

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday, 23 August 2017

19-26 August	2017 Book Week (theme Escape to Everywhere)
Friday, 25 August	Book Week Parade
Friday, 18 August	Playgroup
Thursday, 24 August	P&F Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday, 7 September	School Performance 11.30am & 7pm
Friday, 8 September	School Closure Day

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

We've had an exciting couple of days at the school. Julie Bishop (no, not the Foreign Minister, another Julie Bishop) and Lorna Fenech, a principal from the western suburbs, have spent time in the school going through all of our achievement data, what we teach your children, and how we teach it. They have interviewed all of the teachers and asked questions about how they recently used learning intentions and success criteria, as well as spending some time in each of the classrooms. They've spoken to over a third of the students, and parents had the chance to meet with them too. We're really grateful that some of you were able to take time out of your evening or day to speak to them about Lenswood Primary School. This 'external audit' happens every 4 years and really is a great opportunity to have other people have a good and close look at the school without our biases and blind spots. We don't have their report yet, and I'll share it with you when we do. One aspect of Lenswood that they emphasised time and time again though, was how incredibly well the students here are doing. They are doing well socially, emotionally and are really exceeding expectations academically. I think that we need to celebrate this more. Between the learning that your children have at home, and the learning that they have here at school, we are really preparing them for the world. An issue that it does raise though is this: how much better could they be doing? The audit panel and the staff agree on this – it really is time to start challenging the students in their learning. Of course that means that sometimes the learning might be more difficult, and sometimes it might be really uncomfortable. Students might make mistakes more. But every single one of the students at Lenswood could be coached, supported and stretched to extend their learning. It's time!

I'd like to welcome Tony Martin to the school in his new role as groundsman. We were lucky enough to have him start yesterday, and already the school is looking so much tidier. We're pleased to have you here Tony!

Brain Facts



Neurons in specific locations can be electromagnetically stimulated, inducing changes in thought, perception or behaviour. Wilder Penfield, one of the most influential neurosurgeons of the 20th century, found that stimulating one neuron might make the patient think his right cheek had been touched; while stimulating another might make his left thumb twitch. He would commonly operate on severely epileptic patients when they were conscious (operating on the brain itself causes no pain). In order to minimise the amount of brain tissue that required removal, he pioneered the use of an electrical probe to stimulate neurons and determine precisely if they were part of the abnormality causing seizures. Edited from *30 Second Brain*, Anil Seth (ed.)

P&F Monday Munchies & Festival of Music Rehearsal

We have twenty four students participating in the Festival of Music Rehearsal next Monday 28 August at Woodville, therefore we will be serving Monday Munchies the following day. We apologise for any inconvenience to you.

Quotes of the Fortnight



Children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a 'diagnostic' sign, a marker indicating the health of families, society, and the entire world. Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthy, society is more healthy, and the world is more human.

Pope Francis

Stage Set-up – Carmen Brincat-Cotton

Many thanks go to our students, staff and caregivers for helping set-up for our upcoming play. Thanks also go to the 6/7 class and Kylie for erecting the stage, moving and cleaning the tables and putting the screens together. Dayna's dad Casey, Kye and Ellie's dad Jody and their grandfather Graham put up the curtains and covered the screens and we are grateful to them for that. Students from our 3/4/5 class cleaned up and set out the change rooms and props and that was a big help. Thank you to Soraya, Clair and Tahran's dad Todd for helping me pick up the stage blocks from Oakbank Area School and fixing a broken screen, as well as Milly's dad Tom for helping with some fine-tuning of the curtains and setting-up the sound equipment. Adam's dad Kevin made some fantastic props. Thank you! It has been a fantastic group effort, thank you all so much.

Thank you to.....

- Sara, Jack and Scott Rosenthal and Carmen Brincat-Cotton for spreading the bark chips in our playground.
- Oakbank Area School for lending us their stage blocks.
- Adam's cousin Dean, for collecting some lovely small pieces of wood from his work for our woodwork shed.

Sad News



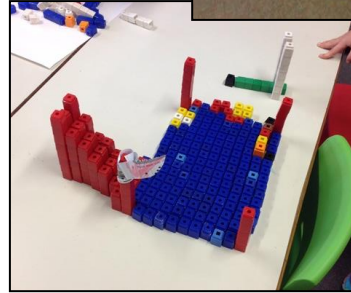
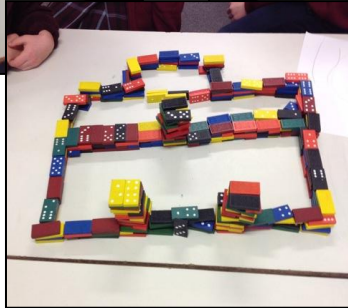
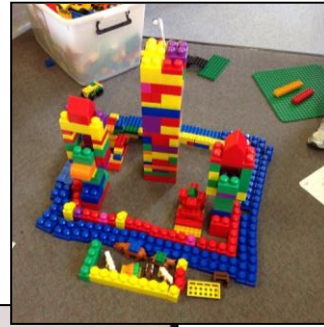
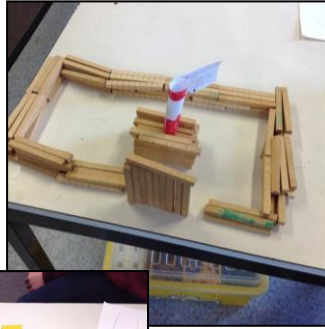
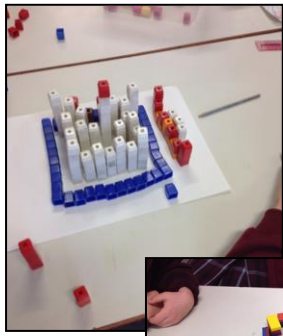
We were very saddened to hear of the sudden passing of one of our past parents, Jo Gardner last weekend. Her children, Eddie and Abbie, were at our school for all of their primary school years and our thoughts are with the family at this extremely hard time.

P&F – Monday Munchies

Thank you so much to our volunteers for making food for our Monday Munchies. We have a big problem though, and we urgently need your help. We desperately need volunteers (parents, grandparents or caregivers) to serve lunches. Next term there will only be Monday Munchies lunches in weeks 2, 4 and 6, there will be no lunch in week 8 due to the school camps. A representative from our committee might be personally asking you to help. We will roster you on with someone who has done this job before. It is only a couple of hours of your time and it also means our students will continue to enjoy these yummy wonderful lunches. If you would like any further information or you would like to volunteer please speak to someone on the P&F committee soon.

R/1/2 Class – History/Geography

Our R/1/2 class have been making castles in History/Geography. The topic we are learning about is Life In Medieval Times.



2017 Book Week (Escape to Everywhere)



Don't forget our Book Week Parade is this Friday 25 August. We are looking forward to seeing the students dressed up as their favourite book character (not a television or film character). Our parade will be straight after assembly on Friday.

Cricket Pitch Makeover

The total amount raised for the cricket pitch is \$1,092.45, which is a fantastic effort! Thank you for your help. We are hoping to have this project completed by the end of this term. Thank you very much to Andre Leimann for organising and laying the special turf for us for no cost. We are looking forward to our next knockout cricket match next term.

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



Week 6, Tues 29/8/17

Lunch: Carmen B.C & Krissy Mac

Week 7, 4/9/17

Cakes: Leonie Stafford & Haley Mason

Week 8, 11/9/17

Lunch: Jess Boyle & Bella Delsar



Amelia Golding turns 8 on the 26th August,
Edward Hannaford will be 9 on the 28th August,
Jesse Maczkowiack will be turning 12 on the 1st September and
Vejay Coulter turns 8 on the 2nd September.
We hope you all enjoy your special day!

Community News



Lenswood Ranges Cricket Club- We will again be fielding junior (U10s & U12s) and senior teams this season with new players very welcome. More information will be circulated to students shortly. Also the club's AGM is being held on Thursday, 24th August from 7:30 at the Lenswood Oval- all welcome. Contact President Al Barnes (0415 087 442) or Dylan Coulter (0447 941 816) with any queries.

LOBETHAL TENNIS CLUB

Come and Try / Registration Day

Sunday 27th August

10 am until 12 noon

Lobethal Recreation Ground Tennis Courts

For Players of all ages and ability

2017/18 season commencing October

🎾 Friday night and Saturday morning Junior competitions

🎾 Senior Saturday afternoon competitions – Traditional and Doubles formats

🎾 Midweek Night competition

🎾 Hot Shots and junior coaching programs

🎾 Lobethal Tennis Club merchandise available to order

FREE Sausage sizzle ... All Welcome

www.lobethaltennisclub.org

or email us on tennis@lobethaltennisclub.org

MT BARKER



SOFTBALL CLUB

Are you interested in starting a new sport, or dusting off some old equipment and having some fun? Mt Barker Redsox Softball Club has a team for you. Juniors (5yrs to U15yrs), Seniors (15+), that includes you Mums and Dads.

All trainings and games are played at Anembo Park in Littlehampton.

For more information contact Mandy 0417830182 or email mtbarker.redsox@gmail.com



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TENNIS CLUB**

We know that you're not thinking about summer sport yet, but....

UTC Junior Tennis Registration

For:

Players aged 7-17 years (as at 30/9/17) &
Coaching-only groups

New players welcome

Friday, 1st of September

3.30-5pm

Uraidla Tennis Courts

For all enquiries or electronic registration, please contact Bec Smith

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