

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday, 28 March 2018

Upcoming dates to remember

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| Thurs, 29 March | - Sports Day – Dress in your teams colours |
| Fri, 6 April | - SAPSASA Sports Day – Oakbank Area School |
| Mon, 9 April | - Music/Art Assembly at 2:45pm |
| Fri, 13 April | - Last day term 1, early dismissal 2:15pm |

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell



As Easter approaches I'd like to begin by wishing you all a safe and happy break. I know that it is the tradition for many to spend time with families and people we love, and is often a chance to relax, reflect and recharge together in the fine autumn days.

Education, as you know, changes as the needs of students, families and the broader community and economy change. There's one thing that I'm certain about though – we can't accurately predict what the future will hold for our students and children. When I was

at primary school we were dreaming about disposable clothing (no washing!) and flying cars: we never imagined the versatility of mobile phones, or the internet, or social media, or how the 24 hour news cycle would impact on how we see the world.

It's the same for us now – we can speculate about the future but there's no way that we can be certain about it. That's why it's so important for students to have the best, broadest education that they can access. Literacy and numeracy are critical components to success in education – you really can't do much more without these. The other learning areas mean that students can experience and develop skills and understandings to make sense of the world and to be able to take action to make changes. For instance, one of the key concepts in the history curriculum is 'contestability', that means, that people might bring different perspectives to historical events. This is a really important concept to grasp – there are some inviolable truths, but there are many that are not, and people will have different opinions about them.

Because we recognise that it is vital for students to be able to make sense of what is put to them, and not just simply accept it, we have been working with a PhD candidate, Kerry Gehling, on just that: critical comprehension. It's a one-year study and staff are getting a little more release to work in a focussed way to determine what skills our students need to comprehend well, and how we can help them learn that. When we assist students to make sense of what they read or hear or see, when they ask good questions to help them develop their understanding, when they make the links between what they know and new information, and when they can identify bias and fakery we will be a very happy staff team indeed!

Sports Day

Sports Day is tomorrow, wear your team colours!! This year students have decided to award 1st, 2nd & 3rd ribbons only for the running races. Once again our P&F will be running a bbq on the day for all students and parents/families, and order forms have gone home already for these, remember to bring your money to pay for it. I'm sure if you haven't already ordered you will be able to purchase on the day. Remember, as this is not the last day of term we will not be having an early dismissal on this day, the usual 3:15pm dismissal will apply. Sports Day Program will be sent home with each child today.

What's been happening!



We've had a fun-filled past couple of weeks. Port Power came to visit our students and talk about their community program. Our students got to meet, play footy with and get some signatures from Justin Westhoff, Peter Ladhams and Emmanuel Irra.

Our school was a designated polling booth for the recent State Election. Our 6/7 students held a sausage sizzle and cake stall to raise money for their Canberra trip at the end of the year. Over \$400 was raised on the day which was an amazing effort,

with big thanks to Ms Read, John England, their friend Cath and all of the students and families who helped out.

Harmony Day was celebrated most of last week culminating in a fun, colourful Friday. Our day was filled with balloons, ribbons, colour and stories. A big thank you to Sue and Darryl Hocking (Polly's grandparents) who presented a wonderful talk about their long-term voluntary work in a Cambodian orphanage, giving each child a macramé bracelet made by the people of Koh Rumdal in Cambodia (these bracelets are usually sold to fund projects like purchasing school uniforms, providing hens to families, and repairing homes) We also had a bbq lunch (left over from the state election) cooked by our students with funds going to the Canberra trip once again.



R/1 Class Work - Seasons

The R/1s have been learning about the seasons. They made collages to show what happens in each season.



Quotes of the fortnight



"Every child deserves a champion, an adult who insists that they become the best they can possibly be."

- RITA PIERSON

It's not that I'm so smart; it's just that I stay with problems longer.

~Albert Einstein



QuotesIdeas.com

P&F News

The P&F will be running the BBQ for sports day and are looking for helpers to make the day run smoothly. If you can spare a few moments (even half an hour) please see Lisa on the day and she will point you in the right direction.

A reminder the **'CAR BOOT'** sale is coming up at the start of term 2 (5th of May), so if you have any items you would like to get rid of here is your chance. You have the school holidays to sort through your items. Set up a stall for the day and you could even team up with someone else. If you have a business here is also an opportunity to promote and sell your items. Tell your friends and family, if we can get people with stalls external to the school community, even better.

Throughout the year the P&F run events to help raise funds for the school, sometimes we ask you to dig in your pockets, other times we ask the wider community. You don't have to be a member of the P&F to help us fundraise, the more people we have helping us the more fundraisers we can run. This means the more items we can purchase for the school or a bigger donation towards school camps.

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster

Week 10, 3/4/18 (Tues) - Cupcakes Lisa Golding & Kylie Kopeikin

Week 11, 9/4/18 - Lunch Help Jess Boyle & Bella Delsar

Can you help?

We are still looking for parents to be added to our 'cake roster' for the FPP lunches. This means you will be put on a roster and required to make 24 cupcakes about twice a year to help with these fortnightly lunches. Can you help? If so, please let Julia know asap as a roster will be printed up real soon for term 2.

P&F and FPP Lunch Orders for Term 2

You will find lunch orders for term 2 with this newsletter. Please return them to school this term so no-one misses out next term. No need to send the money, you will be invoiced.

Happy April Easter Holidays Birthday to:

Cameron Flavell who turns 9 on the 3rd,
Lily Mason who turns 8 on the 12th,
Edward Mason who will be 10 on the 17th and
Angus Green who will be turning 9 on the 28th.



Community News

Hills Tigers Rugby League

“The Family Club”

Servicing Mt Barker, the Hills and Murray Bridge

- Come and play NRL Rugby League
- Teams from Under 6 to 17s, Male and Female
- Based at Mt Barker
- Great value for money fees
- Accredited coaches for all teams
- Club functions
- Coaching for all teams has started
- Check out the special Mini League program for 6 – 10s
- New 14s Female competition for 2018
- Affiliated with the NRLSA & the NRL



For more information on the club please contact

Geoff Ford on 0414 715 541 or check the website at www.playnrl.com

and click on register. **Special Come'n'Try Event:** Date/Time: 4 – 5.30, Wednesday 11th April

Venue: Mt Barker South Primary School Oval (Daw Avenue Entrance)

Come and meet the coaches and get a feel for the club. There will be a free NRL scarf for all players that attend and there will be games and activities.

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The **Lobethal Netball Club** presents - **Boat Licence** Accredited session

- 90 minute presentation on all aspects of boating
- Followed by exam/test (80% pass mark required)
- Take this info to the Motor Rego Office (a licence fee applies)

View the handbook prior to the session: ondeck.sa.gov.au

6pm - Tuesday 17 April 2018 - \$40 (16 years and above) \$20 (12-15 year olds for special permits)

Where: Lobethal Recreation Ground with a light supper provided

To register: email chloe.oborn@hotmail.com

Please note should you need to cancel your registration payment is still required or someone arranged to take your place.



I Met Horsham – I Met Goolwa – I Met Geelong – I Met Gumeracha! – The Australian Bureau of Worthiness is coming to town! Find out what they find out, as this trio of artists create a performance after meeting you. A live performance of inspired anecdotes and images gathered from our daily experiences. Doors open at 5:30 for 6pm start. Saturday, 21 April at the Coach House Studio, 2 John Fisher Ave, Gumeracha. Paella and Performance is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. Parents are advised that while children are welcome, this is not ‘children’s theatre’. To book visit: www.gumerachmainstreet.com.au