

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday, 30 May 2018

Fri, 8 June

- 6/7 students Preliminary First Aid Day Course – in house

Mon, 11 June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

You'll see from all of the articles below that it's been a busy and productive time here at school. One of the aims of public primary education is to provide a broad general curriculum, and we certainly do that here at Lenswood. Our students access the entire curriculum, and we're all fortunate that the teachers and SSOs here do such a remarkable job skilling the students not just for what they need now, but also for what they will need in their future learning and in life. A lot of what you see in the newsletter is the "value-add" items that are beyond the core work that staff are expected to do, and I want to acknowledge the significant extra work that the staff here do, both in school time and in out-of-school time, to enrich the schooling experience for the kids.

We know that family circumstances change over time. Please let us know if things are getting difficult for you – schools are very used to having these conversations with families and it means that we can offer help where we can. It comes to light as the M&S fees are now overdue. Some families have not yet reimbursed the school for the swimming lessons at the beginning of the year. We do understand that sometimes finding the extra money is hard. Just ring or pop in to see Julia or myself to discuss a payment plan – that's easy to do. Lots of families pay overtime and it makes budgeting easier. Sadly, if we do not hear from families with debts to us soon, we will be sending out our debt collection policy.

At the end of last year I put in a grant application to the Education Department for a second flagpole. The department is funding them so that schools can fly the Aboriginal flag. We just heard yesterday that we were successful and that the department will pay \$2000 (yes, they really are that expensive) to supply and put up a new flagpole for us. It will go next to our current flagpole. It will be great to be able to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land.

Congratulations to our Aussie of the Month



Congratulations to our May *Aussie of the Month*, reception student Edith Comey. Even though she has been at school for a short time, Edith has already demonstrated many of our school values. She is able to manage her own gear, and is very careful to care for stationery and other resources in the class independently. She has coped with all of the changes involved in coming to school such as learning what bell times mean, being in the different structure of a school classroom, making new friends and managing without the old friends – Edith has done this with a lot of resilience. Edith always shows excellence in her schoolwork,

Our Values

Independence

Resilience

Creativity

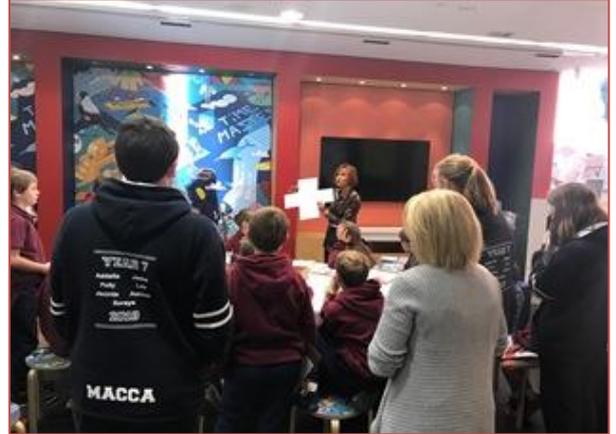
Excellence

Community

striving to do her best. In particular, Edith demonstrates our value of community. Many of us have seen her making others feel included, offering a smile and a greeting to other students, actively including others in games and activities and often helping others without being asked to.

Whole School Excursion – Friday, 25 May

What a fabulous day we spent at the SA Art Gallery on Friday as part of the Biennial of Australian Art: Divided Worlds Exhibition. All classes were taken on a guided tour of the 'Colours of Impressionism Exhibition' and the 'Divided Worlds Visit' as well as participating in a facilitated studio workshop. The upper class enjoyed seeing the art works featured in one of this year's choir songs. Thank you very much to Carey Hannaford for her valuable contribution and transportation of students.



Walk Safely to School

Thank you Serena, Lisa, Charlotte and Sintra for helping us cook the pancakes and prepare breakfast for our walkers on their return to school on Walk Safely to School day. Our students walked carefully to school from the Lenswood Oval and were very keen for their pancake breakfast on their arrival. Thanks to the staff and parents who walked along with them.



SAPSASA Cross Country

Last Tuesday, Heidi Johnson, our new SSO, headed over to the Woodside oval with eight of our students to participate in the SAPSASA Cross Country. It wasn't an easy run and our students tried their very best. Soraya came 11th in the 13yo girls, Jacinta came 20th in the 12yo girls, Seth Hannaford came 44th in the 12yo boys, Clair finished 32nd in the 11yo girls, Beau was 39th in the 11yo boys, Amaya finished 18th in the 10yo girls, Edward Hannaford came in 44th and Reuben came 50th in the 10yo boys. Really great effort, and thank you to Carey Hannaford and Todd Thompson for driving our runners over.



Knockout Netball

On Friday, 18 May our girls headed to the Birdwood netball courts to play the first round of the SAPSASA Knockout netball against Birdwood Primary School. With just six girls playing in our side, Birdwood PS 'lent' us a player from their team every quarter. Our girls played such a good game which was a really even contest. Our very vocal cheer squad of Krissi Maczkowiack, Serena Flavell and Kylie Heritage tried their best in getting our girls over the line, however it wasn't to be, Birdwood PS def Lenswood PS 12 – 7. Thank you to Sintra Cowlam for training and coaching the girls and to Serena for driving the girls. Great effort girls, you tried your best and showed an enormous amount of sportsmanship, spirit and fairness. Well done Haylee, Polly, Addelie, Grace, Jacinta and Eden.



2018 SANFL Crows Cup 9-a-side Carnival



Last Wednesday Julia and Nicola took 9 girls over to the Balhannah oval to participate in the Crows Cup 9-a-side Carnival. The SANFL and the Adelaide Crows partnered together to create a one day round robin football carnival for female students. Lots of local schools attended and female Crows players were there all day coaching and umpiring games.

Only one of our girls had played football before the day but all of them learnt lots, enjoyed the physical side of it (well most did) and really had a wonderful day. We won three games and lost four but played off in the final for third position in our pool and won by just one point. Well done girls for having a go, showing plenty of sportsmanship and making our school proud.



Knockout Football

Last Thursday some of the 5/6/7 boys went to Uraidla to play football. Here is Thomas and Dillon to tell you how it went.

The game was close Uraidla 5.3.33 to Lenswood/Lobethal 3.2.20. Cooper Skinner was our coach & Mitch Weeks was our umpire. There were 8 players from our school, Josh, Sunny, Thomas, Seth, Dillon, Liam, Beau, Leo & Thomas. We joined up with Lobethal Primary School boys so we could put a team in. Our goal kickers - Corey from Lobethal kicked 1 goal and me, Thomas kicked 2 goals.

We all came home disappointed but happy that we all had a go at it. *By Thomas Christian.*

Can you help? Homeless Collection

Spare a thought (as you slip in to your nice, warm bed each night) for those doing it tough on our streets not just this winter, but all year round. On any given night in Australia 1 in 200 people are homeless. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 116,000 people were homeless on Census night in 2016. The number of people sleeping rough in SA is up 44% from last year. Why are people homeless?? Homelessness is often a result of a number of issues which can include: domestic violence, chronic shortage of affordable and available rental housing, intergenerational poverty, financial crises, long term unemployment, economic and social exclusion, severe and persistent mental illness and psychological distress just to name a few.

Are you able to help? Can you make a donation? We've put a box in our foyer for your donations. Suggestions are: gloves, beanies, scarves, warm socks, jumpers, self-opening cans, muesli bars, chocolate bars, sanitary products, toiletries etc.

It's important for our kids to remember just how lucky they are so if each family could donate one thing we can really make a difference to those not so lucky. Thanks, Darly.

Festival of Music 2018

Please make sure you pop this in your diary - the Festival of Music choir this year will be held in the last two weeks off term three - between the 18 and 28 Sept, with the last concert falling on the last day of school for the term.

P&F News

Monday Munchies – our students are really enjoying the P&F lunches this term. A big thanks to everyone for organising, ordering and helping serve the lunches. We've had a couple of helpers pull out due to other commitments so we are on the lookout for new helpers next term. If you can help out on a Monday or two next term to help prepare and serve the lunches please let Julia in the office know.

Fiji Visit

Last week students from HCCS Secondary school went to Fiji. The trip involved helping in various schools and orphanages. We would like to thank Lenswood Primary School for their donation of their old sports tops. These tops went to a school in Ba which is in the mountainous area. This area was badly affected by cyclone Winston two years ago. About two weeks ago the same area was flooded badly losing a lot of clothing to water damage and mould because of the humidity. They were delighted to receive our Lenswood tops. Thank you!



Congratulations!!

To Josh Martin on being selected in the Hills SAPSASA Football team. Josh is playing all this week with the team at West Beach and we wish him good luck. Well done to all the boys who tried out this year.

Community News

Homestay Families Needed - Birdwood High School is in the progress of building a vibrant international student program with partner schools from around the world. A key component of this program is recruiting and supporting homestay families to accommodate these visiting students and teachers.

We urgently need homestay families to support our Japanese International Program. If you would like to help or gain further information please contact Birdwood High School on 8568 5100 or at dl.0770.info@schools.sa.edu.au. Thanks in advance for your support. IKEDA, JAPAN - 29 July 2018 - 12 August 2018. Steven Walsh, Coordinator International Programs.

The Forest Range & Lenswood History Group – Thank you letter received after their recent Anzac Service:

Dear Students and Staff,

25 April 2018 saw a sunny day for the Forest Range and Lenswood History Group Anzac Service. A group of residents and visitors gathered at the World War One memorial at the Forest Range Central Recreation Ground.

I write to thank your school for your involvement in the 2018 Anzac Day service by making a large amount of delicious Anzac Biscuits for our morning tea. Many people commented on how yummy they were!

Thanks for your support. We hope that in the future we will have more Anzac Day Services - and maybe the school may like to continue baking our Anzac biscuits.

Thanks for your support

Best wishes

Evelyn Hay, **Secretary**

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