

# Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



**Wednesday, 31 May 2017**

Thurs, 1 June

Wed, 7 June

Fri, 9 June

Mon, 12 June

Market after school

Year 6/7 class Chinese lunch fundraiser

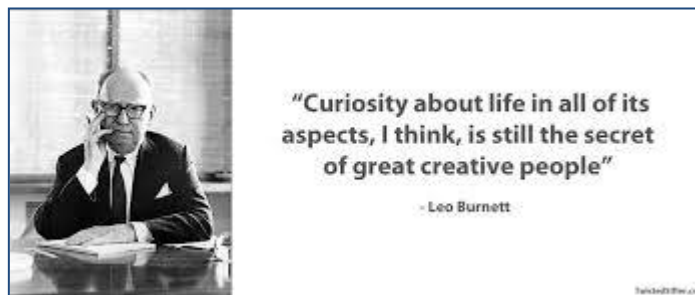
Play group in the gym

Public Holiday

## From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

In the last newsletter I wrote about the first of our school values: **strong community and a sense of responsibility**. Our second value is **creativity and diversity**. Again and again, employer surveys state that they want staff who can work across a range of fields, have innovative ideas and can engage with a variety of people and environments. This is reflected in our school value when we say that we will engage in active learning, offering diversity in experiences and cultivating creative thinking and problem solving, as well as exploring our natural environment.

You will see that we do this when we offer the full range of curriculum areas, using many active learning options, helping students to see other ways of achieving their goals, working with a variety of children and adults, and having many opportunities for creative problem solving, both on their own and in groups. Lenswood Primary School has got to be one of the best school sites for students to explore the natural environment, with our large grounds and the wonderful secret garden, as well as “our patch” (now known as the Lenswood Centennial Park) so close. You will see some information below about key data that we want to collect from you about learning. That ties in so closely with our values. Because what is important in this is that the whole school community is working towards using the same language when we talk about learning, and how our values support that learning.



## Effective Learners

On Friday, 26 May 2017 we have had the opportunity to look at some of our school practices and how effective they really are. One of the practices, which make a huge difference to our students' learning, is to ensure children have a deep understanding of what characteristics make an effective learner. Over the next few weeks we will work together as a community to develop a common understanding of what an effective learner is at Lenswood Primary School. It is necessary for the whole school community to be on the same page and be using the same language to reinforce the learning behaviours and characteristics we would like to see happening for everyone in our school: staff, parents and students included. We will be asking parents for their opinion on what they think makes an effective learner and will add these to the student and staff responses to develop a whole school view of effective learners and their characteristics. A survey will be coming home with this newsletter. Please fill this in and return it to school as soon as possible. There will be hard copies available in the front office if you wish to collect one. We would love to have them all back by Friday, 23 June 2017.

## Cross Country and Knockout Sports

On Friday, 19 May three of our students competed in the SAPSASA Cross Country competition held at Woodside. Lachie Schultz, Jacinta and Soraya all improved their results from last year, well done.



Our netballers and footballers participated in their first knockout round of the year recently. Last week our **netballers** Hannah, Sarah, Jacinta, Keely, Monique, Soraya and Haylee played their first game against Lobethal Primary School. The girls did a great job and had lots of fun, although they didn't come away with the win which means this is the only game they will participate in this year.



As we don't have enough boys in years 6 & 7 to have a full side, the Lenswood Primary

**footy** boys, Torsten, Jude, Matt, Oliver Stafford, Lachie Schultz, Alex, Leo and Willam have joined in with Lobethal Primary footy players. Yesterday they played their first game against Ingle Farm East Primary. It was a great game with our boys coming away with a convincing win which means they now play again in round 2.

## Congratulations & Good Luck

- Torsten Skinner, Lachlan Schultz & Oliver Stafford for being chosen in the Hills SAPSASA Football team. Our boys head off next week to participate in the SAPSASA event which I'm sure they are looking forward to. Good luck and enjoy!!

## Thank you to.....

- Thank you to Nadine Schultz for driving Lachlan, Jacinta and Soraya to Cross Country and supporting this event.
- Thank you to Balhannah Butcher for donating the sausage meat for the 6/7 class to make their very delicious sausage rolls (using Nadine Schultz's recipe).
- Thanks to Nicola Green, Kylie Kleemann, Ruby Brambrick and John England for transporting, umpiring and helping the knockout netball and footy players.

## Woodwork



On Friday afternoons we rotate groups of six to eight students who work in the woodwork shed with us. As you can see, our first project has been completed and on display in our foyer. We have now started our next project - name plaques. Thanks to Kevin



(Adam's Dad) for edge-routing the wood for the plaques and Mitre 10 Balhannah for donating the wood. We would also like to thank our P & F group for their donation to buy equipment necessary for these lessons and to Leah for donating a light for the shed. If you have something suitable you would like to donate please see Lisa (Milly's Mum) or Carmen (Adam's Mum) soon. Thank you, we appreciate your help.

## Quotes of the Fortnight



I never  
make the same mistake twice.  
I make it like five or six times,  
you know,  
just to be sure.

I changed  
my password  
to "incorrect"  
so whenever  
I forget what it is,  
the computer will say  
"your password is  
incorrect."

# Happy June Birthday to:

*Oli Mason who turns 6 on the 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a wonderful day Oli!*



## Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster (a big thank you to you all!!)

Week 6, 5/6/17

Week 7, Tues 16/6/17

Week 8, 19/6/17

Lunch: Lisa Golding & Nadine Schultz

Cakes: Evelyn Pearse, Sally Bellman

Lunch: Lisa Golding

# Community News

**Mt Lofty Chiropractic Centre** – specialises in spinal chiropractic. They are offering FREE posture – scoliosis screening to all Lenswood Primary School students. Contact the clinic located at 83 Mt Barker Rd, Stirling on 8370 9611 if you would like to take up this offer.

## Order Now

The story of the last 100 years of Lenswood, published by The Forest Range and Lenswood History Group to celebrate 100 years since the naming of Lenswood 1917 – 2017 is now on sale.

Prepublication advance orders are the special price of \$25. For more information contact Jo-Anne Shaw on 0437 718359.

THAT'S ALL FOR YOU!  
From a post office a township grew –  
Lenswood 100 years



Jo-Anne Shaw

I found this article on Pinterest. It's from [Bless this Mess](#).

I thought some of you might be interested in it. I put the first five in the last newsletter.

## **10 Secrets to Raising Happy Kids**

### **6. Let them be silly**

So often we expect kids to act like little adults. At the dinner table manners are needed, but don't forget that it's okay to be silly too. Our oldest snuck into our room and put on her dad's work clothes one night after dinner. She came out decked-out like her dad and saying the funniest phrases. We could have frowned and asked her what she was doing in our room and then told her to go take the bath she was avoiding, but we enjoyed the moment and let her be silly. Be slow to scold when your baby sneaks in the fridge to play trucks and then your three-year-old keeps singing the same song over and over (and over) again. It's okay to be silly.

### **7. Let them take the reins**

Trust them more and let them take control once in a while. My kids surprise me all of the time by being able to do things I was sure they were too little to do. May was intent on making her own birthday party cupcakes by herself. I was sure she'd need help when it came time to scoop out the batter evenly into the tin, but she was thoughtful and careful and did it on her own. And you know what, she and I were both so proud of her at the end of the day. My kids also beg to take pictures with my camera. My camera is one of the few things that I've really invested in and they know that it is something to be taken care of. When I finally let them, with a few instructions and rules, they are awesome photographers. And I now have pictures of myself that I wouldn't otherwise have (never being in the pictures is the downside of being the family photographer!). Let them take the reins a little more often and you might be surprised where they take you.

### **8. Don't underestimate the little things**

Everyone knows that band-aids are a cure-all, but did you know that birthday candles will turn any meal or treat into a true party? And what effort does it take to get them out and light them? Next to none! Find something that your kids love and do it more. Why save the candles for birthdays when you could get them out for passing a spelling test? Don't underestimate the power of the simple little things.

### **9. Let them be little**

Knees will get scraped, little bodies will get tired and hungry, and feelings will be hurt. Expect the tears and the tantrums because they are part of life, especially when they are little. Do the most you can though to help them through the hard times. We went to Yellowstone this summer and spent a wonderful 2 days hiking and exploring. At the end of the first day we were all getting tired when we decided to do one last hike to go see a waterfall. The hike was listed on the map as being very short, but what we didn't know was that it was all switchbacks, which meant the whole way back up was so steep. The kids were exhausted and our six-year-old simply refused to walk anymore. Instead of threatening or demanding, her daddy picked her up, and her three-year-old-brother too, and packed them all the way to the top. BOTH kids! (I was 7.5 months pregnant then and just couldn't carry one...) He understood they were just kids and that we, the parents, had chosen the situation. Sometimes it's hard being a parents but don't forget that sometimes it is hard being a kid too.

### **10. Teach them by example**

*"[Kids] don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are." — Jim Henson*

Are you someone who you'd like your kids to be when they grow up? I sure hope so because you are teaching them every day just by being near them. Take that to heart and be the parent they need you to be.

