



Lobethal Primary School

Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Thursday 27 June

Dancify
Newsletter out

Friday 28 June

2024 Mid-Year Reception
transition visit 9.10—12pm

Thursday 4 July

2.30pm, Dancify concert
7pm, Hills Music Festival

Friday 5th July

- Last day of term
- Assembly 9am
- Reports sent home
- 2.10pm Dismissal

Monday 22 July

First Day of Term 3

Friday 9 August

Bush School Classes 1 - 3

Friday 16 August

9:00am, Assembly presented
by Class 2
Mobile library classes 4-6

Friday 23 August

Pupil Free Day - OSHC Bookings
available

Friday 30 August

9:00am, Assembly

Monday 2 September

School Closure Day - OSHC
closed

Friday 6 September

Bush School Classes 1 - 3

Friday 13 September

Mobile library classes 4 - 6

Tuesday 24 September

School Concert matinee and
evening performance

Friday 27 September

- Last day of term
- Assembly 9am
- Early dismissal 2.10pm

Thursday 27 June 2024

From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

As we draw towards the end of the term, I am mindful of the work that all staff have put in over the course of the last nine weeks.

It has been a very busy term, and we have been hit hard by illness. As I was driving home last night, I was trying to think if there were any staff members who had not needed time off this term due to illness – and I couldn't think of any!

Despite that, we have made it to the end of term, with as little disruption to learning programs as possible. There has been nothing but a positive attitude from all, even when timetables and plans have needed to change on short notice.

I would like to thank and acknowledge all the staff for the manner in which they have supported each other over this term, and hope they all have a restful holiday break after next week.

I am currently preparing our calendar for Term Three which is much less busy. This is often the case in schools – in my teaching days I used to love that Term Three was the one with the most routine and consistent opportunities for uninterrupted learning to take place!

I will send out a family copy of this calendar by the end of next week. The two crucial dates for families to be aware of now, are the Pupil Free Day on Friday

23 August and School Closure Day during the Royal Adelaide Show Week, on Monday 2 September.

Looking ahead to Term Four, I would like to advise that one of the biggest days in the school calendar, Sports Day will take place on Thursday 7 November. Our last Pupil Free Day of the year will be the following day, Friday 8 November.

Mid-Year Reports

Next Friday students will bring home their mid-year reports.

These reports will highlight numerous strengths and challenges in all our students and their learning dispositions.

When we assign grades, we do so against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard. There is an achievement standard at every year level for each subject.

You can find these at

www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

Officially, grades connected to these statements can only ever be assigned at the end of the year, so when we send out the upcoming reports, these are our *prediction* of where students will be, against the standard, by the end of the year.

This means the final grade may fluctuate either way in the end of year report.



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Grades in primary school are not the full measure of learning for any of our children though, and I would encourage families to look past these, to the evaluation of effort and comments teachers provide as a fuller indication of student engagement and progress.

If, as a result of the report you receive, you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact them early next term to arrange a time to meet.

Term Three New Beginnings

For the first time in many years, we will have a new class of reception students beginning next term. Ellie Tasker will teach what we are calling Class 7, and she will begin the term with 14 new students to our school. This will mean a number of changes, from timetables, to seating arrangements in Assembly.

As our year six students are buddies with the receptions that started in Term One, our year fives will act as these role models to these newest students. This will allow these relationships to continue into 2025.

When you are preparing current students to get ready for the new term, please remind them of the fact that these new students will be starting and the need to look out for them in the yard.

Staffing in Term Three

Jane Mant, our Visual and Media Arts teacher will be taking long service leave for all of Term Three. I am still finalising details of her replacement, but hope it will be someone familiar to students already. I will let you know as soon as possible of this appointment.

In other staffing news, we have found ourselves a little short staffed in our SSO roles this term. With more and more students needing support, we will be adding to our SSO workforce in Term Three with the appointment of Leah Harrison.

Some of you will have met Leah, who has been volunteering at the school since the beginning of the year. Leah has been a huge plus in this volunteer capacity and we are excited about her joining our team next term. Please make her feel welcome if you see her in the yard.

Lachy Bates, one of our other SSO's is studying teaching at university and has a six week placement to conduct next term. Lachy is lucky to be staying here at Lobethal for that placement, working with the students from Class 5, under the expert guidance of Sonia Elliot.

This will create another hole in our workforce, my plan at this stage is to employ Leanne Kitchener – previously an SSO and currently working in our OSHC, to take over Lachy's hours.

Hills Music Festival

Our final major event for the term takes place next week. The Hills Music Festival, this year a joint production with Birdwood Primary School will be held in the hall at the Springhead Lutheran Church. With both schools involved, we are anticipating a strong turnout, so please make sure you plan to arrive early to secure your seat! Entry is simply via a gold coin donation.

Lobethal and Birdwood Primary Schools Present

Hills Music Festival

Thursday 4th July

Springhead Lutheran Church Hall

7:15pm for a 7.30pm start

Gold coin donation entry

All Welcome

Finally, as next Friday is the last day of term, please remember that we will have our final assembly of the term on Friday morning at 9:00am. Students will then be dismissed at 2:10pm and come home with their mid year reports. The start time of OSHC has been adjusted to accommodate this earlier than usual finish to the day.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning here at Lobethal.

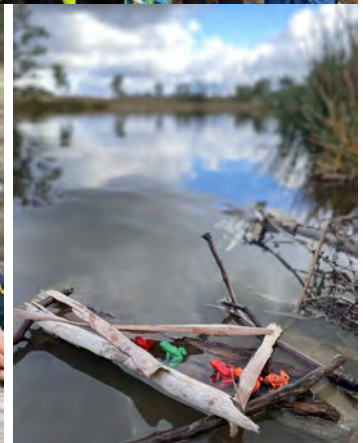
Kind Regards,

Mark Tucker
Principal

Bush School - Classes 1, 2 & 3

Classes 1, 2 and 3 had a wonderful time at Bush School on Friday 21 June. They identified and sketched fungi, made miniature habitats for animals ensuring all the animal's unique needs were met, and made nature mobiles to take home. And most importantly, they had an absolute ball playing by

the lake and getting muddy! This week we have reflected on our time at Bush School through follow-up work including writing recounts about our day. We can't wait until next time!



Vacation Care

Bookings are open (and due by Monday 1 July) for the Vacation Care program to be run over the upcoming holiday break.

Nicole is on leave at the moment, but you can still make bookings on 0403 605 975 or via Ipsoshc.director626@schools.sa.edu.au.

Lobethal Primary School OSHC Vacation Care Program (July 2024)

Open 7am – 6pm



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Monday 8th July – Friday 12th July

MONDAY 8 th JULY	TUESDAY 9 th JULY	WEDNESDAY 10 th JULY	THURSDAY 11 th JULY	FRIDAY 12 th JULY
INCURSION Balloon Twisting & Face Painting Workshop Today we try our hand at Balloon Twisting and have our Face Painted in a fun and interactive Workshop run by Nifty Entertainment.	INCURSION 3 Play Sports Join us for an action packed day as we compete in a Basketball Shootout, AFL Handball Challenge and Soccer Kick-off in our 3 Play Sports inflatable.	INCURSION Circus Elements Today we join the team from Circus Elements for a fun and entertaining Circus Skills Workshop.	Christmas In July Dress in red and green, pop on a Santa's hat and join us for a day of Christmas craft and movies, as we celebrate Christmas in July.	PJ's & Movie Day Chuck on your PJ's and join us for a relaxing day full of movies, popcorn and hot chocolate.

Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July

MONDAY 15 th JULY	TUESDAY 16 th JULY	WEDNESDAY 17 th JULY	THURSDAY 18 th JULY	FRIDAY 19 th JULY
INCURSION Pedal Karts Today we test out our driving skills as we jump in a Pedal Go Kart and race our friends around the School.	INCURSION Footsteps Dance Class Come along and show us your best dance moves in our Footsteps Danos Class	Mini Olympics There will be gold medals all around as children compete in a variety of relays and events at the Lobethal OSHC Mini Olympics.	INCURSION DIY Pillow Pet Workshop Today children will create their very own cute and cuddly Pillow Pet in our DIY Pillow Pet Workshop.	Biscuit Decorating Morning & Electronics Afternoon Chuck on an apron and join us this morning as we decorate some delicious biscuits. BYO electronic devices for our Electronics Afternoon.

*BOOKINGS ARE DUE ON MONDAY 1ST OF JULY –

LATE BOOKINGS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED & WILL INCUR A \$10 LATE BOOKING FEE*

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU!

- *Closed in shoes
- *Recess and Lunch
- *Water bottle
- *Hat
- *Sunscreen
- *Spare clothes

Fees for Vacation Care are \$62 per child for an 'at service day' (less CCS) or \$72 per child for Incursions/Excursions (less CCS).

Community News



NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

This year NAIDOC Week falls during the first week of the school holidays, so we will be celebrating it in the last week of term.

We will begin the week with a flag raising ceremony on Monday morning, then on Tuesday and Wednesday students will be in groups, rotating between a range of activities celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture.

Each class will present their poster about an influential First Nations person on Friday in our assembly to conclude the week!



Reconciliation Connect

On Wednesday 26 June, the whole school braved the cold weather to walk down to the Lobethal Lutheran Church Basement

There, we met with Lobethal Community Kindergarten and Lobethal Lutheran School to come together as part of Reconciliation Connect.

We sang songs of hope and created a collaborative banner, symbolising our unity.

We also launched our shared Acknowledgement of Country, honoring the Traditional Custodians of the land. This special day showcased our commitment to

reconciliation and community.

Thank you to everyone who made it memorable.

