

Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday, 2 May 2018

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| Thurs, 3 May | - P&F Mtg 7pm at school (note change in calendar date) |
| Sat, 5 May | - Car Boot Sale at school 10am to 3pm – P&F fundraiser |
| Thurs, 10 May | - Life Education Van visit to school |
| Tues 15, Wed 16, Thurs 17 May | - Naplan testing – years 3, 5 & 7's |
| Fri, 18 May | - Walk Safely to School Day – meet at Lenswood Oval on Swamp Rd at 8:45am for a shared, whole school breakfast |
| Tues, 22 May | - Gov Council Meeting, 7:30pm at school |

From the Principal – Leah Kennewell

Welcome back to term 2 after the sunny (and dry!) weather of the school holidays. As always, this will be a busy term. You will see below that we will have some staff on leave, so you'll notice some new faces around the place. I'd like to welcome back Jodie O'Regan who will continue to be the SSO in Julie's class on Thursday mornings. I'd also like to welcome Heidi Johnson who will be a new SSO at the school for this term at least. Travis Gray is a pre-service teacher doing his prac in the year 2/3/4 class, and he comes from a background as a SSO and has fitted in really well. Bianca Bronzin will continue her SSO placement in the 2/3/4 class at least one day a week. Supporting adult students who want to work in schools is such a win-win situation, and we're glad to have them here.

There will be a number of events during the term, some of which you can read about below. I would encourage you to come to the car boot sale this Saturday. I think that there will be a wide range of offerings and I know I'll be looking for a bargain or two. It should be a great opportunity to catch up with each other as well.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted in week 3. There will be tests for students in years 3, 5 and 7 on reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. There has always been some controversy around the NAPLAN tests. I think that it's a good thing to say that at a number of certain points all Australian students in schools should have certain skills and understandings. I also think that it's a good thing for students to get more familiar with being silent, working on their own, thinking through problems and following procedures step-by-step. This is what we usually call test conditions. Where it can become problematic is when too much pressure is put on children to achieve at unreasonably high levels. Fortunately, I don't think that ever happens here at Lenswood. If we all remember that the tests are simply a 'moment in time' measure of what kids can do, then we'll all keep the tests in perspective.



Congratulations to our Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to March Aussie of the Month, Addelie Flavell. Addelie is an excellent student, in that she really promotes all of our school values. In particular, she recognises the importance of community, and strives to ensure that everyone is safe, happy and able to learn. Addelie has a really good knowledge of the community outside of the school too, and has often helped me to make sense of who-is-related-to-who and who-lives-where (so important in Lenswood!) Addelie has a strong sense of care for others, yet she is also able to be on her own very contentedly, and I know that spends time at home reading and drawing. All students have moments when learning something new presents challenges, and Addelie has shown resilience and persistence so that she can now be proud of her numerous achievements. There will be no April Aussie of the Month due to the school holidays.

Our Values

Independence
Resilience
Creativity
Excellence
Community

Whole School Excursion – The Arts, Darly Jones

As part of our Visual Arts course, on Friday the 25 May, we will be spending the day at the Adelaide Art Gallery to enjoy the Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art. Our museum currently has on loan from the *Musee d'Orsay, Paris* (while this Art Gallery undertakes major renovations) 65 Artworks by famous French artists (including Renoir and Monet.)

As the Impressionism exhibition is a ticketed event, the school will be covering this cost, which leaves only the cost of the bus that parents will be asked to cover. All classes will be taking part in a facilitated 'Divided Worlds' workshop, as well as viewing an allegory of human society, on the past and future; and on beauty, culture and the environment. A more detailed letter including costing and programme will follow shortly.

Life Education – Health, Darly Jones

On Thursday, 10 May, all classes will be participating in the *Life Education Programme*. Life Education Australia is one of the largest independent health and drug education providers for school children aged 5-13.

These curriculum based modules focus on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

The specially trained educators ensure that all messages are age appropriate, relevant and enhance and support the messages taught in Australian schools. The school will be covering the cost of this programme.

If you would like more information please visit www.lifeeducation.org.au

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday, 18 May

Now in its 19th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. WSTSD is an opportunity for parents and carers of primary school aged children to promote safe pedestrian behavior.

WSTSD will inform parents and carers that they need to closely supervise their young children, particularly those under 10 years of age, in all road environments, holding hands when near or crossing the road.

WSTSD will promote and inform parents, carers, teachers and children of the significant physical, mental and social health benefits which can be achieved through regular walking.

We are asking all parents to drop their children off at the Lenswood Oval on Swamp Road by 8:45am (not before 8:30am) on Friday, 18 May where a shared breakfast will be supplied to students followed by all students walking together with staff safely to school. Parents are invited to join in on the walk also.

Notification of Chicken Pox

We have been informed that one of our students has contracted Chicken Pox. Some general guidelines for your information are:

Chicken Pox is a viral infection caused by the varicella-zoster virus. Symptoms include fever and 'cold-like' symptoms followed by a rash. The rash appears as blisters which crust to form scabs. The rash is more noticeable on the trunk than on the limbs and may affect the scalp and the inside of the mouth, nose and throat. The rash is usually itchy.

Incubation period (time between becoming infected and developing symptoms) is two – three weeks, commonly thirteen – seventeen days.

Infectious period (time during which an infected person can infect others) is from two days before the rash appears (during coughing, runny nose stage) until 5 days after the appearance of the first blister.

Control of Spread:

- Exclude person with chicken pox until fully recovered or for at least five days after the rash first appears and all blisters are crusted over.

Treatment

- Calamine lotion or Phenergan may be useful for the itch. Paracetamol is useful in the treatment to reduce temperature of discomfort.

Staff Absences

Julie Browne will be taking long service leave for family reasons from Friday, May 4 until Friday, June 1. Julie will return to school on Monday, June 4. While Julie is away, Guy Feutrill will be the relief teacher in her class. Guy, (pronounced G-ee), is looking forward to teaching the class and has been in to visit and meet the children. We know you will make him feel welcome.

Helen Read is off on long service leave from Monday, May 14 until Friday, May 25. Helen will be off travelling to Hong Kong with her husband and is hoping to attend the Port football match in Shanghai. Stacey Wood will be the person taking over in Helen's class in her absence. Stacey has worked with Helen's class before and works very well with her treasures. Stacey is very approachable so if you have any questions or concerns please pop in and see her.

Alison Mason will be on long service leave as she travels on an overseas school camp to Fiji with her son William. She will be away from May 21 to 25 (week 4). Many of you will know Damian Accatino who will be in Alison's class for that week. Damian knows the school and the students well and is really looking forward to being here.

Quotes of the fortnight



P&F News

Don't forget it's our Car Boot Sale fundraiser this Saturday at the school, 10am til 3pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks available, a face painting stall, bric-a-brac and lots of fun for the family. Free entry for everyone, however if you'd like to hold a stall it will only cost you \$25. Do you have a hobby or a small home business or even want to do an early spring clean and need to get rid of things? This is the time to do it. For more information about hiring a stall contact Bec Flavell on 0418 316914.



Heated Lunches/Hats

A reminder that we **heat lunches** for students who bring food and leftovers from home that they would like heated in the pie warmer only (not in the microwave). We heat lunches on Tuesdays to Fridays (not Mondays). Lunches need to be wrapped in foil or in a heatproof container, clearly named with permanent marker and put on the tray near the pie warmer by recess each day. We will not microwave food for lunches, pie warmer only.

Hats *do not* need to be worn by students in term 2. Put these in a safe place at home for the beginning of term 3!!

Community News

Birdwood Farm Day – Sunday, 20 May from 10am – 4pm. Held at Chalks Campground on Warren Road at Mount Crawford Forest. Join in for a day of country fun in the forest and enjoy the best of what the local community has to offer. Entry for adults is \$8 and children are free, with a maximum of \$15 per car.

In the Arts the R/1 class studied their shadows then painted themselves, here are some examples of "Me & My Shadow".

