Netball Courts, commencing 16 March 2017. Looking for new and existing players for U11's and to start a new U9's side. Due to changes by Netball SA girls & boys can now start playing if they turn 7 before May 2017 (awaiting ratification by Mid Hills at AGM in March). If you have a child that's new to the club and interested in playing for either U9's or U11's please contact Amy Lee (0412336100) for further info. Also don't forget school sport vouchers (\$50) can be used towards subs.

SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY South Australia's Athletics Academy is a junior development program that has been developed by Athletics South Australia and Little Athletics South Australia, to provide all young athletes from 9 to 19 years of age the opportunity to take their athletics to the next level!

SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY STARTS ON SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2017

The Academy has four squads; Bronze, Silver, Gold and the Target Talent Program (TTP). Each squad has 8 sessions throughout the year, with 1 session per month on a Sunday at the SA Athletics Stadium.

It doesn't matter whether your students are new to athletics or they've been competing for a long time, the SA Athletics Academy is perfect for all! The Academy caters for everyone and aims to assist children to further their skills in all track and field events. These sessions are delivered by highly skilled and experienced coaches. For more information, please visit <http://salaa.org.au/SAAthleticsAcademy>

CROSS COUNTRY & WALKS HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC The Cross Country & Walks Holiday Development Clinic is a brand new clinic during the April school holidays and is open to any child or teenager between the ages of 8 and 17.

The clinic is run on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th of April for half a day from 9:00AM – 12:30PM at the SA Athletics Stadium. The clinic involves the opportunity to learn from highly qualified and experienced Cross Country and Walks coaches. The coaches will provide training tips and programs to best prepare your students for the upcoming winter athletics season.

For more information, please visit <http://salaa.org.au/Cross-Country-Walks-Holiday-Development-Clinic-April>

Archery Classes

What a success archery was! It was such a good opportunity for all of the students, and especially for those students who may not be quite into team sports as much as some others. I was really surprised by how good so many of the students were, even some of our youngest ones. Archery needs a strong capacity to follow instructions, excellent hand-eye coordination, and the ability to be still and quiet. A few students said, "I think I've found the sport for me". Andrew Postma was a great coach, and many of us were happy that he was willing to run some after-school sessions for both children and adults. Those of us who tried it really enjoyed it! We were grateful that we could subsidise the archery with the grant that we got from the



the grant that we got from the *Premier's Be Active Challenge*.

