



Lenswood Primary School Newsletter



Independence – Resilience – Creativity – Excellence – Community

Wed, 7 August 2019

Week 3 - Term 3

- Thurs 8/8 Assembly R/1
- Thurs 8/8 Wheels Day 5/6/7
P&F Mtg 7:30pm
- Fri 9/8 Soup Day lunch no. 2
- Wed 14/8 Yr 7 Excursion
- Thurs 15/8 Wheels Day R/1
- Fri 16/8 Playgroup
- Thurs 22/8 Assembly 2/3/4
Wheels Day 2/3/4
- Fri 23/8 Book Week Parade
RSPCA Fundraiser

Next School Assembly

Our next assembly is tomorrow, Thursday, 8 August being run by our R/1 class. Hope to see you there.



**Monday Lunches
Roster**

Lunch Helpers
Wk 4 12/8/19 - Olivia & Evelyn
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Cake Makers - Term 3
Wk 5 19/8/19 - Hannah Hermel

From the Principal, Jess Moroney

SHINE Parent information session:

On Tuesday 30 July, we invited parents from Lenswood, Woodside, Norton Summit and Lobethal to attend an information session relating to the SHINE Relationships and Sexual Health curriculum. The purpose of the night was to provide information about the content that might be covered in the health course at school, along with providing resources and information to support parents as their children progress through adolescence. The session was well attended and was full of information. We strongly believe that parents and carers are the primary educator of a child, so to have the opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with families and develop a consistent approach on what can be a difficult time for young children was one I greatly appreciate. From a principal's perspective it was outstanding to see that after a long day including a full day of teaching and then interviews, we had all of our teaching staff volunteer their time to attend the session with the families. This session was optional for teachers and was offered to all teachers in the region, so to see all of our teachers attend really showed a genuine commitment to education and the students within our care. I feel incredibly fortunate to work with such an experienced and committed team, who are always striving to ensure the highest quality of education for our students. The SHINE course has now commenced for students in years 5-7. If you would like further information regarding the course, don't hesitate to contact me at school.



Lego League:

Lego league is an initiative that was introduced to Lenswood in 2018. It is an international competition catering for upper-primary and lower-secondary school students. Every year, teams of up to 10 students build, program and compete with a robot, while also learning about a modern problem in science and engineering and developing solutions for it. The entire competition for the year is based around one of these real world themes: natural disasters, supporting senior citizens, food health & safety, climate change, medical science, and nanotechnology. Tournaments are run with the feel of a sporting event, and teams compete like crazy while having the time of their lives. A huge thank you to Sara Rosenthal and Carley Hannaford, who are both volunteering to coach our team each Tuesday night in the lead up to the tournament. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page throughout the term for live updates on the team's progress.

Camp:

School camp is fast approaching and is shaping up to be an exciting time filled with hands-on learning and relationship building. In the coming weeks we will provide further information regarding what to bring and how to best support your child. As a parent, I acknowledge that some of you might be a little concerned regarding your child being away for a few nights, while others might just be relishing in the fact that you'll get some quiet time without the kids. Having experienced school camps now for many years, it is not uncommon that a few children get a little shaky on the first night. However, the school staff are there to support them and we find that usually once a child gets through the first night, they then have a ball for the rest of the camp. All classes have now commenced their pre-learning around Aboriginal history, cultures and perspectives which will support a stronger understanding of the learning that will take place on camp.

Communication:

Last week was a fantastic opportunity for all families to book in and have a parent/teacher interview with staff at Lenswood. We feel that communication between home and school is critical in order to provide consistency in education and to ensure that we are supporting your child in the best way we can. We are really proud of the way that we communicate with parents and most would agree that it is a strength here at school. Having open communication is also really important to ensure that families receive accurate information regarding school based decisions. It is only natural that when working with a wide range of stakeholders, there will be times where people have grievances or concerns with something at school. If you ever have concerns or would like further information relating to the school, please contact us directly. Often concerns can arise from misinformation, which can be rectified easily with a direct conversation. Unfortunately, if concerns aren't addressed through the school, the misinformation can quickly spread through the community and compound the issue. My core business is to ensure students, families and staff are working together in a positive manner. Hence, my office door is always open. Please don't hesitate to contact me via phone or at jess.moroney766@schools.sa.edu.au if you would like to discuss anything school related.

Hope you all have a nice fortnight and for those on "baby watch" keep an eye on our Facebook page for an announcement.

School Hats - terms 1,3 & 4



As part of our involvement in the Sun Smart Program through the Cancer Council, our students must wear their wide-brimmed hats during terms 1, 3 & 4 each year.

Due to recent weather we have not enforced this so far this term, however from this Monday, 12 August, all students must wear their school hats while out in the school yard and after school. Students who do not have their hats will need to remain under the shelter during these times.

Science Week

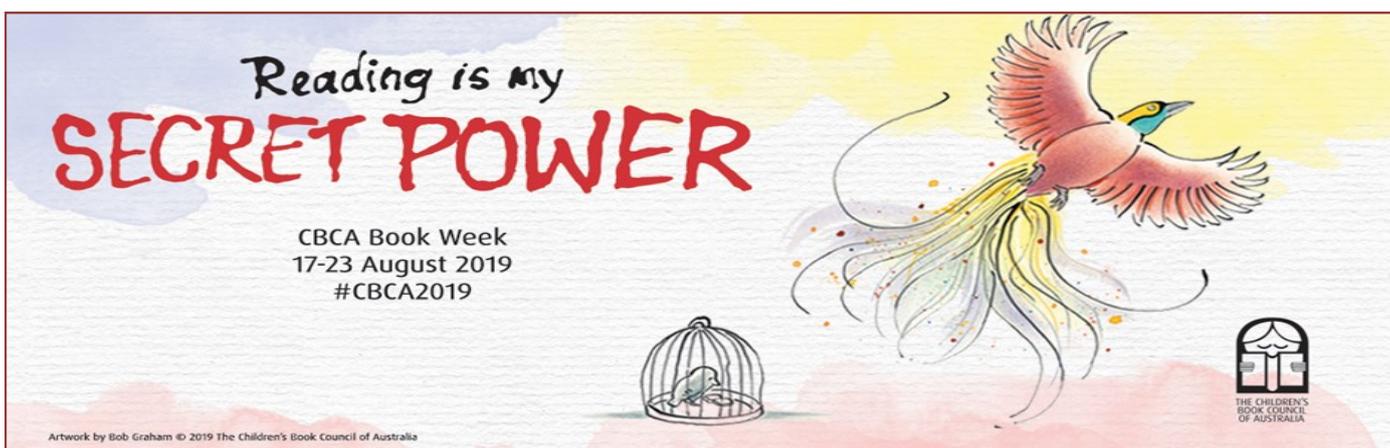
Next week is National Science Week 2019. Our school will be participating in Science Week activities including hands on experiments for small groups during Wednesday afternoon.



Book Week - Reading is My Secret Power

Get your costumes ready! Book Week is coming up in week 5 (Monday 19 - Friday 23 August), with this year's theme being 'Reading is My Secret Power'. We will be having activities throughout the week and on the Friday we will be having our Book Week Parade, where students are encouraged to dress up in their favourite 'Reading is My Secret Power' costume. Everyone is welcome to join us for our parade on Friday, 23 August at 9am. Prizes will be given for various categories including originality.

We also have some books in our library that have been short listed for Book of The Year Awards. Please come in and have a look.



RSPCA Fundraiser

Directly following on from our Book Week Parade, our staff are going to hold an RSPSA fundraiser. Cupcakes, tea, coffee or hot milo will be on sale for \$2.50 (\$2 just the cupcake) for parents, students and any visitors who have joined us. All money raised will go the RSPSA. Remember to send some money with your child if you are unable to come along.



Head Lice

As mentioned yesterday in an email out to all families, head lice has been found in some students. Head lice are small wingless biting insects that live and breed in hair. Outbreaks of head lice are common in education and care settings. Outbreaks can be minimised by parents checking their children regularly and following recommended treatment methods when active lice are found. They are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by contact with items recently used by someone with head lice including combs, brushes, hats and pillowcases.

Many lice infestations cause no symptoms and less than half causing itching. You need to look at hair to see if lice are present. When inspecting the hair you may see small white or brown oblong eggs attached to the hair shaft that are difficult to move. Adult lice are 2mm to 4mm long and whitish brown in colour. A number of head lice treatments are available without prescription. The two most common head lice treatment methods are wet combing (which should be repeated every 2 days until no lice have been found for 10 days) and a chemical treatment (which should be treated every 7 to 10 days until no lice or nits are seen).

The infectious period is the time when an infected person can infect others. Remember:

- as long as the eggs or lice are active others can be infected
- hatched lice can lay eggs after 10 days
- lice live up to 35 days on the scalp
- lice do not survive more than 2 days away from a human host

Upcoming Student Free Days



A reminder of our two upcoming Pupil Free Days:

- Thursday, 29 August 2019
- Friday, 13 September 2019

Upcoming Camp

There are still a couple of families who have not indicated whether their child will be attending the camp or not. Please let Julia or Jess know one way or the other if your child will be attending. Invoices will be going home with students on Friday for the camp.

Soup Day

A reminder that this Friday is the second day of our three-day soup days. If you have already ordered soup for your child's lunch remember not to send any lunch with them.

Community News



WOODSIDE PRESCHOOL

IS CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR PRESCHOOL AND OCCASIONAL CARE IN 2020.

Please contact the centre if you would like us to be part of your child's educational journey. 83897103

See more of our fun on



www.woodsidepre.sa.edu.au



Lenswood & Forest Range Community Association Inc

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 21 August at 7:30pm

Forest Range Hall

Guest Speaker from Imagine Uraidla.

Membership fees now due at \$20

Membership forms found at:

http://lenswood-forestrange.org.au/?page_id=573