

# Lenswood Primary School - Newsletter



Independence – Resilience – Creativity – Excellence – Community

Wed, 28 April 2020

Week 1 - Term 2

Thurs 30/4 Choir with all students

Thurs 30/4 Wheels Day 5/6/7

Thurs 7/5 Wheels Day R/1

Mon 25/5 Proposed Pupil Free  
(more info to come)

**Lunch & Uniform** orders went out in week 9 last term. Don't worry if you've forgotten or misplaced them, I've added them to this email. Please make sure they are back by this Friday morning, no later! Also, if you've already returned your orders, all good, you won't be charged for last Monday though as we didn't supply hot dogs!!

## Monday Lunches Roster

### Lunch Helpers

WK 2 4/5/20 - Sally

### Cake Makers

Wk 3 11/5/20 - Tracey Mason

(no roster has gone home as yet, stay tuned) **THANK YOU**



**Happy Birthday to:**



**Israel**, who will turn 12 on Saturday, 2 May. Have a wonderful day Israel!!

From the Principal, Jess Moroney

A very warm welcome to students and families who are re-joining us either here at school or using our online learning platforms. It goes without saying that the start to 2020 has been incredibly challenging for our entire community and even though infection rates are reducing here in SA we know it is a long way from over, particularly for those who have been economically impacted yet again. Our thoughts are with all families who have been affected by the two significant events and would like you to know that we are here for you.

From a school perspective, we have had considerable shift in the way we are operating. While this has provided great challenge, it has also provided an opportunity to re-think how we do things. I am incredibly proud of our staff and how they have responded to the challenge. In a matter of weeks, the education system has been turned on its head and we have successfully been able to provide quality education for those learning at school and those at home. To think that in a few short weeks our staff have learnt to use two online platforms, re-configured classes, developed units of work that can be completed at home and at school, and then actually delivered the learning with minimal disruption is nothing short of outstanding. I have the advantage of hearing how other schools have gone with the challenge and I am proud to say that we are one of the schools leading the way with a successful dual education system.

We can't predict what the future will hold and whether this is a short or long term solution, but it is pleasing to know that we have a number of strategies available and will quickly adapt as necessary. Again, a huge thank you to the teachers and SSOs who have approached what was no doubt one of the biggest challenges of their careers with such professionalism and an outstanding attitude.

Now sadly, we are unable to promote any upcoming events for the near future, but as soon as restrictions on gatherings are lifted we will look at ways to bring the community back together for some of the events that have been missed. Unfortunately events such as sports day, SAPSASA events, chess tournaments, farmer's markets and many more have had to be postponed, but we look forward to rescheduling as soon as we have an indication that it is safe to do so.

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

On to some far more positive updates. I'd like to share with you some progress of the outdoor projects that have been happening towards the end of term one and throughout the holidays.

**Food garden:** As mentioned a few times the garden is really coming to life. We encountered a few challenging moments with snails and other critters, but it is lovely to see this all growing nicely. I have heard a sneaky rumour that we will have a guest cook joining us in the near future to commence some of the cooking lessons, so stay tuned to check out our developing kitchen garden program.

**Outdoor learning space:** Part of our student voice audit, highlighted a desire to transfer more learning outside. We got straight to the task and had the year 5-7 students submit concept sketches for developing a multi-purpose space outside of their classrooms. They were given a design brief where they had to ensure that the space was an attractive entrance to the school, be usable for a range of learning activities during class time and was also a usable play space during break time. Their ideas were outstanding and over the past few weeks it has started coming to life. Check out the fairy garden, new planter boxes (will soon be filled), student blackboard and the outdoor tables that have just gone in. Seeing the excitement of the students as their ideas are coming to life has been such a highlight of the whole project.

**External building upgrade:** Over the holidays, we had major repairs to the main building here at school. As you can see the awnings that were rotten and falling apart have been replaced, the old sash windows have been repaired or replaced with a 'like for like' window, many of the timber fascias have been replaced and the entire building has had a coat of paint. It has been so lovely to see a building with a rich history in the community get a fresh coat of paint and a bit of love. We were fortunate to attain a government grant to carry out the work and still have some left for a few more upgrades happening soon.

Finally, I was reflecting over the holidays and realised that it has now been twelve months since I started at Lenswood and sure it hasn't been the most conventional start to a role, but I am so incredibly proud to be part of such an amazing school and community. We really do have something special here and I am looking forward to what is hopefully a more conventional second twelve months here at Lenswood. Thank you for all of your hard work, dedication to our school and support. Have a nice fortnight, Jess.

## P&F News - Lisa Golding

What a challenging start to the year it has been. I hope everyone is staying safe, and that you also enjoyed some extra time with your family during the unusual holiday break. There were many board games and cubby house constructions in our house.

Just touching base with P&F plans for the year ahead. At the start of the year we let you know our intentions for planned fundraising events. Due to current circumstances we will postpone most of these now, starting with our Lenswood Rocks Winter Dinner. This will more than likely not happen until next year now but rest assured we will hold it again! We are unsure about the Uraidla Show at the moment but will keep you informed once we know more.

A huge part of fundraising for our school comes from the local community who have been hugely impacted not just by the recent bush fires but now Covid-19. I think it is important to help support our locals to keep going and to get back on their feet at a time like this as they are the first ones willing to support us when we ask for donations and help etc.

Due to this we will not be doing much fundraising this year, however, due to our success with fundraising last year we are still able to help with the IT upgrade of the school and various other things. We will continue with Monday Munchies and will possibly hold a couple of little fundraisers, like our end of year raffle, but no big events. That's all from us for now. Stay safe, Lisa.

# Outdoor School Upgrades



Our Fairy Garden



Planter Boxes



Outdoor Leaning Space



O/door Blackboard



Our amazing vegie patch

