



Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Independence – Resilience – Creativity – Excellence – Community

Wed, 1 May 2019

Week 1 - Term 2

- Thurs 2/5 P&F Mtg 7:30pm
- Fri 10/5 Playgroup 9am
- Week 3 NAPLAN Tues - Fri
- Wed 14/5 Gov Council Mtg 7:30
- Fri 17/5 Walk Safely to School
- Thurs 30/5 Assembly R/1 8:50
- Thurs 13/6 Assembly 2/3/4 8:50
- Tues 18/6 Gov Council Mtg 7:30
- Mon 24/6 Pupil Free Day
- Thurs 27/6 Assembly 5/6/7 8:50

**HAPPY May
BIRTHDAY to:**

Israel who turns 11 on the 2nd and Beau who will be 12 on the 3rd of May. Happy birthday boys.

Monday Lunches Roster

Lunch Helpers
Wk 2 6/5/19 - Linda MacAuley
& Helen Lane



Cake Makers
Wk 1 29/5/19 - Bec Flavell
Wk 3 13/5/19 - Sara Rosenthal

From the Principal, Jess Moroney

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new permanent principal for Lenswood Primary School and warmly thank the staff, students and parents who have already made me feel so welcome. I'll start with a little information about myself, but I'll keep it brief as I would much rather chat with parents and students in the yard and get to know you all on a personal level.

I'm an Adelaide Hills local, who grew up in Cudlee Creek and spent all of my childhood in the hills. I then spent a decade or so in the suburbs, before having children of my own and returning to the hills. My wife Hailey and I now live with our two daughters (and 3rd baby on the way) in the outskirts of Lobethal and love the hills life.

In terms of work history, I spent the early years of my teaching career at Mansfield Park and Challa Gardens Primary Schools. These schools were rich in diversity and I gained a world of experience teaching and leading across those sites. My teaching roles have predominantly been with upper primary classes, however I have also worked as a reception to year seven specialist teacher, focussing on health, PE, science and mathematics. More recently, I have spent the past 4 years at Woodside Primary School where I have supported the year 6/7 students and their teachers as a co-ordinator for intellectual stretch and also a senior leader (Deputy Principal).

Within education, I have a passion for working with staff to support children to become independent learners who have strong foundations in Numeracy and Literacy, but are also able to apply their knowledge and understanding in complex cross-curricular situations. I firmly believe that it is our role as educators to ensure students do not just fill their brains with facts and information, but are equipped with the skills to critically analyse the world around them and ask whether it is the way it should be.



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cont'd...From the Principal, Jess Moroney

The timing of my appointment here was quite challenging for both Lenswood and Woodside, meaning that throughout term two I will have some responsibilities across both sites. Woodside are currently in the process of finding a replacement for my leadership responsibilities, once that happens I will then spend a little time there to provide a comprehensive handover for the successful applicant. I also have a commitment with AITSL (The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership), where I will be in the Northern Territory for most of week 4 this term leading some school tours and arranging professional learning at a national conference. One focus of the conference is titled "small school, big impact" which I hope to bring back some great ideas that will be relevant for our school community.

Before we get moving on any major projects at school, it is really important that I spend my first few weeks at Lenswood asking a lot of questions to find out exactly what it is that makes this school a fantastic place and also discover what our next steps should be in continuing to strive to be the best school that we can be. I will be speaking with staff, students and parents to gather your thoughts and opinions, so that I can make informed decisions about where to next. Again, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome and look forward to working with you all as we shape the direction of Lenswood Primary School over the next five years.

P&F News

Welcome to Term 2. I hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable and restful holiday break. It seemed to fly by in our house, must have been all those public holidays.

I would like to say a warm welcome to our new principal Jess Moroney. It is great to hear your enthusiasm about the school and I can see some great things happening in the future, we look forward to working with you on the P&F for a long time to come.

At the end of last term we held a wine drive, and these boxes have now been delivered and are ready to be labelled for those wanting labels. This will be happening next week and they will be ready to be collected in time for Mothers Day. If you haven't already, please let me know if there is anything specific you want on your label. This was a fantastic fundraiser and definitely exceeded my expectations, which means we will definitely do it again next year, so remind your family and friends that they can purchase again next year. We are still tallying up the totals for money raised but will let you now in the next newsletter how much we have made and what we will be spending the money on for the school.

This Thursday, May 2nd is our next P&F meeting. It will be held in the school staff room at 7.30 and we will be discussing our mid year dinner fundraiser. If you have any thoughts about potential fundraising ideas for the school please feel free to come along or let me know before the meeting tomorrow night. Looking forward to a great term ahead.

Regards, Lisa Golding

PLAY GROUP (Coffee, Chat & Play)

We will be running our Coffee, Chat & Play sessions again this term in the school gym on Friday mornings from 9am till 10.30am during weeks 2,4,6,8 &10. If you have any non school age children or even if your children are at school and you just want to have a cuppa and a chat please feel free to come along and join us. We will be organising some fun activities and story time for the littlies and everyone is welcome. For those who don't attend the school yet, it is a great way to get a feel for our school and meet some of the local families and also a great way for the children to become familiar with the school and students themselves. If you know anyone that has little ones that might enjoy coming along, please let them know they are more than welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lisa Golding & Helen Lane

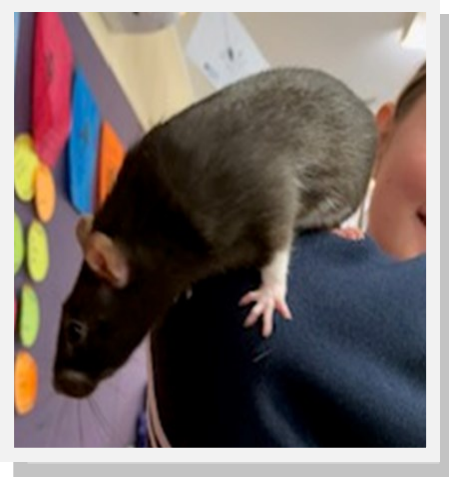
Upper Primary Class Business Enterprise

In the last week of school last term the Upper class held an after school market to showcase what they have been learning about while running a business. They devised a business plan, worked out costs and made a product to sell. What a fabulous turn out it was. Lots of products sold with many happy customers. They also had a class business where they designed cards with an apple and pear theme to support local farmers with 100% of profits going to the Term 3 Camp. These cards will be available to purchase next term - more information to come.

Amaya and Laura with their unique and very popular business venture selling Garden Ornaments.



Welcome Marilyn, Patricia & Raylene!!



The 5/6/7 class have welcomed 3 new pets into the classroom. We have 3 rats. The grey one is called Marilyn, the black one is called Patricia and the brown and white one is called Raylene.

They were previously owned by a woman who used these rats with autistic children and nursing home residents (hence the names). They are very friendly and like to be out with the students.



ANZAC Day Celebrations

Once again our students, along with help from Mrs Stafford, baked ANZAC biscuits for the ANZAC Day Service held at the Forest Range WW1 Memorial during the school holidays. If you haven't had the chance to attend this service previously, I'd really encourage you to try and make it in the future. The service has a very 'local' feel and has become a special event for locals, MP's, VIP's and passing cyclists. It commences at 10am on ANZAC day with coffee/tea and of course biscuits available to all.

Community News



Birdwood Primary School proudly presents the 45th annual

Native wildlife

Log chopping

Restored machinery

Spinners & Weavers

Vintage cars

Farm Animals

CFS demonstrations

Historical Entertainers

Birdwood



Farm Day

Working dogs

Whip cracking

Tractor rides

Sheep shearing

Animal nursery

Live music

Art displays

Pony & Camel rides

Bumbles the Clown

ENTRY
Adults \$10
Kids FREE
Max \$20 per
car

SUNDAY 19th MAY 2019

10am – 4pm

Chalks campground, Mount Crawford Forest
(on the Birdwood to Williamstown road)



Join us for a day of country fun in the forest!

- Farmer's Pantry & Cellar – sweets and bakery treats – damper & billy tea
- huge variety of hot foods – face painting – garden stall – creative crafts
- Mini marketers showcase – prize wheel – Giant Cash raffle drawn on day
- kids rides and activities – market stalls – loads of family entertainment

For more info visit www.birdwoodfarmday.com

