



Lobethal Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Thursday 4th April
Parent Teacher Interviews
3.30—5.30pm

Friday 12th April
LAST DAY OF TERM ONE
9:00am, Assembly
2.10pm Dismissal

TERM 2

Thursday 2nd May
9:30am - School Tour

Tuesday 14th May
Lobethal Community
Kindergarten visiting LPS
Library

Friday 17th May
Classes 1 - 3, Bush School

Tuesday 21st May
District Cross Country
6:30pm, Governing Council

Friday 24th May
9:00am, Assembly presented
by Class 5

Monday 26th May
Beginning of Reconciliation
Week
2:00pm - School Tour

Friday 31st May
Whole School Bush School and
Fun Run at Bushland Park

Monday 3rd June
Classes 1 and 2, Pines Play with
Lobethal Community
Kindergarten

Thursday 6th June
Dancify starts

Friday 7th June
Pupil Free Day

Monday 10th June
King's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 4th of April 2024

From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

I was in a meeting yesterday and the presenter mentioned that it was the 3rd of April and my first thought was – we are past a quarter of the way through 2024 already. How can that be? As we head towards the last week of our first term I have been reflecting on what a packed 10 weeks it has been already.

The most obvious change for students and teachers has been the introduction of our Laser Literacy Program. This is in full swing in all classes now and staff are reporting back to me the fantastic progress students are showing in both their phonological and morphological knowledge. As part of the program, all classes will be undertaking some testing next week to gauge improvements in student understanding, and I know all teachers are excited to analyse this checkpoint data!

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Last Thursday we held our Easter Hat Parade and Raffle draw. It was brilliant to see so many parents at school to cheer on the parade with a huge variety of creative Easter hats! See the next page for some photos of the day!

I would like to say a huge thankyou to the whole school community for the manner in which you supported the Easter Raffle. There was a vast array of goods donated for the raffle, which enabled us to put together thirty one prize packages. Thanks must also go to the tireless Parents and Friends Committee for packaging up each of the prize lots.

Congratulations to all the winners!

After all was said and done, the raffle sold nearly 1000 tickets and raised over \$1,900 to go towards our playground upgrade project! Thanks again to all who were involved, participated or bought a ticket in supporting this exciting project.

Pupil Free Days and last day of each term

Last Thursday, we had a large number of students left in the office, with parents unaware that school finished at 2:10pm.

Lobethal Primary School Governing Council has approved a 2:10pm finish for the last day of each term as well as the Thursday before Easter.

This was advised via Seesaw on 2 February. Please remember this for the last day of each term to come:

- Friday 12 April
- Friday 5 July
- Friday 27 September
- Friday 12 December.

Pupil Free Days for the rest of the year will take place on:

- 7 June
- 23 August
- 8 November

OSHC will be available for each of these days. However, on our School Closure Day for the Royal Adelaide Show on 2 September the OSHC service will also be closed.



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Feedback from Interviews

It has been fantastic over the last couple of weeks to welcome parents and caregivers into the classrooms to have the Term One interviews with teachers. One of the most powerful influences on student achievement is when families are strongly connected to their children’s learning journey and these meetings are an important tool in aiding this.

Over 75% of our students had a parent or caregiver come to meet with their teacher. While this is a good figure, I have picked up that some families have said they didn’t know about the interviews.

I would like to gather any feedback families have about the interview process, from the booking process, timings, content etc. If there is anything you would like to let me know about, please do so in an email directly to me with the subject: 2024 Interview Feedback.

Communication from LPS

The above issues of families not knowing about the interviews or the 2:10pm dismissal on the Thursday before Easter is concerning to me. All this information has been advised via Seesaw and/or the previous Newsletters.

These are important communication channels and while I know that Seesaw is not a perfect tool, it is the best platform we have access to at the moment.

I would ask that all families make sure they are connected to the school via Seesaw and engage with the Newsletter to make sure they are kept aware of the various events and activities we have planned throughout the year.

Smoke and Vape Free Schools

You will have noticed some new signs appear on the fences outside the school this week announcing that the school grounds are now both smoke and vape free. The Department for Education’s ‘Smoke Free Policy’ has been updated to include vaping and e-cigarettes.

Please note that this ‘exclusion zone’ also extends 10 metres outside the school boundary.

I am pleased to say that this is not an area I have been concerned about – I have not had to mention this to anyone in our community in the time I have been here!

End of Term

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to remind families that there will be an assembly at 9:00am next Friday on the last day of term, before the 2:10pm dismissal in the afternoon.

Kind Regards,

Mark Tucker
Principal

Easter Hat Parade



Nature Nurture in the garden at Lobethal PS

If you have ventured out the back of the school to the garden area in the last couple of weeks, you will see that it has begun to spring back to life.

Last year, we were lucky enough to secure funding to join the National Student Wellbeing Program (NSWP). The NSWP is delivered by a Pastoral Care Worker or Student Wellbeing Support Officer (SWSO).

The program aims are to:

- provide support that focuses on the social and emotional wellbeing of students
- complement the existing student wellbeing programs and services offered by schools.

Here at Lobethal, we chose to employ an SWSO and focus our on the revitalisation of the garden program. Erin, already an SSO at the school, was employed as our SWSO and has thrown herself into this work with huge enthusiasm!

We are calling this new program *Nature Nurture*.

The purpose of *Nature nurture* is to provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in gardening opportunities that promote self-regulation, nurture, connection with others, and the development of transferable skills that incorporate garden to plate understandings, food preparation and plant usage.

This program will highlight four activity domains

- Nature immersion
- Nature & sensory
- Nature creations
- Nature & nurture

Through the program students will enjoy weekly sessions in an enriching outdoor environment that will promote a strong sense of connectedness to our school community, a deeper appreciation for the natural environment and accrue additional tools to further promote student's own sense of wellbeing and wellness.

We hope to use produce in subsequent cooking sessions and look forward to opening our school gate 'farmers stall' to share with the wider community!

There is always huge excitement in each class as they 'get their hands dirty'!

We look forward to sharing more of this progress with you as the year continues!



District Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday the 3rd of April Lobethal's finest athletes travelled to Cornerstone College and took part in the annual Hills District Athletics Carnival. Our Year 4-6 students competed in track events such as, 100m, 200m, and relays and field events including, Shot-put, Discus and Long Jump.

It was a great opportunity for our Year 4 athletes to come and compete for the first time. All of which tried their hardest and excelled under the pressure of a competitive competition. I have a feeling I will see them all back again next year...!

The year 5 and 6 athletes all put 100% effort into their events and did our school proud.

There were many goose bump moments throughout the day:



Zade Placed 1st in both the 12yr old boy's discus and shotput. This means Zade will now compete in the State competition in Adelaide later on in the year.

Camillie placed 3rd in the 10yr old girl's long jump. She missed out on 2nd place by only 1cm! Camille also made the 10yr old girl's

100m final.

Lara placed 4th in the 12yr old girl's discus. With Olivia placing 6th.

Kaleb was amazing in his 10yr old boy's 100m, 200m and



relays runs. Kaleb filled in for the 12yr old boys relay running first. He took it all in his stride and was a stand out competitor.

Macie's 200m run was great to watch. She was such a strong runner who pushed the whole way. Macie placed 3rd in her heat.



Finally, our school's relay teams were inspiring in the way that they supported each other and how well they competed against the other schools in the district.

Congratulations to the Lobethal Athletics team for their wonderful efforts:

Evie, Camille, Kaleb, Ava, Macie, Olivia, Elsie, Matilda, Zade, Koah, Hayden, Lara, Jai, Eliza, Annabelle, Jensen, Nate and Oscar.

Community News

PLAY

come find your awesome

LOBETHAL FOOTBALL CLUB AUSKICK CENTRE

15 Onkaparinga St, Lobethal

Tuesdays at 5:00pm - 6:00pm
30th April - 18th June

Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR voucher or \$100 without.

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LOBETHAL TIGERS

NET SET GO

STARTS 2 MAY 2024
10 WEEK PROGRAM
4 - 4:45PM THURSDAYS

EMAIL INTEREST TO
HAILEY.MORONEY@GMAIL.COM

BIRDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 3 MAY 2024

9:15am - 11am
Shannon Street Birdwood SA 5234

Bookings essential via QR

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