

## Diary Dates

### March

**Friday 11th**

*Pupil Free Day*

**Monday 14th**

*Adelaide Cup*

*Public Holiday*

**Monday 21st—Friday 25th**

*Swimming*

**Monday 28th**

*St Johns First Aid*

*[whole school]*

### April

**Monday 4th**

*District Athletics*

**Thursday 14th**

*Easter Hat Parade*

*Last day of Term 1*

**Friday 15th**

*Good Friday*

Anything is possible  
when you have the  
right people there to  
support you.

## Principal's Message

### New beginnings

In the past two weeks, many of our students have enjoyed watching the transformation of the caterpillars in their classroom to a crystal green chrysalis then onto bright orange Monarch butterflies. It has been a thrill to see the delight the children have taken in watching the changes and growth occur before their eyes.

I've witnessed the same growth and transformations over the past few weeks as I've moved about the school, as new friendships blossom, students trying new things and include each other in their play and learning. Our focus on growing kindness is clearly visible and felt by many.

All our students will participate in workshops run by Active Education next Thursday. The sessions will offer rich opportunities for students to work together as a team, treat each other fairly and attempt unfamiliar challenges. The event is part of our school's participation in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The theme for this year's action is Kindness Culture: It starts with you. The learning and memories from the workshops will last longer than the day and set up our students for success as we move further into the year.

Many classes end the day by sharing their 'specks of gold' - identifying one or two positive highlights from their day. This activity has the benefit of focusing on the positive elements of the day and developing gratitude for the small things. Without gratitude and a positive optimistic attitude, small problems can feel bigger and we lose sight of the good things that happen every day.

We encourage you to try this at home- share your specks of gold together at dinner time or bed time, thinking of the beautiful things you saw or fun things you did or how someone else made you feel special. It's amazing how much better it makes you feel about an ordinary day.

We feel optimistic about the start to our school year and the positive relationships and connections that have already been built.



Volunteers needed for BBQ duties on

**Polling day, Saturday 19 March**

Hour time slots available  
between 9.30am and 2pm

Please confirm with Bill at the front office  
to put your name down. THANKS!!



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# Principal's Message Continued.....

## **Parents & volunteers welcome on-site**

We can now welcome parents, caregivers and volunteers back on site. Adults are required to wear masks indoors and observe social distancing guidelines. We no longer require visitors or parents to use QR codes to sign in.



All staff will continue to wear masks indoors and limit the interactions between classes and with each other. As the restrictions ease, we will keep you informed of any changes relevant to schools. We will gradually introduce opportunities for us to gather together, celebrate with each other and join for school activities. For now, assemblies and larger events such as Sports Day remain on hold.

We look forward to seeing Mums, Dads, grandparents and friends of the school join us for reading, gardening, cooking and other class activities. Get in touch with your child's teacher to offer your help.

*Regards*

*Toni*

## **Parent teacher interviews Week 9-10**

We will be offering all parents/ caregivers the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during Weeks 9 & 10 this term from 28th March- 7th April. Bookings can be made via a link we will forward to families via Seesaw. Interviews are a personal time when you can share information with the teacher and hear from the teacher's perspective about your child's learning and interpersonal development.

We encourage all families to make an appointment. Formal booking for interviews will be re-offered again during Term 3. Informal meetings and discussions can be arranged directly with the class teacher via email or Seesaw. Please make arrangements with the teacher if you know you need to discuss things at length with them, rather than trying to catch them before school or as the bell goes. Teachers are busy before school preparing for the learning. After school is usually a much better time.

## **Seesaw**

We now use the Seesaw app for all our electronic communications R-6 and whole school announcements. If you are not connected yet and need help to get started, please call into the Front Office for assistance.



Each Monday we will send out a brief bulletin highlighting events for the week and reminders. This is an effort to reduce to the number of individual posts you receive and for families to get into the habit of checking messages. We hope you are finding the level of communication to be helpful and effective. Please contact Toni if you have any concerns.

Teachers have agreed to send out messages within working hours and no later than 6pm. Teachers already work long after 3:30pm preparing for learning, attending meetings and contacting parents. We kindly ask all parents to send messages between 8:00- 5:00pm and no later than 6pm and respect that teachers have their own family and community commitments outside of work.

## **Contacting teachers and students during the school day**

Please be advised that it is not possible for parents to contact their children at school directly during the school day. Messages will be taken by the front office and passed on to teachers so that students can find out important information from their parents such as changes to pick up times or locations etc.

If there is an emergency that requires that you communicate with your child directly, you will be put through to a leader who will listen to the situation and decide the best course of action.

Teachers will only respond to Seesaw messages during non-teaching hours, therefore important messages need to be communicated through the front office.





# School Tours



Friday 1st April 9.30am  
 Monday 9th May 9.30am  
 Thursday 26th May 9am  
 Thursday 9th June 2pm  
 Friday 29th July 9.30

Please call the school to make a booking on 8389 6419.

[www.lobethalps.sa.edu.au](http://www.lobethalps.sa.edu.au)

8389 6419 [dl.0227.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0227.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

## P + F News



Welcome to Lobethal Primary Parents and Friends.

Just so you know, this is us....Kerri Grieg and Mel Lawrence.

We would love for you to come join us on the P&F committee! It's a great way to be involved with the school and help raise funds. Get to know other parents, staff and students.

We will always appreciate extra hands and support, especially when we have an event such as the mothers day stall, sausage sizzles or sports day. So even if you work and can't attend meetings, join our Facebook group and keep up to date for when you can next help out!

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Jo from the Amberlight Cafe, together with DJ Growers Woodside, Green Heart Therapies and Lobethal Hair Studio, kindly donated over 150 zipper doopers for sports day and other events.

Kloses Foodland, Punky Brewster Coffee, Tweedvale Milk and Onkaparinga Meats also supported P&F fundraising events.

We thank all the local businesses for their support. Please support those who support us.

## EASTER RAFFLE

**\$1 per raffle ticket**  
**Lots of Easter hampers to be won**

Each student will be sent home with a 10 pack of tickets to sell.

We would appreciate any donations towards our hampers. All money raised will support P&F efforts.

Donations and ticket sales to be returned to the front office by Monday 11 April.  
 Raffle drawn Thursday 14 April.





At LPS, we pride ourselves in advocating for, and modelling, a kindness culture. Bullying prevention is everyone's role and this year we are proactively addressing some core foundations of kindness - connection, inclusivity, and positive relationship building. This year's NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE is being addressed through a student-focused personal development incursion with ACTIVE EDUCATION.

**Where:** This is an incursion. The team from Active Education will come to us and bring all the necessary resources.

**When:** 17th of March, 9am to 12.30pm

**What:**

- R-Yr3 Team FUNN program
- Yr 4-5 Resilience Builders program
- Yr 6 Building Team program

See the picture below for further information on what these programs entail. **Cost:** We are asking families to kindly contribute a gold coin donation (per student) to help us cover some of the cost.



We are so grateful for the financial support from both the NDA and the Lions Club of Onkaparinga. They are the reason we have been able to make this incursion possible for our students

**active education**  
Outdoor education experiences

**REMARKABLE IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Tailored Group & Personal Development**

	<b>Building Team</b> Year 5+
	<b>Resilience Builders</b> Year 4-5
	<b>Team FUNN</b> Reception - Year 3

Play fun games to develop problem solving and develop team work. Try coaching & learn about GPS technology to participate in a worldwide treasure hunt!

Play a series of brain building games that develops the problem solving skills of students while working together in small groups. Includes a take home string puzzle!

FUNN activities and games which teach basic team skills & concepts.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet & Greet breakfast today. It was such a lovely way to welcome our families back on site, we have missed you!

Also a big thank you to our dedicated staff for helping to make it possible.

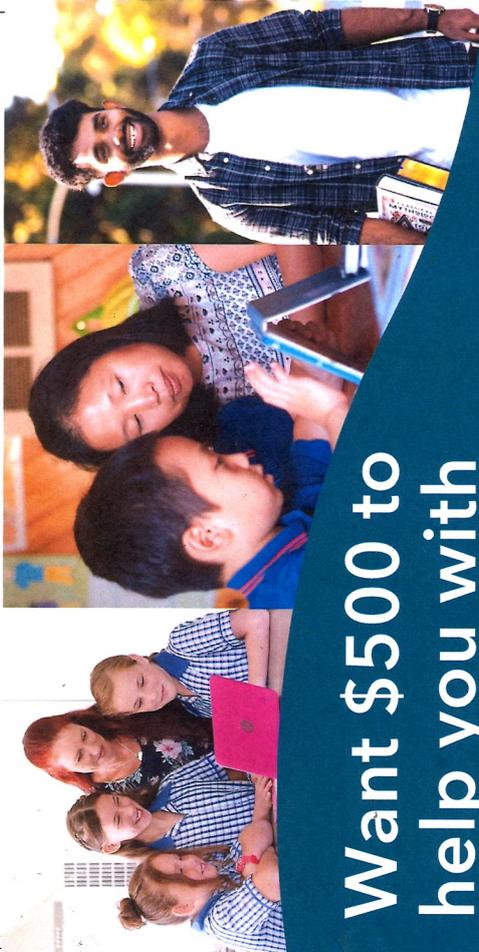
We look forward to chatting with you all soon.





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SUPERMARKETS

The 2022 football season is fast approaching.  
If your child is aged between 5 and 14 wanting to play football, we have a spot for you.  
You can register at the following link or contact the football club on -  
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/e61750>  
[juniorlobethalafc@gmail.com](mailto:juniorlobethalafc@gmail.com)  
Paul 0417 898 556  
Todd 0409 650 078



# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

**saverplus**

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

			
laptops & tablets	books & supplies	uniforms & shoes	books & supplies
			
sports fees & gear	lessons & activities	camp & excursion	camp & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

 Stacey Hall  
 [stacey.hall@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:stacey.hall@thesmithfamily.com.au)  
 0417 048 689 or 1300 610 355

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 Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.