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# Lenswood Primary

## School Newsletter



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19-26 August	2017 Book Week (theme Escape to Everywhere)
Friday, 25 August	Book Week Parade
Friday, 18 August	Playgroup
Thursday, 7 September	School Performance
Friday, 8 September	School Closure Day

### From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

Preparations are well under way for our production, and students and teachers have been working hard to ensure that everything will be ready for our matinee and evening performances. It really takes a team to bring it all together, and I'd like to thank the parents who have helped with costumes, putting up the screens and curtains, who've helped their children rehearse lines and lent props for the show. I predict that it's going to be another outstanding success.

Teaching staff have begun to work on "learning intentions" with students as part of our Visible Learning program. Learning intentions really means letting the kids in on the secret of what we want them to learn, both in individual lessons, and also over a whole unit of work. A simple example of learning intentions is some that I have with one class at the moment "For you to understand and be able to describe how atoms combine to form different molecules." (That's the part for year 3.) "That all things that we can see are made up of different molecules in complex combinations." (That's year 4.) "That we can manipulate molecules to meet our needs in different ways." (That's year 5.) If students know what we are aiming for with them, it helps them to pay attention to the important parts, and doesn't leave them wondering what the point of the whole thing is. We also want them to be able to say "Actually, I already know that. If I can prove that to you, can you give me something more challenging?" I'm often pleasantly surprised at what students already know!

*"When thinking becomes visible-it is clear to students that school is not about memorizing facts but about exploring ideas."*

*Rosamaria Díaz-Vélez*

What really matters when facing a challenge? What matters is learning. You want to test yourself, throw yourself into something outside your comfort zone and see what you're capable of. Your true goal is not to conquer fifty feet of inanimate rock, but to expand your abilities through learning.

*— Anne Hirtzgers —*

### Brain Facts



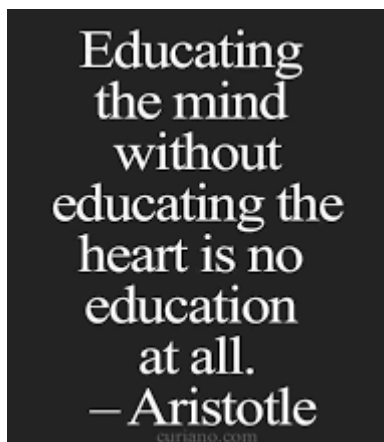
The brain uses 70 per cent of our 22,000 genes. No cell needs all 22,000 genes, so neurons turn on only the genes required for their own needs. As needs change, different genes are turned on or off. This changing pattern of 'active genes' is most noticeable in the functioning of synapses. This is important because changing the connections in neural circuits allows us to learn from experience.

(There will be more about how synapses work in the next newsletter.) Edited from *30 Second Brain*, Anil Seth (ed.)

## P&F – cake stall

Thank you to everyone who donated food and/or volunteered their time for our P&F cake stall at Bunnings before the end of last term. An impressive \$463 was raised on the day. Thank you so much to everyone.

## Quotes of the Fortnight



It is better to  
**KNOW HOW TO LEARN**  
than to know.  
-Dr. Seuss

## Tale of The Century (School Performance)

Rehearsals for our up and coming production are going really well. The children have learnt their lines and are working hard as a team. As well as our evening performance we will have a matinee/dress rehearsal during the day. We would like as many people as possible to attend the matinee due to limited seating on the night. Thank you so much to parents for washing, mending and finding costumes for their children. We still need white shirts and grey trousers if anyone is able to lend these items.

Don't forget to put Thursday 7 September in your calendars. Our Matinee performance is at 11.30am and the evening performance at 7pm.

## Saving a Moon Bear

This Friday, the year 4/5 class will be selling bear cupcakes for 50 cents each. Our aim is to free a Moon Bear from its cage and to help shut down cruel bile farms in Vietnam and China.

The children in the school have folded a Moon Bear which will become a display of 10,000 bears to increase awareness.

If anyone is able to donate some cookies or slices for this cause, we would really appreciate it.

Soraya is selling books that her Mum, Nikola has written and is kindly donating the proceeds to Animals Asia. These books about healthy eating are available from the front office for \$10.00.



## 2017 Book Week (Escape to Everywhere)



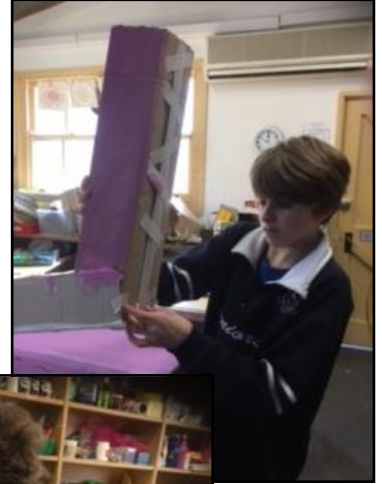
Book Week is a special week where we celebrate books and authors. This year we thought we would have a Book Week Parade on Friday 25 August. We are asking for students to dress up as a book character (not a television character). We will have our parade straight after assembly on the Friday. We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity.

## Year 6/7 Class Arcade Games



The Year 6/7 class have been working on creating arcade style games as part of technology, visual arts and maths. These games will be used at the SRC disco (more information will come out about this). Building these games require a number of skills including a knowledge of chance and probability, geometry, angles, creativity, risk-taking, perseverance, team work, co-operation, designing effective joining techniques and aesthetics.

The 6/7 students came up with a list of requirements which included their game needed to be challenging, needed to have differing degrees of difficulty, needed to be well built with neat joints and needed to be appealing to the eye. The



students will use their list requirements to assess their own work and then will use the same list to evaluate the games made by other groups. Students will then use this feedback to improve their games before their final assessment.



## Knockout Football



Our combined Lenswood/Lobethal team played against Happy Valley today and had a great win 9.7 to 2.5. A fabulous team effort by all players and here comes the grand final! Well done boys! Thank you to John England, Nadine Schultz and Carmen BC for transporting the boys to Lobethal and also for helping out with scoring, timing and umpiring.



Seth Hannaford turns 11 on the 11<sup>th</sup> August  
and Alice Lorraine will be 8 on the 21<sup>st</sup> August.  
Enjoy your special day!



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

Week 4, 14/8/17

Lunch: Lisa Golding

Week 5, 21/8/17

Cakes: Jacque May & Evelyn Pearse

Week 6, 28/8/17

Lunch: Carmen BC & Krissy Mac