

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



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Wednesday, 29 March 2017

Thurs, 6 April	Starry, Starry Night in Lenswood
Fri, 7 April	Play group
Mon, 10 April	SAPSASA Sports Day at Oakbank Area School
Tues, 11 April	Governing Council Meeting
Thurs, 13 April	Sports Day, last day of term, early dismissal 2:15pm

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

You'll see from my "quotes" that we're having a focus on making mistakes at the moment. When I went to school, mistakes were circled in red pen and seen as evidence that I wasn't learning or paying attention. There was a lot of shame in them. We still believe that it is imperative to correct mistakes, but it's not the 'end of the world' to make them now. In fact, if students aren't making mistakes, we might begin to wonder if they are experimenting with enough new learning, new thinking and ways to show it. So what we are saying is, if students stick with what is safe and known, they might not really make the progress that they could. In today's rapidly changing world (and isn't that change getting fast!) students need to be adaptable, flexible, think quickly and solve problems collaboratively. Of course, during those processes, mistakes will be made! What is important is that we know that everyone makes mistakes sometimes, and that we learn from them. So encourage your child or children to explore new ideas, try new challenges, and to admit when they've made a mistake, and what they will do differently next time.

Of course, it's the same for adults. We all make mistakes too sometimes, even in simple things. I think that we should offer each other the same kindness and courtesy that we offer to the children in our care.

Starry, Starry Night in Lenswood

When: Thursday, 6 April 2017 at 6:15pm or 7pm start.
Where: The Lenswood Primary School Gym & Oval
Come and join us at 6:15 for the MirrorDome session (for adults) in the Gym followed by 7pm for a cup or tea or coffee, some supper and start your gazing.

Finish : 8:15pm

Cost: Children free, adults \$2

RSVP: Email Julia at julia.cowlam357@schools.sa.edu.au

Numbers are limited, so get in early.



Athletics Day

On Monday, 10 April students from 4/5/6 and 7 will be heading to Oakbank Area School to compete in the SAPSASA athletics event.

Our students will be participating in high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, sprints and relays. We will have 28 students representing our school.

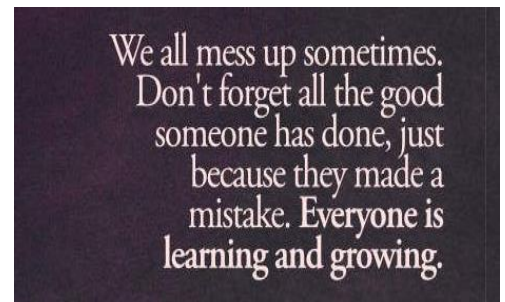
We would like to say a huge thank you to Bronwyn Skinner, Carmen B-C, Julia Cowlam and Kylie Kleemann for helping sort out the teams and helping the team practise for the events. We would also like to thank the people who have offered to transport to and from Oakbank.

Swimming Carnival – Adam Brincat-Cotton

On Thursday 2nd March, Sunny and I competed in the swimming carnival. Twenty-six schools were represented, with three hundred and seventy-five swimmers. It was a beautiful day and we sat under a huge tree. Sunny felt a bit nervous, finished both of his events in freestyle and backstroke and he really enjoyed the competition. I competed in four events and I was very happy with my results. Thank you to Sunny's mum Kylie and my mum for taking us, and helping us on the day.



Quotes of the Fortnight



Happy April Birthday to:

Sarah Mason who turns 12 years old
and Cameron Flavell who turns 8 both on the 3rd,
Alex Flavell who will be 12 on the 8th, and
Lily Mason who will be turning 7 on the 12th.
Happy Birthday to you all!

Thursday Market

The students had a discussion in SRC and would like to reintroduce the Thursday after school market. This is an opportunity for families to sell any extra produce they may have from their gardens, crafts or other items people might like to offer our school community. The market will happen outside the R/1/2 classroom on Thursdays straight after school.

Wednesday Canteen

On Wednesdays the 6/7 class are running a canteen. Each week a group of students prepare a snack to sell Wednesday at recess. The menu is decided as a class and we look at profits and losses. The profits they make are going towards an excursion fund for families with multiple students in the school. They have raised \$90 so far. We will put a list of what we will be selling in the newsletters next term and we will write it on the outside whiteboard. Thank you to all the parents and students who have supported our little business.

Thank you to:

- Bronwyn Skinner and Kylie Kleemann for helping to sort out the athletic teams
- Melinda Martin for umpiring and coaching the knockout cricket game
- Carmen B-C for scoring the knockout cricket game
- Todd Thompson and Carmen B-C for getting the matting for the knockout cricket game.

Congratulations & Good Luck

Next week Matthew Anderson, Lachlan Schultz & Oliver Stafford will all be representing the Hills in the SAPSASA Softball competition. Well done boys and good luck, have a great time.

Inclusions with this newsletter

Included with this newsletter are five attachments. The term 2 uniform order, FPP lunch order, P&F lunch order, lunch roster request form and the Sports Day Menu order form. Please read them all carefully and return them as soon as possible.

Community News

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.



Lobethal Football Club – Modified Practice, for 8/9/10 & 11's. Starts tonight Wednesday, 29 March at 5pm at the Lobethal Recreation Ground.

Make a French connection

Bring a part of France home and experience French culture, language and traditions, by becoming a volunteer host family! Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is welcoming short-term French exchange students to our part of the world in May, and we are looking for families to invite a host brother or sister into their home and community. Hosting an exchange student is a unique and rewarding experience, that allows your family to learn about another culture, share your Australian way of life, and support a student on a life-shaping journey. For more information on becoming a host family and the flexible volunteering options please contact Jenny Hanson on 8323 0973/0409 890 184 or jenny.h@scce.com.au.