

Lobethal Primary School

Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Friday 9 August

Bush School Classes 1– 3 & 7
SAPOL 'Think you know'
sessions for Classes 4–6

Tuesday 13 August

School Council

Thursday 15 August

Whole school performance
NDA– Against Violence and
Bullying 9am

Friday 16 August

Assembly 9am hosted by Class 3
Mobile library classes 4-6

WEEK 5—BOOKWEEK
2024 THEME
READING IS MAGIC

Book Fair held in the library
open for purchases
Tuesday 3—3.30pm
Wednesday & Thursday
8.30—9am & 3—3.30pm

Thursday 22 August

Dress up parade 9am in the gym

Friday 23 August

Pupil Free Day—OSHC Bookings
available

Thursday 29 August

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Monday 2 September

School Closure Day—OSHC also
closed

Friday 6 September

Bush School Classes 1– 3 & 7

Friday 13 September

Assembly 9am hosted by Class 4
Mobile library Classes 4-6

Friday 27 September

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

Friday 9 August 2024

From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

It has been a great start to the term with some fantastic learning and exciting events already having taken place!

The crucial dates that all families need to have in their diaries, are the Pupil Free Day on Friday, 23 August. On this day our staff will combine with those from Birdwood and Mount Pleasant Primary Schools as we explore the next module in the Berry Street Education Model. Our learning on this day will be focused around relationships.

A couple of weeks later on Monday 2 September our school closure day will provide an opportunity for our families to go to the Royal Adelaide show. Please note that the whole school including OSHC will be closed on this day.

Another highlight this term will be Book Week. Book Week is always a fantastic week to immerse ourselves in children's literature and dive into the world that books provide us with.

As well as celebrating the shortlisted children's books we will have our Dress Up Parade on Thursday 22 August and the book fair will be running from Tuesday through to Thursday in the library. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books from the book fair, please see Amelia for any further information.

New Staff

This term has seen a number of new staff start at our school. While some of them were already known to us, it is important to acknowledge their early work.

You may have already met Leah Harrison who was volunteering in terms one and two and she has begun working as an SSO with us over the last few weeks. Leah's work so far has focussed on the students in Class 7 – our new reception students, but she is also supporting students in other classes as well.

Speaking of our new reception class, Ellie Tasker has started with us as well, as the teacher of this class. Unfortunately, Ellie has been hit by the same illness bug as many of our students but we've been thrilled at the way she has set up Class 7 for a safe and happy learning environment! We look forward to Ellie returning to work next week.

I would also like to thank Rosy Ulcoq for the wonderful work she has performed as a relief teacher in this class in place of Ellie!

Leanne Kitchener has recently begun working with us, as she covers some of the hours as Lachy Bates begins his pre-service teaching placement with Sonia in Class 5. Many of you know Leanne from her work in our OSHC, but



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some may also remember her working as an SSO in our school in years gone by. Leanne has already made a fantastic impression in early work and we are really looking forward to her continuing with us - even after Lachy returns to his SSO role at the end of the term.

Testing in Term Three

We are always collecting data on our students and in Term Three there are two major collections.

Year one students will shortly undertake the South Australian Department for Education Phonics Screening Check. This test aims to identify students who have picked up the early phonological concepts being taught to them and allows us to identify students who might need some extra support in the future.

Later in the term year two to seven students will undertake the Progressive Achievement Tests in reading and maths. These tests track the progress of students from year to year and once again allow us to plan for future interventions in these areas by identifying strengths and challenges for students.

Grounds Works

One of the key responsibilities for a principal in any school is to maintain a safe environment for students, staff and the wider community.

I have been aware that some of the trees in our school do not guarantee this safety. Last year we undertook preventative maintenance on some of the trees around the court area and we recently had another audit of all of our trees undertaken by Project Green. This has identified significantly more required work. In the coming weeks, arborists will be coming into school to remove limbs that have been identified as potentially posing risk and balancing up trees to make sure that they grow safely in the future. There will be some trees removed and others will have load reduction trimming.

Another area of safety concern, is the court area behind Classes 5 and 6. In a recent inspection, our groundsman Dean, identified that the lines and markings in the artificial turf have come loose, causing a significant tripping hazard. The court area is closed

for the time being, while I investigate repair options.

Finally, much of the safety lighting outside Class 2 and the OSHC building have deteriorated or failed. This is of concern to families as well as school and OSHC staff when leaving in the dark. Effective lighting in this area is also a passive security measure for our buildings and grounds.

Work will begin soon to update these lights with spotlights at each end of the OSHC Room and updated LED baton lights on walls and in the undercover area.

School Concert

A highlight for us every year at Lobethal is our school concert. As in previous years, this will take place at the end of this term with a matinee performance on Tuesday 24 of September and then an evening performance the same day. Ticketing information will become available for families shortly.

This year, the theme of the concert will connect with the recent Paris Olympics and we can look forward to a performance filled with music connected to sports in the Olympics, as we explore what it means to be an Olympian!

Playground Update

Over the last year you are all aware of the work that has gone into raising money for a new playground. This has been a large piece of work and we are very close to completion.

I recently placed the order for the playground and hopefully we are looking at an installation date sometime early in Term Four.

I would like to once again thank all the members of the school community for the way you have supported our fundraising initiatives for this new playground. Playgrounds are not allocated funds from the Department of Education and is a considerable investment for both our current and future students.

We are very much looking forward to the new playground being installed and can't wait to see the children on it!

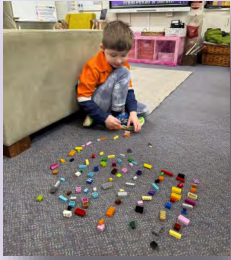
Have a great weekend,

Mark Tucker

Principal

100 Days of School and Potato Olympics in Class 1 and 2

In Class 1 and 2 we have been flat out with celebrations! Last week we celebrated our 100th Day of the year for 2024 with our theme 100 Days Brighter. This is a big milestone for our receptions as well as an excellent way to incorporate the Year 1 Mathematics goal to count to 100. We also enjoyed the Green and Gold day.



We have also been having a blast as we learn about all things Olympics. Our own Potato Olympics has now ended, with our potato athletes ending up a little worse for wear after their many athletics events. Children had a blast using their potatoes for our events such as shot put (throwing your potato) bowling, diving, sprints (how far does your potato roll?), and gymnastics (potato spin). Congratulations to our teams Tough Tots, Proud Potatoes and Sporty Spuds for their fantastic efforts!



Potato Olympics - Year 4/5 Buddies with Class 7



Community News

SEASON 24/25 LOBETHAL TENNIS CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

SUNDAY AUG 25
10 am - 12 noon

LOBETHAL RECREATION GROUNDS TENNIS COURTS

ALL WELCOME

JUNIORS (FRI/SAT)
HOT SHOTS
SENIORS (SAT)
NIGHTS (TUES/WED)

come for a hit +
a sausage sizzle

merchandise
will be avail



register
via qr code



Many children will have a positive experience starting school or moving from primary to high school and despite some initial nervousness, most will settle in very quickly. However, we know some parents/carers may be very concerned about the upcoming changes e.g. buying uniforms, books or devices and that's where we can help.

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- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

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JULY					AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS					Scheduled stop on 26 Dec changed to 24 Dec					NOVEMBER									
Route A										M T W T F									
10.00AM - 11.00AM BIRDWOOD, Shannon Street, near post office										4 5 6 7 8									
THURS 11.30AM - 1.00PM LOBETHAL, Main Street, lower end										11 12 13 14 15									
2.00PM - 3.00PM HOUGHTON, Town Centre Square										18 19 20 21 22									
FRI 10.00AM - 12.00PM KEDSBROOK, Scott Street, near town hall										25 26 27 28 29									
1.30PM - 2.30PM CHERIDVILLE, Cherryville Road, Community Hall										DECEMBER									
Route B										M T W T F									
10.00AM - 11.00AM CHARLESTON, Newman Road, playground car park										2 3 4 5 6									
WED 11.30AM - 1.00PM MOUNT TODDENS, Townsend Street, town centre										9 10 11 12 13									
10.00AM - 11.30AM MORIALTA, Morialta Murrumbidgee Conservation Park Playground, carpark										16 17 18 19 20									
THURS 12.00PM - 1.30PM HORTON SUMMIT, Crescent Drive, The Summit Community Centre										23 24 25 26 27									
2.30PM - 4.00PM BALLMANNAH, Onkaparinga Valley Road, oval/playground										30 31									
FRI 10.00AM - 12.00PM MYLOD, Cotton Memorial Hall, Strathalbyn Road																			
1.00PM - 2.30PM URAIDLA, Greenhill Road, near bowling club																			

Disability SA

NEW ART THERAPIST AVAILABILITY!

What is an Art Therapist?

Art Therapists help in skill building self-esteem, communication, creative and emotional resilience through expressive art therapy sessions.

This may include skill building in:

- Developing innate artistic talent
- Improving fine motor skills
- Recognising and responding to facial expressions
- Imagining and thinking figuratively
- Managing sensory issues

Art therapist's available in limited capacity for in school or home therapy starting Term 3!



Enquire now:

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Disability SA has commenced with Term 3 and Term 4 What's The Buzz? Classes!

1 Spot left in the below classes!

Early Years (5 - 8 year old's)

Mondays - 4:30-5:15pm- Gawler Location
Tuesdays- 4:30-5:15pm- Birdwood Location
Wednesdays - 4:00-4:45pm- St Agnes Location

Primary Years (9 - 11 year old's)

Mondays - 5:30-6:15pm- Gawler Location
Wednesdays- 5:30-6:15pm- St Agnes Location

What's the Buzz? is a 16 week program aiming to:

- Develop emotional and social intelligence
- Build resilience and social skills
- Help students who find it challenging to make friends

BOOK NOW:

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All Facilitators are successfully trained in What's The Buzz? by Noni Le Messurier and Mark Le Messurier, Co-Creator, Author & Trainer of What's The Buzz? www.whatsthebuzz.net.au