

# Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



**Wednesday, 20 September 2017**

Thursday, 21 September	-	P&F Meeting
Friday, 22 September	-	Bushland Park Step Challenge
Thursday, 28 September	-	In house SACA Cricket Clinic for all students
Friday, 29 September	-	Last day of Term 3, early dismissal 2:15pm

## From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

As I said in the last newsletter, our NAPLAN numeracy results were excellent. Our literacy results are just as good! Every single one of the year 3 and year 5 students reached the National Minimum Standard and the State Standard of Educational Attainment in reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation. Almost all of the year 7 students met those benchmarks, and we are supporting the students who didn't quite get there. In year 7 and year 5, a third of the students reached the 'higher bands' in reading and many students in each of the classes reached the higher bands in the other elements of the literacy test.

I think that we should be very proud of the success of the students at Lenswood. I believe that it is when we work as a team to educate children and young people that they experience the greatest success. So I would like to thank all of you who read with your child every night, who take them out for adventures which supports their language development, who gets them cooking to practise their maths understanding, who helps them get over unhappy situations to develop their resilience, and who helps them to know and understand the importance of a good education. Our teamwork shows in their results. Congratulations!

## Step Challenge Reminders – Friday, 22 September (this week)

- Drop off and pick up is at Bushland Park, Kenton Valley Rd/Mawson Trail, Lobethal this Friday, 22 September (same as school times).
- Bring back you note and money for the sausage sizzle (please make sure your note is returned by Thursday so we can buy the sausages).
- Remember to bring hat, sunscreen (if you need special sunscreen or prefer your own) food and lots of water.
- Wear casual, comfortable walking clothes that you can get dirty in. We suggest long pants and closed in shoes as the weather will be warm and we may see some snakes.
- Collect some sponsors/donations to support our cause.

## Library Books out for a Donation



As part of our library upgrade we have had to weed out quite a few of our older books. As a lot of these books are still in good condition we thought we would offer them to our school families for a small donation. The money raised will be donated to The Smith Family, which is a children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

As there are boxes and boxes of books we can't display them all outside, so we will have the vast majority of the books displayed in the Activity Room. Please come and have a look on the table outside under our veranda as well as inside. We will have them out on display from Monday to Thursday next week before school, after school, recess and lunch times. Please see Nicola if you have any questions.

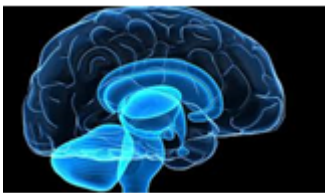
### Thank you to ...

- Many thanks to Casey Bellman and Jody Schultz for packing up the stage, screens and curtains.
- Rose Milton-Head for vacuuming the hall and helping out.
- Darly and our 3/4/5 class for sorting the costumes and props.
- Kylie for helping with the chairs and curtains.
- Sara Rosenthal and Todd Thompson for returning stage blocks.
- Paul Mason, Amie and Brad Teagle for returning chairs.

### Cricket Make-over – David and Adam

Thank you to the Onkaparinga Rotary Club in Lobethal for their very much appreciated donation of \$700. We have now raised \$1892.45. The artificial turf should be laid during the school holidays, weather permitting.

### Brain Facts



The first few years in life are critical for learning a first language. Feral children without exposure to language fail to develop full linguistic abilities. They can learn many words, but their syntax never reaches a normal level. Second languages learned during this critical period are processed in the same areas of the brain as the first language, while different regions of the brain are used for second language learned after puberty. Edited from 30 Second Brain, Anil Seth (ed.)

### Lunch orders and Uniform order for Term 4

You will find attached the uniform order and the Monday lunch orders for next term attached. Please read carefully. You will be invoiced for all of these, you don't need to send in the money with the orders.

### English Thoughts of the Fortnight



### Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster



Week 10, 25/9/17

Lunch:

Nadine Schultz & Carey Hannaford



Happy October birthdays to Reuben who turns 9 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Nick who becomes a teenager and turns 13 on the 5<sup>th</sup> and  
Ashton who will be 12 on the 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Enjoy your special day!

# Community News

**Oakbank Junior Golf Clinics** – held on Tuesday nights from 6pm – 7pm from October 17 – 21 Nov 2017 and then again from January 23 to Feb 27, 2018. For ages 6 – 12 years old. The cost is \$70 per child, \$60 for second sibling and \$50 for additional siblings. Each child will receive a 12 month junior subscription to the Oakbank Golf Club as part of the clinics. A sausage sizzle will be held after each session, with the beer garden and balcony area for parents to relax during the clinics. Numbers are limited so be quick. Contact Andrian Braddock on 0499833999 or [abraddock@hilighting.com.au](mailto:abraddock@hilighting.com.au).

**Bush Dance** – Basket Range Primary School presents their Bush Dance with live band The Wild Matildas Bush Band. This is a family fun event held on Saturday, 21 October at 6:30 for a 7pm start. Tickets are \$15 for adults and children \$5 and all tickets are available from the school office or phone 8390 3466.

**Bug Expo** – Bug curious? Family Friendly Bug Expo held on Monday, 2 October (public holiday) at 5 – 7pm at the Open State Dome (15m geodesic dome), Tarndanyangga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and over 15, and free for children under 15 yrs. The Bug Expo is an opportunity for families to get up close and personal to a range of insects and hear from experts about the role they play in our ecosystem, and potentially our future food.

There will be live insects on display to view and hold. Preserved insects from CSIRO's National Insect Collection, Canberra and a range of insect based food products from whole crickets and mealworms, to processed, e.g. cricket pasta and cricket corn chips.

For kids, bug crafts and cricket popcorn! For grown-ups, insect and wine matching with Angove Wines! Talk to people who are the new breed of 'insect farmers', growing insects on food waste to produce protein (larvae) that can be used in the livestock industry, including the aquaculture sector. This is the future of food and feed security and we want South Australia to be part of the action! Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/bug-curious-a-family-friend-bug-eating-expo-tickets-37091883823](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bug-curious-a-family-friend-bug-eating-expo-tickets-37091883823) for more info.

**Little Athletics** – Development Opportunities (more information on the school noticeboard)

Little Athletics South Australia and Athletics South Australia have our October School Holiday clinic for any child or teenager between the ages of 5 and 17 to be involved in. It is called the **DARE TO DREAM ATHLETICS HOLIDAY CLINIC** and will be held at the SA Athletics Stadium (145 Railway Terrace, Mile End SA 5031). Whether participants are new to athletics or have been involved for a long time, this clinic is perfect for anyone! The clinic provides a great opportunity for participants to learn and develop their athletic skills through the participation in event coaching with our experienced coaches! There are also other fun activities planned, as well as a very special guest appearance from Olympic athlete Chelsea Jaensch!

**DATES:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**TIMES:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM

**COST:** ONE DAY (Wednesday or Thursday) - \$65.00

· TWO DAYS (Wednesday and Thursday) - \$100.00

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## Science Week Visit

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On Friday, we celebrated Science Week. Carey Hannaford came in to talk about her profession and had some activities for the students to do. Carey is a palaeontologist, which means she studies fossils. The students were all very interested in the discussion and asked some thought-provoking questions. Some of the activities the students did were; looking at plant fossils through a microscope, investigating larger fossils and then making one with clay, studying underground seismic surveys and completing a fossil find-a-word. Carey even made fossil cookies to share!



Thank you for taking the time to share your experience with us, Carey.

## Year 3/4/5 Class – 'Remember When' Poems

Following their Grandparents visits while researching Lenswood turning 100, the year 3/4/5 class wrote 'Remember When' poems through the eyes of their Grandparents. Here are just a few of the wonderful work by our students.

### I remember when

I remember when I got my first car  
That was when I was growing up  
I remember when we got electricity  
I enjoyed have candles but a light bulb is better  
I remember when I got annoyed  
Because I was a lefty and all I did was smudge  
I still remember those good old days



By Beau

### Remember When

*Remember when school was fun,  
And remember when we could climb trees,  
Remember when we went to the beach,  
Remember when we had so much fun,  
Or when we rolled Jaffas at the movies,  
Remember when we stayed up late dancing,  
Remember when we got the cane,  
We remember this but were they the good old  
days?*

*By Haylee*

I Remember When  
I remember when  
My dad got the cane.  
I remember when  
World war two started.  
A bully dipped my  
Hair in the ink well.  
I remember when.  
My dad went to war  
And I was sad.  
I remember when.

Laura

Remember When.....

Remember when we went to school  
When the Head Master got so angry  
We would hear something from the office!

Remember when we  
Had to drink the really hot milk.

Remember when  
we could climb trees not like now.

Remember when we went to war  
Remember when we came back to our families.

Remember when.....



By Josh.....