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Upcoming dates to remember

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| Thurs, 1 March | - SAPSASA Swimming inc Courier Cup at Mt Barker Pool |
| Fri, 9 March | - Playgroup at 9am in the school gym |

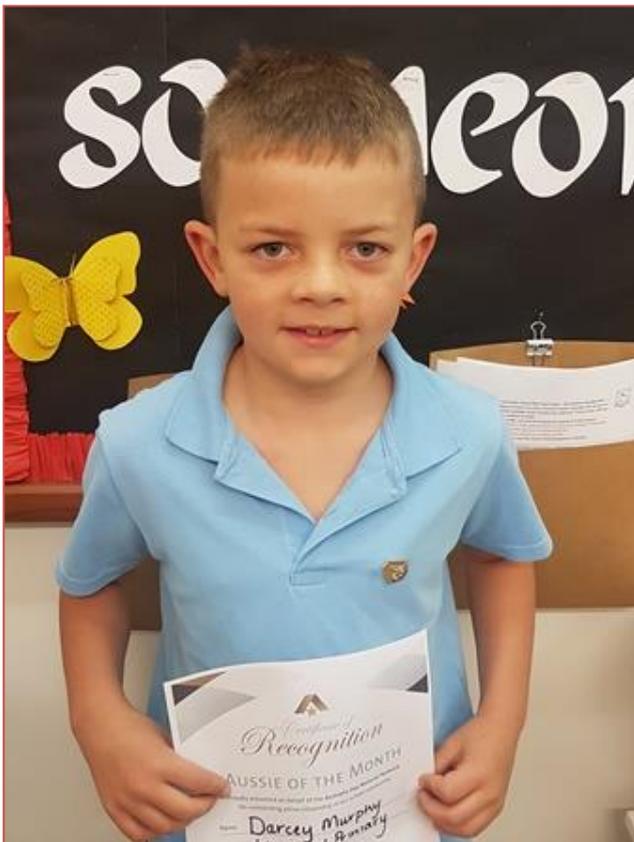
From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

At the state-wide literacy conference recently, we heard from a presenter called Dr Marianne Wolfe about the neuroscience of reading. Her topic was about how the 'reading brain' teaches us to teach, predict and intervene with students. She began by talking about the importance of oral language. By the time children are 4 years old, she said that we should aim for them to have heard 50 million words (not different words, the words can be repeated)! Those words probably need to be spoken by a human too, and not a device. Having a basis of strong oral language and a good vocabulary sets kids up for life. She also talked about the importance of explicitly showing students that words can have multiple meanings. Here are three of her examples:

- The bat bats with a bat.
- Duck duck! The duck ducked.
- Sam tracked the tracks by the tracks.

She also talked about the fact that children and young people need to learn how to read deeply, and by this she meant using inference and deduction, analytical thinking, imagery, background knowledge, perspective taking, critical analysis, insight and reflection and their own novel thoughts.

Congratulations to our first Aussie of the Month



Congratulations to our first Aussie of the Month, Darcey Murphy. Darcey really lives by our school values. He is able to work independently and in a group, he shares and includes everyone. When things don't go exactly the way that he would like, Darcey understands that sometimes that's just the way it is, and he carries on with his learning or his playing. I've heard him say "Oh well" a number of times. Darcey is able to find solutions to problems, and we have all seen him thinking hard to try to find solutions that will work for everybody. In his work in class, in his work outside of the class, and in the playground Darcey is always doing his best. When he sees that someone isn't following our rules, he is quick to let them know in a kind and assertive way. He participates in all activities with energy and he has made some great contributions to SRC. Well done Darcey!

Our School Values are

- Independence**
- Resilience**
- Creativity**
- Excellence**
- Community**

Volunteer Training

Volunteers at our school are vital and we are so, so appreciative of the wonderful volunteers we have here at Lenswood. Last year we held a volunteer induction/training morning at school which was attended by many of you. Some were unable to make it and carried out their training on line at home. If you did not participate in any training last year but wish to volunteer at our school this year we require you to participate in an on line induction session as well as a Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care Training (RAN-EC) induction. We are happy to hold another session here at school if we get enough interest, however if not, as a volunteer you will need to complete these sessions on line at home if you did not do them last year. To complete these sessions you will need to go to www.decd.sa.gov.au click on Supporting students, Parent engagement in education, Volunteers, and click on online induction. This will take you to a volunteer page showing you how to sign up via PLINK for the course to be done at home. Only follow this if you are doing the training on your own at home. You will then also be able to read more information regarding volunteers in DECD as well as follow the links to the Responding to Abuse & Neglect (RAN-EC) training you are also required to do. Once you have completed these sessions at home you must show Julia your certificate of completion. If you require more information or you wish to attend a session here at school please let Julia know.

P&F fundraising items for this year, put these dates in your diary

Firstly, thank you to those who attended our recent AGM. We would like to welcome Prue Olsen (her daughter Edith is in the R/1 class) to the P&F and as our new Vice President, thank you for joining us and putting your hand up to be our VP.

A big shout out to all the Mum's who have put their hand up to help with Monday Munchies. We have had two successful lunches so far this term.

Our first fundraiser for the year will be a bake stall at school on the day of the State Election, March 17. The school premises has been allocated as a polling booth, providing us with a perfect opportunity to show case our school and raise funds from the greater community. We will be looking for volunteers to run the bake stall from 8:30 until goods are sold out. Please fill in the attached form with a preferred time and return to the front office, or alternatively via text message to Nadine Schultz 0437800717. We would also like to ask all families to please make a baked goods donation for the stall. These can be delivered to the school kitchen on Friday, 16 March. Please include a list of ingredients and we do ask that there is no cream as this is hard for us to keep refrigerated on the day. Thank you in anticipation of some delicious baking.

Fundraising this year, put them in your diary!!!

Term 1

17/3/18 Cake stall for the State Election.

29/3/18 Sports day, we will be running a BBQ again this year

Other Looking into a tea towel/apron fundraiser ready for Mother's Day

Term 2

5/5/18 Trash & Treasure Car Boot Sale 10am – 3pm. If you have any items that you no longer want/need here is the perfect opportunity for a clean out. Sites will be \$25 with a refund of \$5 if any unsold items. Money from items you sell is for your pocket and any unsold items are to be taken home with you. Tables will be available for hire at \$5 each. Home businesses are also welcome to set up stalls. Please contact Bec Flavell (Haylee and Zac's mum) if you are interested in having a stall or helping out on the day.

Term 3

11/8/18 Family Table Tennis & Games Night – more details to come

Term 4

3/11/18 Uraidla show BBQ – the P&F plan to be running this BBQ at the show, this is our major fundraiser for the year bringing in nearly \$3,000 from outside the direct school community. Many hands make light work.

13/12/18 Raffle at the presentation night

Thank You

A big thank you to those families who have already donated tissues. A quick reminder that we are inviting every family to donate a single box of tissues to the school. Just send them along with one of your children, and we will be extremely grateful. A huge thank you also goes to Tom and Lisa Golding who generously removed the screens from the year 2/3/4 class so that we could wash the windows and let the light in.

Quotes of the fortnight



Sports Vouchers

Once again this year the government is offering the Sports Voucher program. This program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive up to a \$50 discount on sports membership/registration fees. All SA primary school children are eligible for one voucher per calendar year. There are two ways to claim your voucher. Find out if your sports provider has initiated the online registration. If they have they will let you know what you need to do. If they have not, then you need to download the voucher from the Sports Vouchers website, complete it, and take it to the sports provider who will discount your fees when you register. If you are unable to download a copy of the vouchers you will find some in the front office at school.

Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster

Week 6, 5/3/18	- Cupcakes	Haley Mason & Helen Lane
Week 7, 13/3/18	- Lunches	Sally Bellman & Lisa Golding
Week 8, 19/3/18	- Cupcakes	Tracey Mason & Evelyn Pearce



Happy March birthday to:
Bella Bellinger who turns 11 on the 1st March!!

Community News

Answers to the Quiz in the last newsletter:

- Q1: A variety of answers. 'Stench' is the only word that isn't both a noun and a verb, or 'Shampoo' is the only word with two syllables, or 'Seat' does not have two consonants side by side, or 'Taste' doesn't belong in a bathroom!! (Well...apart from toothpaste.)
- Q2: Thousand
- Q3: 28 days (doesn't fall down on the last day)
- Q4: alone, lone, one

Lobethal Netball Club – Registration Day on Sunday 11 March at 9am – 12 noon at the netball courts at the Lobethal Recreation Ground. All junior & seniors are encouraged to attend to get information on registering on line as well as an opportunity to purchase uniforms and ask any questions that you may have. A free sausage sizzle will be on from

10:30am. For Reception to Year 7 students who will be using a Sports Voucher for the \$50 discount on their fees they must fill one in and bring it on the day.

Auskick – Starts at the Lobethal Rec Ground on Monday, 9 April at 4pm – 5pm. To be eligible to participate in the NAB AFL Auskick program a participant (boy or girl) must be aged 5 and above. Most participants finish the Auskick program by 8 years old. You must register and pay on line for the Auskick program. The Sports Voucher Government Scheme will reduce your cost by \$50. For more information about Auskick at Lobethal please contact Jamie Munyard on 0438 710295.

Oakbank Area School – Open Night Come along and discover the diverse opportunities that Oakbank Area School offers students from Reception through to Year 12. Families and friends of both current and prospective students are invited to attend our Open Night on Tuesday, 27 March at 6:30pm in the hall. Principal's address will commence at 6:45pm and guided tours will commence at 7pm. A bbq tea and light refreshments will be provided.

Student Placement, Aust & NZ – Opportunities are available to become a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. In June students aged 15 – 16 years from France will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. For further details please contact Jenny Hanson on 0409 890184 or email info@studentplacement.com.au, or check our noticeboard.

Rugby Union - Burnside RFC prides itself on being your local community club (located at 420 The Parade, Norwood) where everyone is welcome - regardless of size, shape, ability and experience. We welcome boys and girls from 5-18, and support them with 16 coaches whose sole focus is giving the players a safe and fun environment to develop the skills required to play this wonderful game. For more information check out our noticeboard or email BRUFC_secretary@adam.com.au

Urrbrae Agricultural High School is South Australia's special interest secondary school catering for students with a strong interest in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, technology and the environment. Students have the opportunity to further their understanding of agricultural, horticultural and environmental principles and practices while at the same time completing a comprehensive secondary school curriculum.

Disability policy and programs parent forum - Parents or carers of children or young people with a disability are invited to attend the first Disability Policy and Programs 2018 Parent Forum.

Date: **Wednesday 21 March 2018**

Time: 9.30am to 2.00pm

Venue: Special Education Resource Unit, 72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach.

The forum is an opportunity for families to hear about the services, policies and support available for children and students with a disability, regardless of their setting. They will be given the opportunity to have their voices heard and be able to visit and see the resources available for borrowing from the Special Education Resource unit.

Contact: Project Manager, [Liz Barber](mailto:Liz.Barber), phone 8226 1863



The poster for Urrbrae Agricultural High School's Open Day for prospective Year 8 students. It features the school's crest and logo at the top. The main text reads 'OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 8 STUDENTS TUESDAY MARCH 21ST 2017'. Below this, it details a 2-hour programme with three time slots: 9.30-11.30am, 1.00-3.00pm, and 6.00-8.00pm. The programme includes application information, farm tours, and school tours. It also lists several bullet points: Urrbrae is a Special Interest School offering a comprehensive curriculum; selection is based on student interest in agriculture, environment, and technology; application packages are available from March 21st; and enrolment applications close at 5pm on Wednesday, May 3rd. Contact information for the school is provided at the bottom, along with the Government of South Australia logo.



Open Day at
Birdwood High School on
5th April 2018,
9:15am start until 11am

Includes Principal's Address, School Tour and Morning Tea with the Leadership Team.

For more info email dl.0770.info@schools.sa.edu.au or visit www.birdwoodhs.sa.edu.au