



# Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



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Week 9 – Term 2

### Upcoming Events:

- Fri, 29/6 Pupil Free Day
- Fri, 29/6 Staff Prof Dev Day
- Mon, 2/7 Reports due home
- Tues, 3/7 Mobile Library
- Fri, 6/7 Playgroup
- Fri, 6/7 'PJ Day' - SRC fundraiser  
for the Ashtma Foundation
- Fri, 6/7 Last day of term 2  
2:15pm dismissal
- Mon, 23/7 Return to school
- Sat, 11/8 P&F Event  
Table Tennis Night

Please shut the school gates if you see them open. We've noticed recently that gates are being left open more and more, we'd appreciate your help with this to keep both the school and our students safe, thanks.

**Please remember that we have a pupil free day this Friday, 29 June.**

Teachers will be meeting with educators from a range of schools in the Mount Lofty Partnership on the next stage of our Visible Learning program. We will all be working on the concept of how we evaluate our work with students, analysing the types of evidence that can be used to understand the needs of students, and making plans to collect and analyse evidence of our own teaching practice.



**I want to let you know about this:** Nature play SA are partnering with National parks SA to bring the 4<sup>th</sup> Cubby Town event to Belair national Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July. This year, there'll be cubby building, wattle and eucalypt crown making, low ropes, guided walks with National Parks SA Rangers, bell tents for reading and natural loose parts play, along with as much free play as your nature players can handle in the wild surrounds. For FAQs and ticketing information go to <https://natureplaysa.org.au/event/cubby-town-3/>

**Some of the students were crafting** sentences using as many of their spelling words as possible – what do you think of this one from Jack Rosenthal?

*The curious Japanese knight knelt down to look at the superb illusion of the mysterious tarantula.*

**The safety of students is always our priority.** Because of this we'd like you to let us know if someone new is picking up your child or children. Just write a note in your child's diary or give Julia a quick call when you change your usual arrangements. It will save confusion and worry for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**We are hosting Governing Council training** on the 12<sup>th</sup> September between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. If you've ever wondered what the role of governing council is exactly, now is your time to find out. Just let Leah

## Student Reports

Reports for this semester will be sent home with students on Monday. You will notice that we have a new format which we think will give parents and carers the essential information that you need about the progress of your child or children. Julia has improved the appearance of the reports, and I'd like to thank her for her significant efforts with this. Writing and distributing the reports is a real team effort on behalf of a lot of our staff. I will remind you again that the grading system has changed in the last few years, and so the "c" that really used to mean mediocre when a lot of us went to school, is now exactly where students are meant to be. If your child is getting that grade for their subjects, you have every right to be very pleased with them. You will notice that we don't have the students' comments on the report anymore. That's because we plan for students to write their own reflections to you at the end of terms one and three in future.



## Student Lateness & Absences

A reminder for parents to contact the school as soon as you know your child will be late or not in school. You can send a message via Flexibuzz, email or ring the front office, put a note in your child's diary if you know beforehand, or speak to the class teacher. We have noticed an increase in 'unexplained' lates and absences recently, and we must have a valid reason as to why your child is not in school.

## P&F News



It's Table Tennis Time!!! Come join us for a night of family fun at our Table Tennis Tournament in the School Gym on Saturday, 11 August. Pop it in your diary now. It will be a great family night out. Bring a plate of nibbles for a shared supper, there will be drinks available to purchase on the night – fruit boxes, soft drink, tea, coffee and wine etc, so kick back relax and join in the fun or help cheer on the teams. There will be 4 different levels so all ages can join in. We will be holding extra little games throughout the night like round robin and a whiskey slide so don't forget some loose change. Team Registration of 2 players is \$10 or 2 teams for \$15. Fill in the attached form

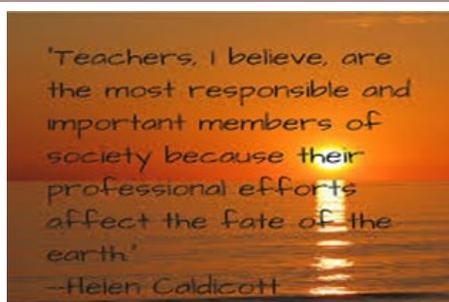
## SRC Information

All students are members of our SRC or School Representative Council. They meet to discuss issues relevant to student matters. Fundraising events and special events are also organised at our SRC meetings. A rotating executive is appointed each week, consisting of chairperson, secretary, treasurer and observer.

Minutes from our last SRC meeting included: we will celebrate 'National PJ Day' supporting Asthma Australia on Friday, 6 July (last day of term). Everyone is invited to wear their PJs to school and make a gold coin donation (or more or less, it's up to you) to support the 2.5 million Australians living with asthma.



## Quotes of the Week



## Consent for Students

You will have read about the study that is being done at the school on critical comprehension. Kerry Gehling is a PhD candidate through UniSA. She has been filming her sessions with staff and filming a few sessions with students. We are sending home a consent form today with a covering letter from Kerry. The consent form is for photos and images to be shown elsewhere. The study that Kerry is doing is the first of its kind and she is likely to have some demand at both Australian and international conferences. As she has said in her letter, she will seek further consent from you if your child's picture or moving image is included in further publications. Please support this work by signing the consent and returning it to school.

## Lunch Orders – Term 3

You'll find attached our lunch orders for term 3. Please return these as soon as you can so we know how much food we need to order next term. No need to send any money with the order, you will be invoiced for these in due course.

## Thank you to...

- ◆ The Onkaparinga Lions Club for donating 61 bicycle bells to our students. They are donating bells to every student in the local schools after noticing that there were lots of near misses with pedestrians on the Amy Gillet Bikeway. This was a special gift to the students which will both keep them safe and help them to learn how to be a responsible bike rider.
- ◆ Everyone for your generous donations towards our annual homeless appeal. There are so many lovely things for Darly to take in to the shelter on Friday – beanies, socks, jumpers, blankets, scarves, umbrellas etc. Your donations will be very much appreciated.
- ◆ Darly Jones for organising the donations for the homeless appeal.



## Happy Birthday for July and the school holidays to:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to** – Liam Mason who turns 11 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Joshua Martin who will be turning 12 on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Lucy Flavell for turning 8 on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Kye Schultz who will turn 10 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Eden Lane who turns 12 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your special day everyone.



## Year 5/6/7 Canteen

Every week our 5/6/7 class prepare 'treats' for our students to purchase as a Canberra Fundraiser. Usually these are for sale on Fridays, however due to our pupil free day we will be selling them tomorrow (Thursday) at recess instead. So, tomorrow we will have cheese & vegemite scrolls for sale at 2 for 50c.

Next Friday they will be making and selling choc-chip cookies for 50c each.

## Morialta Citizenship Awards

Every year The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner (Morialta - Minister for Education) honours and recognises the significant work of many young people in the Morialta electorate as part of the Morialta Citizenship Award. The Award is given to a student identified by the school for demonstrating outstanding examples of citizenship and who is a role model for positive behaviours in the community and within the school, particularly for younger students. Mr Gardner hands out a certificate and \$100 at the end of each year to the student and also mentions their achievements in the *Hansard*. The Hansard is an official record of Parliament and last year our very own nominated student, Hannah Coulter's achievements were mentioned and recognised in the Hansard and therefore now in a permanent record of Parliament for ever, this is what was said. *"Lenswood Primary School nominated Hannah Coulter, whose achievements we acknowledge, including her leadership skills, organisation and planning and her ability to identify goals to support other students. She also conceptualised, negotiated, organised and delivered a dance club for younger students last year. She is a role model of excellence for students in the school"*.

This year we have once again agreed to be part of the Morialta Citizenship Award which will be announced at the end of the year.

## Thursday afternoon Markets

We haven't done it for a while now but we used to hold a 'Thursday afternoon Market' after school under the veranda for any students or families who wished to sell produce or hand-made and/or home-made goods, fresh fruit or veg, home-made goodies, sauces, hand-made jewellery etc. A couple of students wish to start this up again and we would love to see more people out there selling and buying their goodies. You don't need to let anyone know, just rock up and start selling. We'll start it the first Thursday of next term and I know we're going to have some kindling and cookies to get us started. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask Julia.

## 3/4/5 Class

Recently the 2/3/4 class was working on visual comprehension. The students selected an image that they didn't know anything about. Firstly they had to write a description of what they thought was happening in the picture. The year 2s had 20 words, the year 3s had 15 words and the year 4s had 10 words. Then we discussed what everyone else thought the pictures were about. That was really interesting, because there were lots of different interpretations. We decided that if we didn't know what the picture was about, we could make up our own story. This is what Luci wrote about this picture.



*One day I went to the beach. I was about to go into the water and along came a dog. It was about five times taller than me. It came out of the water. It made a big wave in the water. A big wave! It scared me. I was running for my life. The dog was soaking. It was slow but I was slow too. But then I was faster than the dog. The dog's feet were wet so the dog stopped in time. I was*

*running out of breath so then I had to stop.*

*The next day I went to the beach and it was fine. I went swimming and got tired and went home and slept to the next day. The end.*