



Wed, 27 Jan 2021

Week 1 - Term 1

Thurs 6/2 Family bbq night
5.30pm

8/2 - 12/2 Swimming
Lessons

8/2 - 12/2 Three-Way
Interviews

Tues 16/2 Governing
Council at 7pm
followed by first
meeting

Fri 19/2 Assembly
8.50am

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

To Evie Hay, Max Marden,
Megan Bellman, Laura
Martin and Cora Hermel
who all celebrated birth-
days in the holidays. And
to Banjo Flavell who turns
6 on Sunday 31 Jan and
Jacob Ross who turns 9 on
Saturday 6 February.

From the Principal, Jess Moroney

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families, whether you are returning as an existing member of our school community or you are one of the many brand new families to Lenswood Primary School. We are thrilled to be back for another year of high quality learning at school. The staff have been incredibly busy over the break engaging in deep professional learning across our learning improvement strategies and have also been setting up their learning spaces ready for day one.

During the recent week we commenced a research project into designing inspiring learning spaces and throughout term one this will continue and involve all students. Towards the end of 2020 it was announced that our school will receive a Government grant to improve facilities at school and we have decided to invest heavily into our learning spaces to continue to provide inspiring spaces that are intentionally designed to support high quality learning and teaching. While you won't notice any immediate changes, we will be researching heavily during term one and changes will start becoming evident throughout the middle part of the year.

Getting started:

In an attempt to keep the newsletter brief, I have sent out most of the beginning year logistical information to parents via an email that went out on 19 January. This email went to all 2021 parents and care givers via the email address you have provided for us. If you did not receive the email or your details have changed, please contact me at school and I'll forward you a copy.

QR Code:

SA Health has a plan to gradually rollout the COVID Safe Check-in system across the state. As such, the implementation and use of QR codes will be staggered in all South Australian schools and preschools, with codes being made available to education sites between now and February 10. Our school has not yet received our QR code, but when we do it will be displayed and must be used by all adults entering the site (even just for drop off or pick up). All adults (including staff and parents) entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the paper recording log template. Children and students do not need to check-in as their attendance is recorded using our roll.

We will have a QR code available at each gate for adults entering the school yard at drop off or pick up time and a paper log in the front office. If you are coming on site to volunteer and stay on longer than a drop off or pick up, then you will have to check-in and then also fill in our visitor's book as per usual protocol.

We will let you know via Skoolbag once the QR code is operational, from that time we ask that all adults use the code to ensure we continue adhering to SA Health and Department regulations.

Administration and Office Hours

Julia will be on leave for the first few weeks of the school year. This means that there will be times throughout the school day that the front office will be unattended. It is quite common in a smaller school to have the office only open for a portion of the school day and rather than remove our class based SSOs from providing learning support, we will have times throughout the school day where our admin area will be unattended. Nicola will be stepping in to provide finance and admin support and we will juggle the phones between the two of us. If your call goes unanswered, please leave a message and we will return your call at our earliest convenience. In an emergency, please contact me via the mobile provided in the parent welcome email.

Welcome BBQ and Community Event:

We will be holding our official welcome BBQ and community event next week on Thursday 4 February. We have made a couple of changes to the format to ensure we meet COVID regulations, but we would like to invite all parents, carers and students to a light hearted social event at the school. An official invitation will come home this week, which will include the itinerary for the event and the COVIDsafe regulations, but we are excited to be able to host an event to bring everyone together. With the challenges we faced last year, it is a wonderful opportunity to get together and re-connect with friends and meet the many new families who are joining us this year.

The evening will include open classes, where you can tour the learning spaces with your children. This is a great opportunity for all children to engage with their space and show off where they will be doing their learning. You will be able to meet some of our new staff and hear about the exciting learning experiences that will be happening in 2021. We will still be hosting activities for staff, students and parents and will aim to keep the evening as informal and relaxed as possible.

We will ask in the note home that you RSVP to the event, support us by keeping a visitor register and socially distancing when on site to ensure we meet Government regulations. Please note that as always all social events that occur on the school grounds must remain alcohol free. Last year's event was such a huge success and a great night, so we are excited to see you all in attendance again.

Uniforms:

It is important that all students attend school in full school uniform.

- It helps students feel like they belong to their community
- It promotes equality and reduces the chance for 'competition' over fashion
- It contributes to the school pride and recognition
- It acts as a safety measure, particularly on excursion.

The updated uniform policy will come home this week as a reminder of the expectations at school. Most pre-ordered uniforms have arrived and are awaiting collection. The new polo shirts are currently on back order and we expect to see them throughout February. If you are having any difficulty sourcing navy shorts, skorts etc. you can order them through school or touch base and we can provide a list of local suppliers. We also have a small selection of second hand uniforms available through the office. As we phase in the new school uniform, the existing items are still deemed appropriate for the entirety of this school year to ensure you get the wear out of items purchased throughout 2020.

Communication:

The introduction of Seesaw was a huge success in 2020 and was a great way to showcase some of the hands on learning that is not always evident in a workbook. This is a wonderful resource and supports parents to gain a picture of the learning that occurs at school. You will receive your new QR code with your class newsletter at the end of week 2. We urge all families to connect with your child's class so you can keep up to date with the great things that are occurring at school.

We will again be using Skoolbag to send home regular updates to school based events. Please download the app and connect to the applicable groups. If you require any support accessing the app, please drop into the office and see Nicola or myself.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

We have scheduled parent teacher interviews for week three of this term. The purpose of these interviews are for you to have a brief face-to-face meeting with your child's class teacher and to discuss the upcoming school year. Even if your child has the same teacher for 2021 we strongly encourage you to book a meeting. A strong connection between home and school is a vital aspect when supporting children to do their best learning. Later this week you will be invited to book your meeting via www.schoolinterviews.com.au and will be provided with the unique school code. If you would like to book an interview with me, please contact me via email and I will phone you to book an appropriate time.

We have many exciting learning experiences planned for 2021 including camps, excursions and hands on experiences for all children. As a staff we are incredibly excited for the school year and cannot wait to share the learning with you all.

Family Information

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 Aquatics Consent Form and transport consent form which will need to be filled out and returned for your child to attend the swimming lessons.

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, 8 Feb – 12 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, rashi, 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 or early next week 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 Student Voice Initiative.

Lunches: This year instead of our Foster Parent Plan Hot Dog lunches we will be offering lunch from Maria's Kitchen. This will be starting on Thursday 11 Feb (week 3) and the P&F Monday Munchies will be the following week. Information on how to order from Maria's Kitchen is attached to this email. P&F lunch orders will be sent out shortly. 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.

Uniform Order: 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 by Friday 5 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.

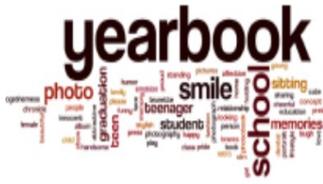
Heated Lunches: We will heat lunches in our pie warmer (not in the microwave) for students who bring food and leftovers from home on Tuesdays to Fridays (not Mondays) throughout the year. Lunches need to be wrapped in foil or in a heatproof container, clearly named with permanent marker and put on the 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.



Our veggie patch has been going crazy in the holiday!

Year Book



A reminder that we still have a few 2020 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!

Community News



GIRLS, COME AND JOIN THE PREMIER CLUB IN THE ADELAIDE HILLS

Girls football is growing at Adelaide Hills Hawks. We have 5 girls teams who play against some of the best teams across Adelaide.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS AGED 11-16 YRS

If you would like to come and be part of the Hawk's family, develop your football skills & have fun, we would love to see you at our late Summer trial!

**SUNDAY FEB. 7
10-11:30am**

HAWKS NEST, 1 HUTCHENS RD WOODSIDE

For further information or to register your interest please email stephenspen@gmail.com



IGNITE at The Heights School REGISTER NOW

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program for 2022
Year 7 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 8 IGNITE program for 2022

IGNITE SELECTION TEST

YEAR 6 TEST: SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM

YEAR 7 TEST: SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

Register your child to sit the test at: <https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/programs/ignite/>

A registration fee of \$125 applies for non-school card holders. Registrations close Friday 12 February 2021



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"The Family Club"

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Come and play **NRL** Rugby League

Teams from Under 6 to 17s, Male and Female

Based at Callington

Great value for money fees

Accredited coaches for all teams

Club functions

Coaching for all teams has started

Affiliated with the NRLSA & the NRL

For more information on the club please contact

Geoff Ford on 0414 715 541

or

check the website at nrlsa.com.au

Come'n'Try

10.30 – 12, Saturday 6th February

Callington Oval

All attendees will receive a free NRL backpack and be involved in coaching and tag games.

Come and meet the club's coaches and find out about the Tigers and what they stand for. Lunch and stay and relax up till 2pm with the club members