



Tues, 10 December 2019

Week 9 - Term 4

Wed 11/12 Beach Day R-7
Thur 12/12 End of Year School
Presentation 7pm
Fri 13/12 Casual Day
Pony Rides R - 4
Early dismissal 2:15



From the Principal, Jess Moroney

So just like that, we've come to the end of another year. I would like to say a warm and sincere thank you to the entire Lenswood Primary School community for welcoming me with open arms to this amazing school. When I was appointed as principal of Lenswood, I knew very little about the school and I am thrilled to say that so many times this year I have been blown away by what an outstanding school it is. Throughout the year I have had too many highlights to mention, and reflecting back on the three terms I have spent here I am sitting here knowing that I made the right decision to move away from a school that I loved and into a school that is quite remarkable. We are truly fortunate to be a part of a special community and over the next four years of my tenure, I look forward to continuing on this journey together.

Graduation:

When the Minister for Education knows about the Lenswood Primary School graduation night, you come in expecting things to be pretty spectacular. However, nothing could prepare me for the night that we had on Friday. The year 6s and their parents have gone above and beyond to put on an amazing show for the year 7s, their parents and our school staff. Having been involved in countless graduations and organising many myself, I can wholeheartedly say that I have never been a part of a graduation as special as this one. A huge thank you to all involved in preparing for the evening. It was such a fitting way to farewell an outstanding group of year 7s.

Classes 2020:

I can now confirm that we are running three classes again with the following class splits:

R/1/2 (Julie Browne)*

2/3/4 (Mon – Thur Alison Mason still pending approval from HR, Friday – Daryl Jones)*

5/6/7 (Helen Read)

*The families of year 2 students will be contacted to discuss the class that will best suit their child's learning style.

Specialist Subjects:

We will be offering the following specialist subjects in 2020.

The Arts (Visual Arts, Digital Arts, Media Arts) – Daryl Jones

Oral Language and additional English through Drama – Daryl Jones

STEM & Digital Technology – Jess Moroney

Specialist PE – Jess Moroney

There have been some slight shifts in the specialist subjects that we will be delivering in 2020. Darly will continue to provide a high quality Arts programme and in addition to this she will be supporting class teachers by providing one lesson of additional specialist English, through the use of oral language, drama and creative writing. These lessons will link closely to the English blocks, which will commence for all classes next year.

Following feedback from students and parents, we will introduce one lesson of specialist PE each week. Having been a specialist PE teacher in a past life, I look forward to providing this for all students R-7. Students will have the opportunity to learn a range of new sports and hone their skills while developing a stronger ability to work as a team.

Now that we have commenced the IT upgrade, I will also deliver digital technology based STEM lessons to utilise our new equipment. These lessons will utilise the new iPads, robotics and coding, but will be closely integrated with class based learning to ensure it is not done in isolation. Classes will continue to utilise all digital technologies and integrate it into their class based teaching.

IT Upgrade & Fundraising:

I am pleased to announce that we have commenced our IT upgrade which has been made possible by the generous donations made by our community. We have just purchased 15 (7th generation) iPads, which will replace our old 1st and 2nd generation iPads. In addition to this we have purchased a range of software which will ensure they will work seamlessly with the Department for Education networks. To make this possible, the P&F have committed \$8500 of fundraising money towards the project, which has been greatly appreciated. You might have also noticed that over the past few days, contractors have been digging up half of Lenswood to install fibre optic cabling directly into the school. This will solve the connectivity issues which have occurred here over the years and should provide us with lightning fast and stable internet. A few other IT upgrades will occur next year, but we will wait for our final budget to be approved before making any major announcements. A huge thank you must go out to all families and businesses who have supported the fundraising throughout the year, and to the dedicated P & F who have worked tirelessly to coordinate the events. An upgrade of this magnitude would not have been possible without the community support. The students and their learning will benefit greatly from this investment.



Further Pageant info:

All is coming together for our Lobethal Christmas Pageant float “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” We would love to see as many families as possible walking with our float and enjoying the evening. In order to be involved, we ask that students arrive on the main street of Lobethal (near David Street) at 7:00pm. If you are not walking with us as part of the float, you can collect your child from the town oval immediately after the pageant has concluded. Students have been asked to dress as “Christmassy” as possible, or could come dressed as a character from

the movie. They are welcome to bring along with them some wrapped lollies to throw to visitors along the way. It is an amazing community event and we would love to see you all there.

This is my final newsletter item for the year. Again, I would like to thank you all for welcoming me into the Lenswood family and I am already excited about the big things we have planned for 2020. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday, and we will see you all next year.

End of Year Presentation Night

Our Presentation Night will be held on Thursday night in the school gym at 7pm. Various class awards will be handed out to students as well as the Morialta Citizenship Award and the Lions Club Award. Various year 7 presentations and goodbyes will take place also. We're asking for students to wear Christmas colours, red, green, gold or silver, Christmas hats, or t-shirts etc. All students will be participating in a small musical performance they have put together. We look forward to seeing you there, and we are planning to have it all wrapped up by 7:45pm.

Pony Rides & Casual Day

As part of our end of year celebrations, Friday will be a casual day for all students and we will be having Pony Rides for our Rec - year 4 students. If you do not want your child to participate in Pony Rides please let the school know. A reminder we finish at 2:15 this Friday.

M&S Fees

Earlier this term our Governing Council conducted a poll with regards to the 2020 M&S Fees. The results are in and the majority of the votes have approved to legally recover an amount greater than the standard sum for the 2020 Materials & Services Charges. \$280 is now the Approved Prescribed Sum for Materials & Services Charges for Lenswood Primary School in 2020. Thank you to those who voted.

P&F News

Please return your raffle books and money to school by Thursday for the raffle to be drawn on Thursday night. Thank you to those of you who have returned them and to those of you who have generously donated to our raffle. We are still happy to receive any donations if you are able to donate.

Some Important Reminders

Overdue Accounts - a big thank you to those families who have paid your school account, it's really so appreciated. For those of you who have not yet finalised your payments, please endeavour to pay your school account asap. Contact Julia if you are unaware how much you currently owe.

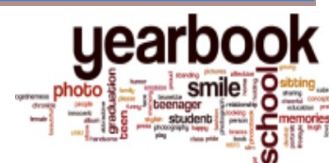
Sports Tops - please return sports tops if you have any at home. You will be charged for any sports tops not returned to the school by the end of this year.

Library Books - please return all library books asap. There will be no more borrowing books from our library for the remainder of the year.

Driveway near school - please be considerate to our neighbours. Some families are parking their cars very close or in front of our neighbours' driveway during pick-up and drop-off times. There is always parking up the back of the church alongside the school.

2019 Year Book

A reminder that our Year Book will be on sale at our Presentation Night on Thursday for \$25. The book looks fantastic and is a wonderful momentum of what has happened in our school community in 2019. Please bring cash on the night or see Julia in the office on Friday to purchase yours.



Community News



Friday 20 December
7.30pm

Forest Range Hall
1263 Lobethal Road For-
est Range

DONATION ENTRY



Local Newsreel
Trailers
FATHER CHRISTMAS
Cartoon
Candy Bar
Popcorn, coffee, cake

Lenswood & Forest
Range
Community Association

Taking Enrolments registrations now for
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023



ENROL NOW
IN PRESCHOOL



Going to preschool helps your child to learn
new things, make friends and develop confidence.

Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool
at the beginning of the year before they start school.

Enrol now for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – contact us at Kindy

For more information
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