

Lenswood Primary School - Newsletter



Independence – Resilience – Creativity – Excellence – Community

Wed, 29 January 2020

Week 1 - Term 1

Thurs 6/2 Family bbq night
5:30pm

10/2 - 14/2 Swimming lessons

10/2 - 14/2 Three-Way
Interviews

Tues 18/2 Gov Council AGM at
7pm followed by first
meeting

Fri 21/2 Assembly 8:50am
run by Lower class

Fri 21/2 Pt Adel FC visit

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

To Tae Kim, Max Marden,
Megan Bellman, Laura
Martin and Cora Hermel
who all celebrated birth-
days in the holidays. And
to Banjo Flavell who turns
5 on Friday 31 Jan and Ja-
cob Ross who turns 8 on
Thursday, 6 February.



Thank
You!!!

Kylie Heritage & Ty-
son Obst for collect-
ing sand donated to
us from Howards
Vineyards.

From the Principal, Jess Moroney

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families, whether you be returning as existing members of our school community or are brand new to Lenswood Primary School. After quite a challenging holiday break, I am thrilled to be back and to see the smiling faces of our students ready to get back to school and in some cases even bigger smiles from the parents dropping their children at the gate on Tuesday morning. For many of us, the last 6 weeks have been some that we'd rather forget, but one thing I have learnt about this community is that we are strong and we will support each other to ensure that we'll all bounce back and be stronger than ever.

As you would be aware, the school has a range of support mechanisms in place for returning students and their families. Our main goal is to provide a safe and stable environment for the children. Given the changes that have occurred to our environment and to many of our properties, it is important for school to be a consistent place of familiarity for our students. We are intentionally avoiding explicit teaching about recovery from fires, but will be led by the cues of our students and intervene / educate where necessary. On an individual level, we have social workers available for students and their families. In addition to this, I have direct contact with the Department for Human Services and a range of other providers involved with Bushfire Recovery, so if there is anything you need support with please don't hesitate to contact me.

Welcome BBQ and Community Event:

We will be holding our official welcome BBQ and community event next week on Thursday 6 February. This is a great opportunity to all come together and commence the year with enthusiasm. An official invitation will come home this week, which will include logistical information for the night. We will have classrooms open for you to walk through and tour, but will not be holding formal meetings at set times throughout the evening. Over previous years, we have found that pausing the social evening for class meetings interrupts the flow of the evening. This year you will receive a class newsletter with all of the logistical information the day before our family BBQ, you are then welcome to ask any questions on the night as we mingle or at the formal parent teacher interviews which will be held the following week. The evening will include parent, staff and student activities and an opportunity to meet our newest families and catch up with old friends. To ensure we comply with Department for Education and local policy, we remind parents that all social events that occur on the school grounds, while students are present must remain alcohol free.

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SeeSaw is Coming:

The parent opinion survey of 2019, highlighted a desire for parents to have a stronger understanding of learning occurring within classes. As you would be aware, much of the learning that takes place at school is hands on and not easily captured in a workbook. To enable parents to see the great learning that does take place throughout a week at school, our staff will be using the learning portfolio app SeeSaw. Staff are currently being trained in the use of the app and you will receive your log in details at your interview in week three. The app is simple to use and will enable you to see a snapshot of your child's learning throughout the year. Your child will also be able to post images of work they are proud of for you to see. This app is approved by the Department for Education and meets all necessary security and privacy regulations.

Coronavirus:

SA Health has provided advice to us about coronavirus, which is occurring in the Hubei Province of China and has also been reported in other parts of mainland China, and several other countries. Their advice is that school students and staff, even those that have travelled to Hubei Province, are able to return to school unless they are close contacts of a confirmed case, or they have symptoms consistent with the virus. Those symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, and sore throat. All students and staff who have travelled to mainland China, and especially Hubei Province, should monitor themselves for the 14 days from their departure from mainland China for symptoms of coronavirus. The latest advice is available on the Australian Government Department of Health website: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>. We will keep you updated if there is further specific information you need to know.

We have some great things planned for 2020 and I look forward to sharing them with you in future newsletters. Please drop in for a chat at any stage or email me at jess.moroney766@schools.sa.edu.au

Family Information

Three-way Parent/Teacher Interviews: We will be having our student/parent/teacher interviews in week three this term from Monday 10 February to Friday 14 February. This is an opportunity for you to sit with your child and their teacher to discuss:

- a learning goal that you would like for your child for the first half of the year
- any academic or social concerns that you have for your child
- any particular new or existing interests that you would like to be encouraged (i.e. in science, instrumental music etc)

You can book your 15 minute meeting via the on-line School Interviews website at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use our unique school code **dx2ew**. If you have any trouble please see Julia in the office. Teachers have entered the days and times they will be available for bookings. If you can not find a time that works for you please contact the teacher to make a alternate time that is suitable for you, them and your child. Bookings will open on Friday, 31 January at 12pm.

Swimming Lessons Rec - Year 5: Once again, the Dept for Education is offering one week of swimming lessons to primary aged students. Families do not pay for these lessons, however transport to and from the pool as well as pool entry fees do need to be paid. An invoice for this will be sent home on Friday along with the Swimming Aquatic Consent Form and transport consent form which will need to be filled out and returned for your child to attend the swimming lessons.

Family Information cont'd

Your child will not be allowed to enter the pool if these forms are not returned. Swimming lessons are for our reception to year 5 students in week three this term, 10 Feb – 14 Feb at the Woodside pool. We will be leaving the school by bus each day at 9:15ish and returning at approximately 11:45am. Parents are welcome to meet at the pool to have a look at the lessons. Students must remember to bring underwear, rashie, towels, drink bottle, snack and goggles. We will have sunscreen with us, however, as our swimming lessons are earlier in the day, it would be appreciated if parents ensure their child has sunscreen on before they arrive at school. Extra food is a good idea too, as children do get hungrier when they have been swimming. Students will not be allowed to buy anything from the shop.

M&S Fees: School fees will be sent home on Friday with your child. As a result of our polling at the end of last year, we wish to advise that the Materials and Services Charge of \$280 will remain the same as last year and is now a prescribed sum, which means approval has been granted for this sum to be the 'legally recoverable amount' from all families. If you need to set up a payment plan for your school fees, please see Julia in the front office. Fees are required to be paid in full by the end of term 1.

School Card: The government is able to offer financial assistance with school fees through the School Card scheme to families in some instances. If you feel you may be eligible for school card this year, you can apply on-line at www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard. We encourage anyone applying for school card to do so asap to minimise the rush later in the year.

Iceblocks: Are for sale at lunch times on Tuesdays to Fridays each week in term 1 and 4. Fruit Quelch iceblocks are sold for 50c each and 10c refund when the wrapper is returned. All money goes to our SRC.

Monday Lunches: Starting next week we will once again be providing lunches each Monday. The FPP Hot Dog lunches will start on Monday 3 Feb and the P&F Monday Munchies will be the following week. You will find the lunch orders attached to this email. Please check the return date on the orders. **LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Do not send any money, you will be invoiced for these at a later date. Please note these order forms are not a pdf which means you are able to edit them on the document and return them to school via email to Julia. Can you help with cooking, baking cakes or serving these lunches this year? If so, please fill in the form attached to this email and return it to school asap.

Uniform Order: Late last year a uniform order went home with our new families. These uniforms are expected any day now and will be sent home when they arrive. We have attached another uniform order with this email for anyone who wishes to place an order for term 1. The order needs to be returned to Julia by Monday, 3 Feb. Do not send any money, you will be invoiced for these at a later date. Please note this order form is not a pdf which means you are able to edit the document and return it to school via email to Julia.

Heated Lunches: We will heat lunches in our pie warmer (not in the microwave) for students who bring food and leftovers from home on Tuesdays to Fridays (not Mondays) throughout the year. Lunches need to be wrapped in foil or in a heatproof container, clearly named with permanent marker and put on the tray near the pie warmer by recess each day. Heated lunches can start this week, and remember, this is for food in the pie warmer only, not food to be microwaved.

Tissues Winter months and sniffily noses means an abundance of tissues are used by our students. Are you able to help us out by donating a box of tissues? One per family would be a great help and money saver for our school. Please drop them in to you class teacher.

Year Book



A reminder that we still have a few 2019 Year Books available to purchase. These were a great success with many sold late last year, however if you missed out you can still get your hands on one for \$25. We only have a few left so get in quick! Let Julia know.

Congratulations!!!



To Sarah Bell and Paul on the safe arrival of baby Harrison Ryder Bell. A new little baby brother for a very proud and excited Jacob Ross. Congratulations to you all on the wonderful news. "The littlest feet make the biggest footprints in our hearts".

Notes Home

The beginning of every school year is a very busy time for notes going home and getting information out to families to help answer some of those questions they're just unsure about. This year we will be sending most notes home via email to families, however some notes will still need to be sent home with students (youngest child) as they will need to be signed and returned to school. Please keep your eye out in your child's school bag for these notes as they do tend to go astray!

Included with this newsletter via email will be:

- * P&F lunch order
- * FPP lunch order
- * Monday lunches helpers wanted
- * Uniform order
- * Term 1 School Planner (email)

Keep your eyes out on Friday as you will receive a stack of notes via your child. These will include:

- * M&S Fees Invoice
- * Swimming Invoice
- * Swimming Consent & Transport Consent
- * Term 1 School Planner (hard copy)
- * 2020 Consent Form
- * Student Image Consent Form
- * Welcome BBQ invite

Community News

Come & Try! Registration Day

<h3>D-Squad</h3> <p>5-7 years old</p> <p>FREE INTRO SESSION 11th Feb 5-week program starts 18th Feb \$50 for full program or \$100 for full program + kit \$100 Sports Vouchers accepted</p>	<h3>Mixed</h3> <p>U8, U9, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18</p> <p>Come & Try 11th February Weekly training starting March Competing in AHJSA 2020 season \$100 Sports Vouchers accepted New players welcome!</p>
<h3>Girls</h3> <p>U13 & U17</p> <p>Come & Try 11th February Weekly training starting March Competing in AHJSA 2020 season \$100 Sports Vouchers accepted New players welcome!</p>	<h3>Men</h3> <p>U16+</p> <p>Collegiate Soccer League Weekly pre-season sessions Sundays, 3pm to 5pm Wednesday, 6:30pm to 8:30pm Season starts April</p>

Tuesday 11th Feb • 5pm – 7pm
Woodside Recreation Ground

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ONLINE
wwsc.com.au/join