



Lobethal Primary School

Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Friday 8th March

Pupil Free day - OSHC available

Monday 11th March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

13th – 25th of March

NAPLAN Testing Window – Year 3 & 5 students

Friday 15th of March

Mobile library visit, classes 4-6

Tuesday 19th March

Bike Education – Classes 4-6
Harmony Day Incursion

Wednesday 20th March

Make up swimming lesson
Classes 1, 2 & 4 1–2.30pm

Friday 22nd March

9:00am Assembly

Tuesday 26th March

Bike Education – Classes 4-6

Wednesday 27th March

Parent Teacher Interviews
3.30–5.30pm

Thursday 28th March

Newsletter out
2.10pm dismissal

Friday 29th March

Good Friday – Public Holiday

Monday 1st April

Easter Monday – Public Holiday

Tuesday 2nd April

Bike Education – Classes 4-6
Parent Teacher Interviews
3.30–7.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April

District Athletics Carnival

Thursday 4th April

Parent Teacher Interviews
3.30–5.30pm

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1
9:00am Assembly
2.10pm dismissal

Thursday 7th of March 2024

From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

The school year is well and truly up and running now and this means so many programs and events that mark out the year have begun!

It was wonderful to welcome our new students to the school at our first assembly on Friday in week four! Year six buddies introduced our receptions and told the large gathering a little fact about our newest students.

One strong message from Leaders Day was that schools have the flexibility to focus on some of these areas more than others.

Our response is being strongly guided by the directions of the external review that took place last year. These directions are on the school website [here](#) - or by scanning the QR code.



Education Leaders Day and the Numeracy Summit

I spent Monday and Tuesday this week at two significant dates in the Department for Education's calendar.

Education Leaders Day on Monday, gave school and corporate leaders from across the system an opportunity to further investigate the *Learn and Thrive Strategy* that is rolling out across the department. More can be found about the strategy here:

<https://discover.education.sa.gov.au/our-strategy/>

Our school is developing a plan to address our response and strategic directions in each of the four *Areas of Impact*:

- Equity and excellence
- Wellbeing
- Effective learners
- Learner agency

A simple thought I took away from Leaders Day was from Sarah Martin, Principal of the purpose built and very impressive Stonehouse School in Auckland, NZ. She repeatedly referred to teachers as *causing learning*.

I was quite taken with this thought and its implications. To say we *cause learning* seems so much more active and intentional than *teaching*. I look forward to investigating this with staff over the rest of the year.

On Tuesday at the **Numeracy Summit** the focus was on ensuring that maths lessons include time for students to discuss, hypothesize, investigate and justify their response to questions.

We want our students to think about the



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Resilience Responsibility Respect Excellence Independence

From the Principal Continued...

type of maths required in order to solve the problem.

If you were asked *'How much milk in the world is there?'*

What would be your response? What maths would you use to begin developing an answer? Is oat milk, milk? What other thoughts, processes and decisions do you need to make, to think of possible solutions to a problem as rich and wide ranging as this?

It is crucial these and other analytical and critical skills are developed in our current students by the time they finish their compulsory schooling over the next twelve years.

Pupil Free Day - Berry Street

As previously advised, tomorrow, Friday 8 March is our first pupil free day for the year. The whole staff will be learning with colleagues from Birdwood and Mt Pleasant Primary Schools to develop common understanding of this well renowned trauma informed practice.

Given that one of the four Areas of Impact in the department's strategy applies a focus to Wellbeing, this important work will form a significant part of this quadrant in our future planning.

Interviews

Our Term One Interviews will be taking place in weeks nine and ten of the term.

These interviews are an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to understand strengths and challenges each child in your family is enjoying at school.

Please respond to the 'School Interviews' link to book your interview. Please contact me via email at mark.tucker238@schools.sa.edu.au with the subject 'Term One Interviews' if you need consideration for your family circumstances.

Road Safety

As a school we are constantly faced with the challenge that the roads around our school provide. Ever since I was appointed at Lobethal, various sections of Mill Road, and its intersection with School Road have concerned me.

There have been a number of 'near

miss' incidents involving our students already this year.

Recently a car ignored the Emu Crossing, driving straight through despite the monitors signs being correctly displayed. Please always check for yourself when you are crossing Mill Road to ensure a safe crossing.

The Mill Rd intersection with School Rd is also problematic. If traffic is banked down to the intersection and you are turning onto School Rd, either left or right, but especially left, please always leave room between yourself and a car in front of you, to allow students safe passage across School Rd and down to the Emu Crossing.

Finally, there are various other areas of Mill Road our students cross. There is often poor visibility for drivers and pedestrians alike, and I would ask that you are always vigilant in supporting your children to cross safely.

I have begun conversations with both the Adelaide Hills Council and Dan Cregan, Member for Kavel to look for further solutions to solve these ongoing issues and I thank you for your support in ensuring safety for all around our school.

Bike Education

Another step in our support of students to be safe on our roads, is the Bike Education program being run by Bike SA. Students in years four to six will be part of this, beginning on Tuesday 19 March. Further information will be sent out to families of these students this week.

Governing Council

The next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 March.

After my call out on Seesaw. we have received two more nominations for the vacant position on the council and this vacancy will be filled at the week eight meeting. Thank you to those parents who have nominated themselves!

It is going to be a hot long weekend, I hope you are able to enjoy it and stay cool,

Kind Regards,

Mark Tucker,

Principal

**TERM 1
PARENT/TEACHER
INTERVIEWS**

MARCH
WEDNESDAY 27TH 3.30 - 5.30

APRIL
TUESDAY 2ND 3.30 - 7.30
THURSDAY 4TH 3.30 - 5.30

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Hills District Swimming Carnival

Lobethal Primary School's 2024 Swim Team!



On Thursday the 29th of February our Lobethal Primary Swim team headed over to the Mount Barker Mountain pool and competed in the district swimming carnival for the Hills and Barker region.

Our five competitors- Lachie Guerin, Hudson, Parker, Camille Good, Oscar Pfeiffer and Jensen Blundell spent the day competing in a range of events against 22 different schools.

These five students displayed great courage by having a go and jumping straight in. We are super proud of their efforts and the team work that they showed each other. A huge thank you to the parents and caregivers that transported, supervised and cheered our team on during the day.



We had some outstanding results!

Lachie placed in the top 6 for the Hills region 11yr. old Freestyle and Breaststroke and the top 5 for Backstroke.

Oscar was second in the Hills region for 10yr. old Breaststroke, top 5 for Backstroke and top 6 for Freestyle. Well done to all the swimmers!

Parents and Friends - Playground Upgrade Fundraising Project

Since our Safework SA inspection late last year, it has become apparent that our playgrounds are reaching the end of their useful life and will need replacing. They are showing signs of deterioration and have elements that are no longer compliant with current Australian Safety Standards.

Our Parents and Friends Committee (P & F), a sub-committee of Governing Council, met on Wednesday and have committed to continuing their fundraising work to support these upgrades.

P & F have already raised close to \$20,000 and are looking at ways to increase that this year to further

contribute.

One of the crucial thoughts among the committee was 'big ticket' fundraising events or ideas that can attract support and finances from outside our direct school community.

If you have ideas or expertise in this area or would just like to join the P & F and offer whatever support you can, please contact Belinda in the front office to register your interest!

Look out as the year progresses as to how you can contribute to this exciting upgrade project!

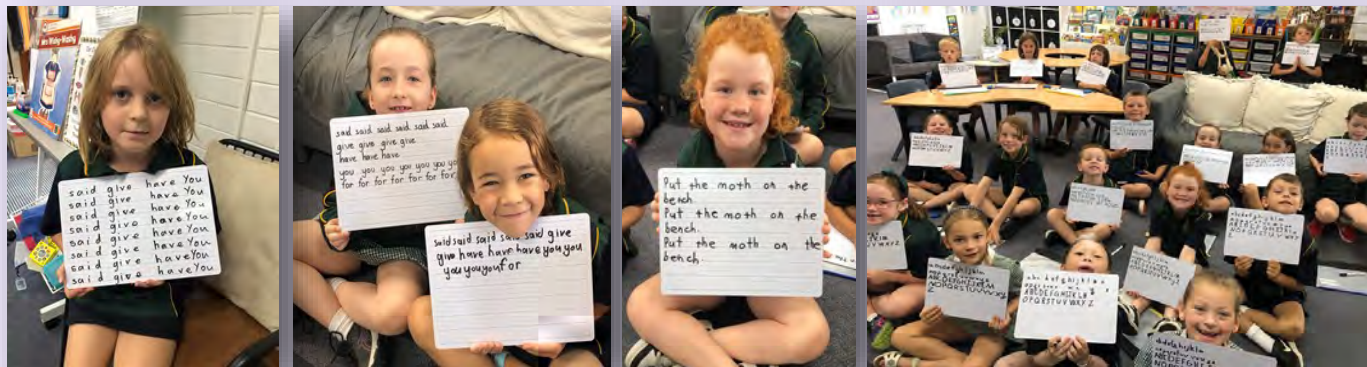


WE WANT YOU!



Class 3 update on Playberry Laser Literacy Program

In Class 3 students are enjoying learning the new routines in our phonics lessons. When they write on their boards they must try and use the dotted thirds to help get the letters the right size using correct letter formation. It has been tricky, but they are learning fast. Soon their letters will be perfectly formed and super neat!



HARMONY DAY

Celebrating Cultural Diversity
19TH MARCH 2024

\$5 per student (money given to teacher or front office)

Our students will be immersed in elements of Indian culture through engagement in a Bollywood dance performance (incursion).
Students will also be provided with a small serving of butter chicken* and naan bread

Wear something orange (Harmony Day colour) - socks, t-shirt, accessories

Please pack lunches as per normal

*please contact the school if your child requires a vegetarian/gluten free option

Upcoming School Events

As mentioned at the start of the newsletter, there are many events occurring between now and the end of the term. Please check the information on this page to make sure you are up to date with everything that is going on!

LET'S GET READY FOR THE 2024 LPS HAT PARADE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HAT PARADE AT 1.15 ON THE 28TH OF MARCH (LOCATION TBA)

Have fun and make it a family project at home. Big or small, simple or creative, recycled items or bits and pieces around the home. Your hat can be Easter themed or a theme of your choice.

EASTER RAFFLE

Calling out to our School Community for donations for our Easter Raffle - this could include chocolate, eggs, bunnies, wine, baskets, craft ideas or any other Easter treats. All donations can be bought to the front office on or before March 26th

Raffle books will be sent home to each family please return sold or unsold before 27/3/24

RAFFLE DRAWN MARCH 28TH AT OUR HAT PARADE

COMMUNITY CALL OUT

SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

We would love your bottle tops. Please start separating these bottle tops from bottles at home and bring them to school. You can drop these off at the designated boxes underneath the bike shed.

REJUVENATED GARDEN SPACES

There are a few exciting things happening behind the scenes in our new Nature Nurture program (more info to come later). We would be grateful for any fruit, vegetable and flower plants or seedling donations. We appreciate your support in this.