

Lenswood Primary

School Newsletter



Wednesday, 16 May 2018

Thurs 17 May

Fri, 18 May

Mon, 21 May

Tues, 22 May

Wed, 23 May

Thurs, 24 May

Fri, 25 May

Fri, 8 June

- Naplan testing – years 3, 5 & 7's
- Walk Safely to School Day – meet at Lenswood Oval on Swamp Rd between 8:30 - 8:45am
- Knockout Netball at Birdwood
- School Assembly in school gym 8:45am (every Monday morning)
- SAPSASA Cross Country at Woodside Oval
- Gov Council Meeting, 7:30pm at school
- Girls Footy at Balhannah Oval
- Knockout Footy at Uraidla Oval
- Whole school excursion to Adelaide Art Gallery
- 6/7 students Preliminary First Aid Day Course – in house

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

We've changed the time of assemblies a few times, trying to find out what works best for you, for the students and for staff. We have now settled on assemblies first thing every Monday morning, and that's where they will stay. We always really appreciate it when you can come along, and we'll be sharing reminders about what's happening during the week, so please visit whenever you can.

We had the Mount Lofty Partnership review last week. That's when the 19 local sites have a long meeting with senior bureaucrats from the department to talk about how students are achieving, and how learning is going at our sites. I was reminded, looking at all the partnership NAPLAN data, how extremely well Lenswood is going.

In reading for the year 3 students (all data here is for 2017), 100% of Lenswood students reached the expected benchmark. Two other small schools also had 100% of their students at this level. In year 5, our score was also 100%, along with one other school. Our year 7 students didn't perform quite as well. Our score for year 7 was 69.2%, yet that was still better than all but 3 of the small schools. The important thing about that is that we knew exactly who those students were and exactly why they didn't do so well.

Our numeracy data is also excellent. Just as in reading, 100% of the students in years 3 and 5 reached the benchmark given by the Department for Education. Two other schools had their students at 100% in year three, and one other school at year 5. 92.3% of the year 7 students met the benchmark, and that was higher for all but 2 of the small schools. Again for those year 7 students who didn't, we know who and we know why. Those students have often been the ones who have had additional support throughout their schooling here, and continue to do so.

One of the aspects that I think makes our students so successful is what I know so many of you do at home. You read to your children, and you listen to them read. You get them to write shopping lists and letters and cards. You cook with them to use that authentic maths, and you ask them to solve everyday problems with you. It makes such a difference to your children and I want to let you know again how much we appreciate it. It's when we work as a team for the kids that we can make a big difference.

Whole School Excursion – Friday, 25 May

By now you would have received the email outlining our school excursion next Friday to the SA Art Gallery. As mentioned, we will be leaving the school at 9am to travel by bus and returning just before home time. Students will need to wear their full school uniform, bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. Each child will be invoiced \$7.50 for the transport part of this excursion only as the school will be paying for the 'Colours of Impressionism Exhibition' at the Gallery. Please ask your child for the excursion consent form which will be sent home today and needs to be returned asap.



Walk Safely to School Day – Friday, 18 May

Remember to meet at the Lenswood Oval on Swamp Road from 8:30 – 8:45am so everyone can walk to school safely this Friday morning. Once at school a pancake breakfast will be put on for all students. Parents are more than welcome to join in on the walk and enjoy a pancake.

Preliminary First Aid Course

As part of the Student Leadership group within our school, every alternate year our year 6/7 students participate in a First Aid Training Course. We believe this course is beneficial in preparing our students with awareness into first aid practices, and is offered to each child at a reduced rate. It is a 6 hour short course run by a qualified trainer from Red Cross Australia, and will introduce our students to various aspects of first aid, including CPR. This course will be taking place in our school library on Friday, 8 June.

The cost of this course is \$60 per child. The school will be subsidising each child \$25 and our wonderful P&F will subsidise \$10 per child. This means families are asked to pay \$25 per child for this extremely beneficial course. Families will be invoiced for this.

SRC Decisions

All students are members of our SRC or School Representative Council. They meet to discuss issues relevant to student matters. Fundraising events and special events are also organised at our SRC meetings. A rotating executive is appointed each week, consisting of chairperson, secretary, treasurer and observer.

Minutes from our last meeting included: *A reminder about students looking after the toilets and putting paper towel in the bin. Could parents please remind their children about looking after school toilets so they are clean for everyone? There was a vote about having a dress up each year for Book Week and having a 'most creative/best costume' award for each class - male and female every 2nd year (each even year). We also read a letter from our Foster Parent Plan child telling us he received our letters and photos and that he was now in grade 11 and almost up to doing his final exams.*

2018 Public Education Awards: Recognising excellence

The Public Education Awards share the outstanding achievements of Department of Education employees across the state. The awards recognise leaders, teachers and SSOs as inspirational role models for the difference they make to the lives in children and young people. Parents and caregivers are invited to nominate an educator they believe is deserving of recognition. Nominations are open from 1st to 31st May. Visit <https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com> for more information.

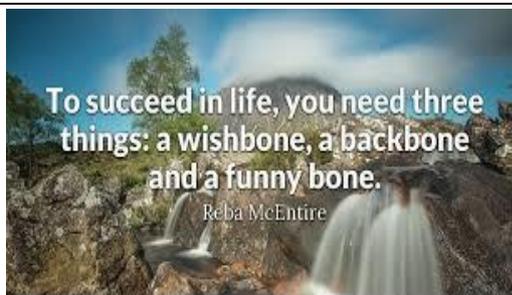
P&F News

Last Saturday, May 5 we held our very first Car Boot sale at the school. I would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day by making cakes for us to sell at our cake stall, the students and parents that cooked our yummy BBQ and the students and parents who spent the day in the kitchen serving coffee and cake. I would also like to thank those who held their own stall and those who came along on the day to have a look and help support our school. The weather was perfect with the sun shining and the proposed rain staying away. We had lots of kids running around all day with fabulous face paintings thanks to Helen Lane. I spoke with a number of people not from the area that were so impressed with our school and also how well behaved and helpful our students were, so I would like to say well done. We made approximately \$650 on the day from stall hire, our sausage sizzle and the cake stall which is an amazing effort. Part of this is going towards the purchase of some new sports equipment for the school.

We are wanting to hold this successful day again next year, perhaps on a Sunday to help with sports commitments, etc and possibly growing it into a school Fete or Fair. If you have any ideas please feel free to let any of the P&F committee members know. Thanks again to everyone for making this a great and successful day.

Lisa Golding, P&F President

Quotes of the fortnight



Calling all Volunteers

Are you a volunteer? Are you part of our Lenswood P&F Committee or our Governing Council, do you come into the school and hear reading with our students, do you help out at Working Bees or coach sports for our school or do you transport students to various events? Do you volunteer for a local club, an emergency service, aged care, or any another organisation? Then the three Hills Councils would like to say thank you for offering your time by sitting back, relaxing and enjoying a FREE MOVIE (\$4 surcharge for 3D movies) of your choice for any session between 10am - 10pm on Volunteer Movie Day on 25 May 2018 at Wallis Cinemas Mount Barker.

VOLUNTEERS to claim your free movie ticket voucher simply fill in the online survey available from your local council or Hills Volunteering websites from 20 April 2018. Sit back, relax and enjoy a FREE MOVIE (\$4 surcharge for 3D movies) of your choice for any session between 10am -10pm on 25 May 2018 at Wallis Cinemas Mount Barker. VOLUNTEERS to claim your free movie ticket voucher simply fill in the online survey available from your local council or Hills Volunteering websites from 20 April 2018.

Wanted

The 5/6/7 class needs your help please! They need some plastic milk container tops, empty plastic bottles ie, water, soft drink, and any old cd's you may have. Can you help? If so please send them in asap.

Community News

Keep You Kids Safe Online - Rebekha Sharkie MP is hosting a special free presentation by CEO and Founder of the Carly Ryan Foundation, Sonya Ryan, on Wednesday, 16 May 2018 at Wallis Auchendarroch House. Sonya Ryan started the Foundation after her daughter Carly was murdered in February 2007 by an online predator, a 50-year-old man posing as an 18-year-old musician. Since then, Sonya and the Foundation have educated tens of thousands of school children and their families about the risk of online predators.

This seminar will provide parents with practical advice about setting guidelines for children using social media and apps, how to talk about online risks, how to recognise the warning signs and what can be done to combat cyberbullying. The seminar will be best suited to parents of children in years 6 and above, however, all parents are welcome to attend. Seats are limited and bookings can be made via www.rebekhasharkie.com.au/safeonline.



Register now to play football with 300 NAB AFL Auskick centres which operate in schools and local football clubs

across South Australia - there's bound to be one near you! Centres nearby are: Birdwood FC, Bridgewater FC, Echunga FC, Gumeracha FC, Hahndorf FC, Lobethal FC, Littlehampton FC, Mt Barker FC, Mt Lofty FC and Onkaparinga Valley FC.



Birdwood Primary School proudly presents the 44th annual

Birdwood

Native wildlife

Log chopping

Restored machinery

Spinners & Weavers

Vintage cars

Farm Animals

CFS demonstrations

Historical Entertainers



Farm Day

Working dogs

Whip cracking

Don's Demo Dogs

Tractor rides

Sheep shearing

Animal nursery

Live music

Art displays

Pony & Camel rides

Bumbles the Clown

SUNDAY 20th MAY 2018

10am – 4pm

Chalks campground, Mount Crawford Forest
(on the Birdwood to Williamstown road)

ENTRY
Adults \$8
Kids FREE
Max \$15 per car



Join us for a day of country fun in the forest !

- Farmer's Pantry & Cellar – sweets and bakery treats – damper & billy tea
- huge variety of hot foods – face painting – garden stall – creative crafts
- Mini marketers showcase – prize wheel – Giant Cash raffle drawn on day
- kids rides and activities – market stalls – loads of family entertainment



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