

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday, 14 March 2018

Upcoming dates to remember

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| Fri, 16 March | - Port Adelaide Football Club visit – 12pm til 12:45pm |
| 19 – 23 March | - Harmony Week – Dress in orange on Friday, 23 March |
| Wed, 28 March | - School Photos |
| Thurs, 29 March | - Sports Day – Dress in your teams colours |

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

In every classroom we have been turning our attention to setting clear **learning intentions** at the beginning of some lessons to ensure that the intended learning is **visible** to students.

A lesson without clear learning intentions is like sending students into a dark tunnel without a torch to light the way. Students might “bang into the wall”, or “fall over”, “get lost or even start walking in the opposite direction without even realising it”.

A clear learning intention can be described as the torch in teaching and learning. It helps students to know that they are heading in the right direction, taking away some of the confusions and unnecessary obstacles that could slow their progress and understanding down.

Learning can be thought of as a journey through the tunnel and students should be encouraged to tell their teacher whenever they feel ‘in the dark’ about what they were meant to be learning. Success criteria go hand-in-hand with learning intentions and can be likened to signposts along the way through the tunnel because when referred to throughout a lesson they can ensure that students continue to travel in the right direction, not take any side tunnels and keep working towards their intended destination.

Power Community Youth Program

As part of their Power Community Youth Program the Port Adelaide Club players will be visiting our school this Friday, March 16 at 12pm til 12:45pm. The visit will consist of a school assembly conducted by Port Adelaide Football Club players who will deliver a 45 minute session on the following:

- ◆ Introduction of each player
- ◆ Current preseason activity
- ◆ Eat Well (2 & 5, water consumption, food groups, limit junk food)
- ◆ Be Active (60 minutes of activity, reduce screen time, sleep)
- ◆ Discuss some of the challenges they have had along their journey
- ◆ Questions time for the students
- ◆ Group photo as a whole school (school to coordinate and advise on any limitations)
- ◆ Students with PAFC merchandise to receive autographs from players



Parents are invited to come along and listen to players also.

State Election

Just in case you are unaware, this Saturday the State Election is being held. The Lenswood Primary School Gym will be the local polling booth. It will be open from 8am til 6pm and you are asked to bring along your

ECSA Voting Card you recently received in the post to make voting faster for everyone. The school students will be holding a democracy sausage sizzle and cake stall on the day from 9am to help fundraise for various things including the year 6/7 Canberra trip, so bring along some change on the day.

Cake Stall – State Election

As mentioned, the students are holding a fundraising bbq and cake stall. We are asking families to donate some homemade cakes to sell on the day. Cupcakes, crackles, honey joys, long bar cakes, anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Please bring it into the school on Friday, 16 March with the ingredients clearly marked.

Democracy Sausage Sizzle – State Election

A big thank you to those parents and students who have volunteered to help out on the democracy sausage sizzle fundraiser on Saturday at the polling booth. Your time is greatly appreciated. As you can see from the timetable below, we can still do with more help on the day. This type of fundraising will certainly help reduce the overall cost of the Canberra trip.

9 – 10am	10 – 11am	11- 12pm	12 – 1pm	1 – 2pm
Beau Schultz	Haylee Flavell	Henry Green	Helen Read	Jack Rosenthal
Henry Green	Addelie Flavell	Polly Norris	John England	Helen Read
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Harmony Day – Wear Orange on Friday 23 March

Harmony Day is next week. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Held every year on 21 March, the day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is **‘everyone belongs’**, the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone. We will be celebrating the entire week, culminating with special speakers, food and activities on Friday, 23 March. This is the day we are asking everyone to wear orange to school.

Sports Day

Sports Day is fast approaching. It will be held on Thursday, March 29 (day before Easter break). All our new students have been told which house team they are in. If you know your child will be away on Sports Day please let the school know asap as we are in the process of organising events and knowing numbers would be beneficial. The order of the events on the day will be a little different to previous years. We will be holding the running races and relays before lunch with more games/tabloid events after lunch. Once again our P&F will be running a bbq on the day for all students and parents/families. 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.

Lateness

Unfortunately, since the beginning of the school year, staff have noticed an increasing trend to student lateness in all our classes. Please be aware that the school bell sounds at 8:45am where every student should be in class ready for the start of the school day. We understand on occasions it may be unavoidable to get your child to school on time. car breakdown, lost keys, sick pet, appointment etc, however when students are chronically late to class, they’ll experience a wide range of problems. First and foremost, a late arrival is disruptive to the entire classroom. Instead of being focused on the beginning of class procedures, students turn to look at the late student - especially if they make an issue of being late or try to turn it into an excuse to get everyone looking at them. Lateness causes a disruption to the entire classroom environment, including a lack of respect for the teacher and what is being taught. Several studies have shown that school lateness has a negative impact on learning outcomes. By the mere

nature of arriving late and missing school hours, students receive fewer hours of instruction than students who are in class when the bell sounds. Not only does lateness establish bad punctuality habits, it also disrupts the learning of other students in class. Please endeavor to have your child at school on time.

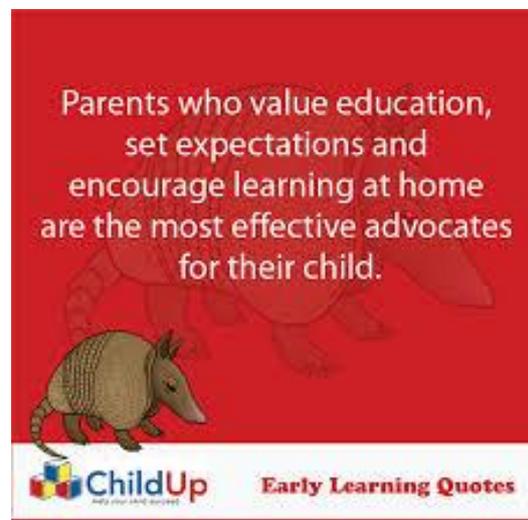
School Photos – sibling envelopes in office

School Photos will be held on Wed, 28 March. Envelopes have been sent home with each child, to be returned with the money by that day. If you would like a 'sibling' photo please come and get the envelope from the front office.

Ipads missing

Unfortunately we are missing two ipads. As you are well aware, ipads are not cheap and the numbers of ipads we have allows for individual classes to use them at the same time. Please speak with your child if they know anything about the whereabouts of these ipads. We would love to be able to use them again.

Quotes of the fortnight



Upcoming Cake & Lunch Roster

Week 8, 19/3/18	- Cupcakes	Mason & Evelyn Pearce
Week 9, 26/3/18	- Lunch Help	Helen Lane & Tess Schultz
Week 10, 3/4/18 (Tues)	- Cupcakes	Lisa Golding & Kylie Kopeikin
Week 11, 9/4/18	- Lunch Help	Jess Boyle & Bella Delsar



Happy March birthday to:

Jack Rosenthal who turns 11 on the 19th, Ellie Schultz who will be 8 on the 22nd, Polly Norris who is turning 12 on the 24th, Jemima Boyle who will be 8 on the 24th, Zac Flavell who turns 10 on the 26th and Asha Schultz who will turn 5 on the 26th.