

Lenswood Primary School - Newsletter



Independence – Resilience – Creativity – Excellence – Community

Wed, 30 October, 2019

Week 3 - Term 4

Thur 31/10 Performance 7pm
Fri 1/11 School Closure Day
Mon 4/11 1st Kindy Transition
Day 9 - 11am
Mon 4/11 Reading Workshop
for JP parents
9:30am
Wed 6/11 Hub Music Concert
@ LPS @ 9:45am
Wed 6/11 Sammy D Workshop
5/6/7 class 1:30pm
Thur 7/11 Assembly R/1
8:50am
Thur 7/11 Rugby Clinic 5/6/7
Thur 7/11 P&F Mtg 7:30pm
Fri 8/11 Playgroup 9am
Sun 10/11 Lego League Comp

Next School Assembly

Our next assembly is
at 8:50am on Thurs-
day, 7 Nov being run
by our Rec/1 class.
Hope to see you
there.

From the Principal, Jess Moroney

What an amazing time to be involved with Lenswood Primary School. This term has started with a bang! The 150th turned out to be an exceptional day, where we were able to celebrate the history of education in the region and also showcase some of the amazing work that happens here today. Before I get into what's coming next I would like to thank the following people in no particular order for the additional work they did to make the day possible.

- **Shayne and Jess Boyle:** Creating all promotional material and sourcing/driving the shuttle bus all day. Would you believe that Shayne drove almost 200km between the school and the cold stores?
- **The Rosenthal Family:** For repairing the chook shed ready for new chicks which will be arriving in the next couple of weeks.
- **Linda MacAuley and Mark Joyce:** Designing external improvements, working with staff and parents to paint the pergola and leading the Governing Council information table.
- **Simon Green:** Providing the commemorative wine at a great price to support the fundraiser.
- **Addie Flavell:** Providing supervision at the bouncy castle all day.
- **Cam Stafford and the CFS:** Coordinating parking.
- **Lisa Golding/Jess Boyle:** Liaising with companies to produce the commemorative plaques.
- **Olivia Green:** Sourcing amazing coffee.
- **The Forest Range and Lenswood History Group:** Their huge amount of work in preparing the local history museum.
- **All members of the P&F and Governing Council:** Working tirelessly on the BBQ and information booth.
- **Various local businesses:** For donating produce for the door prize hampers.

The final thank you must be reserved for the staff, students and families who went above and beyond to prepare the school grounds and the students so that the day was amazing. The work that goes into preparing a day like the 150th cannot be underestimated, so I would like to pass on my sincere thank you to all involved.

Whole School Performance

Now we move onto our next major event, which is the whole school performance 'Alice in LenswoodLand.' On Tuesday we held the final dress rehearsal with the updated light and sound system. The students looked and sounded amazing. This is another significant event which has required a huge volume of work and we must thank Darly Jones for her work as writer/director along with the staff, students and families for supporting. We are really looking forward to the two performances on Thursday which will be held as a matinee commencing at 11:15am and an evening performance at 7:00pm. Please see the information below, which went out to all families in a note earlier this week.

Performance times:

Thursday 31 October: Matinee 11:15am (arrive 11:00am)

In previous years, we have been unable to accommodate all visitors at the evening session and some people were unable to see the show. To ensure no one is disappointed we ask that where possible, extended family and friends attend the matinee session. This will be the full show, including lights and sound. The gym will be blackened so you will get the full effect. Please arrive at 11:00am to see this show.

Thursday 31 October: Evening Performance (students to arrive no later than 6:40pm, doors open at 6:45pm)

The evening show is for parents, carers and extended family/friends who are unable to attend an earlier show. Please arrive with your children no later than 6:40pm and present to the gym. We will only have seating for approximately 140 guests on the night, so if you have friends wanting to see the performance you could encourage them to see an earlier session. The performance will run for approximately an hour and students will be ready to go home at approximately 8:30pm.

Please be mindful that Thursday will be hot, so all students will require a water bottle. For more information please contact Julia. Fruit boxes, water and soft drink will be available for the audience to purchase for \$1 & \$2.

Now onto some important information for families as we work towards a strong finish to 2019 while planning for a successful 2020.

Reading Workshop:

On Monday 4 November (next week) we will be holding a parent workshop aimed at supporting parents to develop a love of reading for their child. The target audience is parents with pre-school age children or junior primary children. The flyer is on our Facebook page and also appears later in the newsletter. If you would like to attend, please email me (jess.moroney766@schools.sa.edu.au) before the end of day Thursday, so we can order resources for you and to support with catering. The literacy expert presenting is exceptional and we would love to see as many of you as possible.

Bringing and Trading Personal Items:

It has recently come to my attention that some students (particularly in the middle years) have been bringing their personal items to school and trading them with friends. This has led to some challenging moments for students who have later regretted the decisions that have been made or in some cases personal items have gone missing. Earlier this week, we have spoken with all students to let them know that trading of personal items is not permitted at school and that we strongly recommend that they keep their personal items at home. While we do not have a formal policy around bringing personal items to school, we do request that all toys and personal items remain at home to ensure safety and avoid distractions from learning.

Parent Opinion Survey:

In the next few days you will receive an email asking for you to complete the anonymous parent opinion survey. When planning for a new school year it is really important to hear the voice of our current parents. As parents you have the opportunity to really shape the direction of the school. The electronic survey you receive will ask for your opinion about teaching and learning, communication, projects, initiatives/opportunities, school culture and school leadership. In order to get specific feedback we are asking that parents with children in multiple classes fill out one survey for each class. This approach allows us to get clear information about what we are doing well in each learning space and what areas we can look to improve. We understand that time is precious and as a way of saying thank you we will be offering a free commemorative plaque to one lucky family who fill out the survey. Please note that if you have already purchased a plaque we will negotiate another prize pack if you are successful in winning the raffle. Keep an eye on your emails for the survey.

Class Structure and Staffing for 2020

As numbers for 2020 are firming up, we are getting closer to finalising class structure and staffing for 2020. Student enrolments play a significant part in our funding model for each year and it is vital that we have correct details for

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

the following year before we make any decisions regarding staffing or classes. It is great to see that we will be welcoming a few new families to the school in 2020 and apart from the senior students who are heading off to secondary school we look to be welcoming you all back next year. If you have any reason to believe that you might not be with us at the beginning of next year, we are asking that you contact me as soon as possible to support us with our planning. 2020 is shaping to be another great year and I'm very excited to be continuing to work alongside our staff, students and families to build on what is an amazing school.

That's all from me this fortnight, hope you enjoy the whole school performance and have a nice rest day on Friday on our school closure day.

Jess Moroney

Thank you to...

- Hannah Hermel and the Hermel family for looking after our turtle 'Riley' during the school holidays
- Jody Schultz for putting up the new blinds in the 5/6/7 class

P&F News

The P&F will be running their annual 'end of the year raffle', drawn at the End of Year Presentation. The funds from this raffle will go towards the IT upgrade project for next year. Can you help out and donate some goodies to go towards the raffle? If so, please place your donations in the box in the kitchen. Raffle books will be sent home in week 4 and will need to be returned by the end of week 8.

Knockout Cricket - written by Seth Hannaford



On Monday 28 October a group of year 5/6/7 boys went to Angaston to play the semi-final of the Knockout Cricket against Good Shepherd Primary School. Josh and Seth opened the batting. Seth made 15 and Josh made 20, they were both caught out. Sunny and Thomas were next to bat. Thomas made 7 and Sunny made 6. All our other players, Jack, Beau, Eddie, Reuben, Dillon, Angus, Liam & Henry got a bat and tried their best. We made 77. The Lenswood boys then bowled. Josh got 3 wickets and Thomas got 1. Unfortunately we were beaten. It was a great game and the boys need to be commended

on their team work and excellent behaviour. We would like to thank Melinda Martin for coaching, umpiring and driving, John England for scoring and Julie Critchley and Kylie Kleemann for transporting and helping on the day. (And how lucky were our boys to get a chat from AFL West Coast Captain Shannon Hurn, who just happened to be running laps around the oval on the day?!)

Community News

FREE Reading Workshop for Parents



How does Reading and Play affect your child's brain?

Practical and fun ideas to help encourage your child to develop a love for reading.

Learn from Sarah Stevens – Early Years Project Officer

We will be offering FREE books and resources to help support you and your child develop a love for reading together.

Date: 4 November 2019

Time: 9:30am arrival for a 9:45 am start

Venue: Lenswood Primary School

RSVP: Email jess.moroney766@schools.sa.edu.au prior to Friday, 1 November to register and support planning.

Help!!

Lost

⇒ Julia's Denim Jacket at the 150th celebration - see Julia

Found

⇒ Gold wedding ring in the school grounds - see Julia

Lenswood Primary School presents



ALICE IN LENSWOODLAND

Thursday, 31 October 2019

Matinee: 11:15am

Evening: 7pm

in the school gym

