



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Governing Council AGM

**Friday 23<sup>th</sup> February**

Assembly 9:00am

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

NAPLAN– Practice test

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

Courier Cup

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Volunteer induction morning

School Clean-up day

Mobile Library visit, Classes 4-6

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Newsletter out

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Pupil Free day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

**13<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of March**

NAPLAN Testing Window –  
Year 3 & 5 students

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March**

Mobile library visit, classes 4-6

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Bike Education– Classes 4-6

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of March**

Harmony day incursion

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Assembly 9:00am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Bike Education—Classes 4-6

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Newsletter out

2.10pm Dismissal

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Good Friday—public holiday

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Easter Monday—public holiday

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# Lobethal Primary School Newsletter

2024 Issue 1

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

## From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

It has been wonderful over the last three weeks to welcome students back to school for 2024! I have been very impressed by the manner in which all students have begun the year.

Lobethal Primary staff worked extremely hard to prepare their classrooms for the beginning of the school year and this has set a wonderful foundation with the focus they have placed on wellbeing and learning throughout the early weeks of term.

It has already been a busy start to the year, with Water Safety lessons this week at the Woodside Pool. It has been great to see the way students have been able to act in a sensible and responsible manner as they move to and from these lessons!

### School Council Annual General Meeting

Our School Council Annual General Meeting will be held in the school meeting room on Tuesday 20 February. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

If you would like to nominate for School Council in 2024 please submit your nomination form that was part of the official invitation to the AGM, which was sent home on Tuesday this week.

### Pupil Free Day

The first pupil free day of 2024 will be in

week five of this term, on Friday 8 March. On this day, staff from Lobethal will be collaborating with colleagues from Birdwood and Mt Pleasant Primary Schools as we begin the journey of working through the various modules that make up the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM). As I outlined last year, the BSEM equips schools with practical, classroom-based strategies to increase the engagement of all students, including those with complex and possibly previously unmet learning needs.

This education model will enable us to support students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing to increase student engagement and improve academic achievement.

### Acquaintance Night

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who came along to Acquaintance Night on Tuesday last week. It was wonderful to reconnect with many of you after the summer holidays. I am sure those of you who attended were impressed at the planning teachers have done to ensure that the start to the year is positive and productive for all students.

### Mainstream Parent / Caregiver and Teacher Interviews

Parent / Caregiver and Teacher



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Interviews will be held in weeks nine and ten of this term.

Term One interviews will provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers and teachers to connect early in the year to identify and discuss any learning or wellbeing concerns.

Parent and caregiver Interviews with teachers are scheduled for 3:30-7:30pm on Tuesday 2 April and 3:30-5:30pm on Wednesday 27 March and Thursday 4 April. All interviews are expected to be conducted on these dates.

We will send you more information regarding the booking process for these interviews very soon.

Mid-year reports will be sent out at the end of term two and parents will have the opportunity to attend a second interview early in third term if this is identified as a need following the mid-year student report.

### Assemblies in 2024

As with 2023, we will be holding three assemblies per

term. There will always be an assembly on the last day of term, with the other assemblies spaced evenly throughout it.

As Term One is an eleven week term, we will have assemblies in weeks:

- 4 – 23/2/2024
- 8 – 22/3/2024
- 11 – 12/4/2024

Our first assembly next week will be a special one, as the senior students from year 6 introduce their buddies from reception to the rest of the school community.

I hope as many of you as possible are able to attend this event next week, for the first of what will become an annual occasion.

We look forward to welcoming families to these assemblies over the course of the year.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Mark Tucker

## Playberry Laser Literacy Program

Last year we informed families that we would be adopting a new way of teaching spelling and reading in 2024. During the week before students returned, all staff went through the training for implementation of the Playberry Laser Literacy Program and have started teaching using this methodology.

This program deliberately uses a very explicit and structured manner of teaching to embed the concepts and rules in students memories.

It is worth noting that this program follows all the same research and principles as those now being advocated and encouraged by the Department for Education.

Last Friday 9 February a number of families attended a morning tea to hear one of the creators of the program, Bill Hansberry, talk about the critical need for students to progress through the scope and sequence in a timely manner.

Bill outlined that reading and writing are 'biologically secondary' for humans. We have been speaking for as long as we could walk, but concepts of the printed word and making meaning from them have only been a part of our lives for approximately the last 5,000 years.



'Good' readers have between 30-70,000 words orthographically mapped, that is, known instantly by sight, without having to sound them out.

With so many words able to be read clearly and fluently, readers free up significant working memory to be able to concentrate on the meaning and syntax of the text.

Activities using Playberry Laser also concentrate on correct letter formation, handwriting and working to transfer the concepts of text into students own writing as well.



## Water Safety 2024

This week, students from reception to year 5 have been taking part in Water Safety lessons at Adelaide Hills War Memorial Swimming Centre at Woodside.

Apart from some transport issues with the buses to get us there and back it has been a great week with excellent weather for those in the pool!

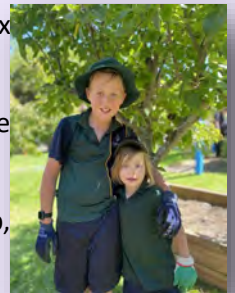


## Buddy Program - Year 6 and Reception Students

Last year our Student Wellbeing Leader, Ashlee, designed a Buddy Program to connect year six leaders with our newest reception students.

The dual aims of this program are to support the reception students in becoming comfortable in their new surrounds, while also developing leadership skills in the older students.

Activities have been timetabled each week and will cover focus points such as; leadership, inclusion, student voice, partnerships, and support.



While 2024 is the first year of this program, we plan for it to be an annual event. In 2030 these newest members of our school will be buddies for reception children who aren't even born yet!

On Friday next week, the year six students will introduce their buddies to the rest of the school at our first assembly. We hope to see you there!



# Respectful | Responsible | Learners

These words make up our code of conduct. What do these words mean to you?

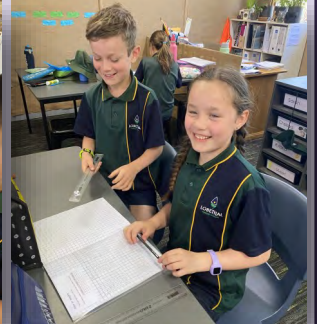
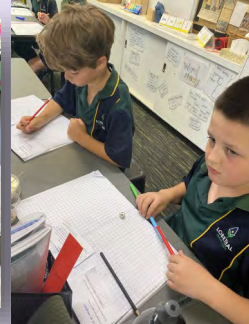
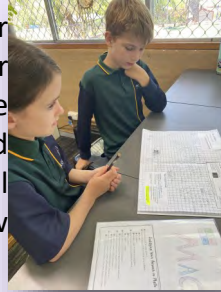
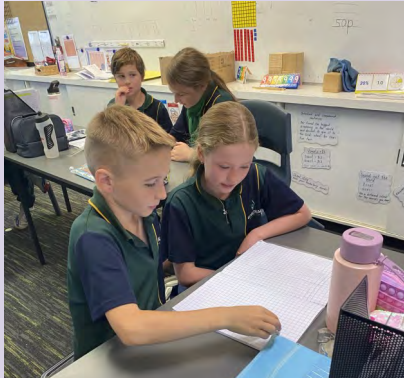


## Maths Fun in Class 5

We had so much fun playing 'Nice or Naughty'. Working in pairs using 0-9 dice, we put the digits we rolled into the thousands, hundreds, tens or ones column. Our goal was to build the highest value 4-digit number possible!

After each roll we could be 'nice' and put the digit on the die on our own side, or could choose to be

'naughty' and put one of our digits on our partner's side to try and keep their final number as low as possible.



## Community News

**MAJOR SPONSOR** **Klose's** SUPERMARKETS

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LOBETHAL FOOTBALL CLUB

**2024 Junior Development Squad**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9:00am-10:30am**

**Family Fun Day (Games, Jumping castles, free sausage sizzle): Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9:00am-12:00pm**

**5 to 16 year olds**

**Fun football activities, Crows AFL Player visit, Coffee, Mouth Guard fitting, Merchandise swaps (boots, shorts & jumpers), Registrations**

**Fun, Footy, Friends, Food**

**Come and see what being a Lobey Tiger is all about!**

**2024 Meet & Greet**  
**SATURDAY FEB 24 10AM - 1PM**  
at the Lobethal Lutheran School courts

**ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, UMPIRES & SPONSORS WELCOME**

**FREE Sausage Sizzle**

**Uniforms:** Try on and order your new uniform before the season starts. Club jumpers, jackets, socks & more

**Information:** Preseason, training times, fun club days, how to register, meet the committee, express your interest in the 2024 season - Players, Coaches & Umpires

**Feb 15 & 22 SENIOR PRE-SEASON**

**Mar 6 JUNIOR TRAINING STARTS**

**May 4 SEASON STARTS**

**QR CODE: LLNC 2024 Winter Netball Player Interest Form**

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