



# Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Principal: Paul Jude

Independence – Resilience – Creativity – Excellence – Community

Tues 11 December 2018

Week 9 - Term 4

Wed 11/12 Pt Elliot Excursion  
Depart: 9am  
Return: 3:30-45pm

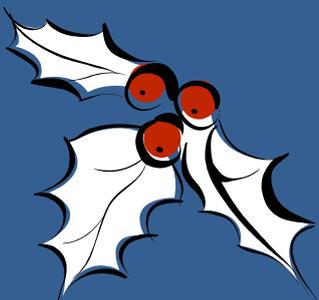
### End of Year Presentation

Thursday, 12 December 7pm

The night will include:

- ◇ Welcome
- ◇ School Band Performance
- ◇ Principal's Speech
- ◇ Morialta Citizenship Award Announcement
- ◇ Cam Stafford Shield winners Announced
- ◇ Governing Council Report
- ◇ P&F Report & Raffle draw
- ◇ Year 7 Goodbyes/Photos
- ◇ Class Resilience Awards
- ◇ Farewells to families
- ◇ Musical Items

Students, please remember to wear red, white, silver or gold if you have it, with a bit of Christmas bling!



### From the Principal, Paul Jude

Our school gymnasium was transformed into a Spy Training Centre for the Year 7 graduation dinner last week. Our year 6 students and their families did a tremendous job of preparing for the evening and arranging a delicious meal for the graduates and their guests. On arrival, guests were fingerprinted and had to negotiate a laser field. Throughout the night, many puzzles were completed to reveal clues and the location of a key to open a secret chest. The chest contained letters written by family members to the graduating Year 7s. These letters were read out by parents or year 6 students and was a special way to complete the evening.

Students will bring home their end of year report today. This information can be a catalyst for discussion and reflection with your child/ren about their year and goal setting for 2019. Achievement grades are often the first place we look and are important, but I encourage you to pay particular attention to the personal and social capabilities and the effort your child is putting in across the subjects and with a variety of staff members. These work habits are highly valued by the staff as they are valuable attributes for success in life, beyond academic performance. If you have any questions about your child's report, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

I can now communicate that Alison Mason has won her contract back for 2019. Alison brings a diverse range of skills and talents to Lenswood Primary School. She will teach in the 2/3/4 class three days a week as well as continue her work with the choir and band. With this now confirmed, it will mean the class structure will be R/1 – Julie Browne, 2/3/4 – Alison Mason and 5/6/7 – Helen Read. Daryl Jones and the incoming Principal will complement these classes, covering specialist subjects and the other two days of the 2/3/4 class. We are all keen to know who the Acting Principal is going to be for Term 1, before a long term Principal is appointed Term 2, 2019. At this stage I have no information to share, but we hope to hear news from the Education Director and announce that before the end of the week.

The year is coming to a rapid end with celebrations and school holidays almost upon us. I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday period and encourage you to enjoy some well-deserved family time after another busy year. Thanks for welcoming me so warmly here over the last two terms. Lenswood Primary School is a special place that I will remember fondly. All the best for 2019 and beyond. Kind Regards, Paul Jude.

## Congratulations to our Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to our November Aussie of the Month, Amaya Hermel. Amaya always displays a caring, helpful personality. Amaya is willing to help out with our younger students whenever asked and always has a smile on her face. She shows excellence in everything she does and her resilience and creativity is commendable. Well done Amaya!



## Surf Lifesaving Day - Wed 12 December, 2018

We are all looking forward to our Surf Education day at Port Elliot, Horse-shoe Bay tomorrow. Thanks again to our parents/carers who are assisting with transport. In recognition of this, lunch will be supplied for you. This assistance means this fantastic excursion is free of charge for our school families at this expensive time of year. Our Sporting Schools grant has been used to fund the instruction for the students. We aim to depart school by 9:00am but please be here by 8:45am, and arrive at the Port Elliot lifesaving club at 10:15am. All students will take part in 2 sessions, (10:30 – 12:00 and 12:30-2:00) with a lunch break at 12:00pm. Students should return to school at approximately 3:30-3:45pm. If your child needs a booster seat please drop it off in the morning with your child. If you have not already done so, please return your permission slip as if we have not received this your child will not be attending the day. Parents who are driving need to fill in the transport note and return it to the school by tomorrow morning. **All drivers taking children**



## A Day of Presentation

At our special assembly today, we celebrated the involvement in and achievements with the Premier's Be Active and Premier's Reading challenges. Our guest to present the awards and certificates for the Be Active Challenge was Cooper Skinner. Cooper is a former student of Lenswood Primary and footballer at Lobethal Football Club. He spoke to us about how fitness and sport is important in developing healthy habits for life.

Our guest speakers to present the awards for the Premier's Reading Challenge were Jo-anne Shaw and Peter Stafford. Jo-anne and Peter are part of the local history group and inspired the students to ask questions and enjoy writing.



Unfortunately MP John Gardner could not make it to present his Morialta Citizenship Award as he had to attend Parliament. We will announce this Award at our End of Year Presentation. We also thank Mr Cam Stafford for coming in to present the Cam Stafford Shield which is presented to the three students chosen by staff who have displayed initiative and contributed to our school community. We wish to congratulate this year's three recipients Jacob Ross from Year 1, Tahran Thompson from Year 2 and Polly Norris from Year 7. Congratulations, and well done.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to - Addelie who turns 13 on the 23rd December, Max who will be 6 on the 24th and Henry who will turn 12 on the 28th December. And to our January birthday recipients, Megan who will be 6 on the 2nd, Laura who turns 9 on the 5th and to Leo who will be turning 13 in high school. Enjoy your holiday birthday everyone!!!

#### P&F News



Have you remembered to return your raffle book? If not, please do asap. This will be drawn on Thursday night at our End of Year Presentation. A big thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for our wonderful raffle, really appreciated. There is still time to donate if you haven't had the chance, please bring your donation in to school tomorrow morning to be added into the raffle gifts.

#### Staff - Heidi & Dean

We say goodbye and thank you to our two SSO's Heidi Johnson and Dean Moss who both started working at Lenswood PS half way through this year. Both worked with students in the area of classroom support and their passion and understanding of our students was wonderful to see. Unfortunately, at this stage, we are unable to offer them any hours early next year, however if the situation changes and we are in the position to fund more hours then we would love to see one if not both back!

#### Thank you to...

- All the parents who offered to drive students to Horseshoe Bay tomorrow
- All the year 6 parents and students who put together a wonderful year 7 Graduation Dinner last Friday night
- Our P&F committee for their awesome work throughout this year. Their volunteering, fundraising and organising has once again been an asset to our school.

#### Tour Down Under

The Tour Down Under commences January 10 - 20, and Stage 3 rides straight past our school on Thursday, 17 January. The race begins on the Main Rd of Lobethal at 11am and finishes on Greenhill Road at Uraidla at 2:39pm. The school would be a great vantage place to watch the race, so feel free to set up and watch the race from school.



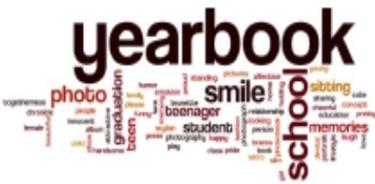
## School & Mobile Library Books

Please return all school and mobile library books to school by this Thursday as they will be being collected and you may receive an overdue notice.

## Lobethal Christmas Pageant



Once again we will be walking in the Lobethal Christmas Pageant on Sunday, 23 December. Lots of students have indicated their desire to participate in the pageant again this year and we would love to see as many students as possible. Heidi, our SSO, has kindly said she will paint Reindeer faces on all our kids, so if you would like this done please get to the top of the Main Rd in Lobethal (near David Street) at 6:30pm (or look for the Lenswood PS group). If you don't want your face painted you won't need to be there until about 7:15 as it starts at 7:30pm. Students are to wear red or green and wear reindeer antlers if possible. You will be able to pass lollies to spectators along the way but all lollies need to be wrapped. Ms Browne, Nicola Green, Julia Cowlam and Heidi Johnson will all be there to help with the students but we do encourage parents to dress up and join in. We would love to see as many families walking in the pageant, supporting our school as possible. The pageant finishes up at the Lobethal Recreation Ground where you are to collect your child/children from. Children will not be allowed to leave the Rec Ground without an adult.



There is still time to order your 2018 Year Book. As previously mentioned, this year we are putting together a Yearbook as a great record of your child's year at Lenswood Primary School in 2018.

So we can include the year 7 Graduation Dinner, the Premiers Be Active & Reading Challenge presentations, the beach day at Horseshoe Bay and our end of year presentation night which all happens in this final week or so, our year book will not be printed until the school holidays and available to purchase in February 2019. We do, however, need to have an idea of how many books to print. A final price is yet to be confirmed, however we can guarantee it will be between \$20 - \$25 each.

## Goodbye to our Beautiful Year 7's

