

# Lobethal Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

- Monday 2 September**  
School Closure Day, OSHC closed
- Friday 6 September**  
Bush School Classes 1 - 3 & 7
- Wednesday 11 September**  
Lightning Carnival, year 5/6's St Francis, Mt Barker
- Tuesday 10 September**  
School Council
- Friday 13 September**  
Assembly 9am hosted by Class 4  
Mobile library Classes 4 - 6
- Tuesday 17 September**  
Kids Helpline workshop, Classes 3 & 4
- Wednesday 18 September**  
Classes 1,2 & 7, Pines Play with LCK
- Thursday 19 September**  
Newsletter out
- Monday 23 September**  
School concert, dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 24 September**  
School concert matinee and evening performance
- Friday 27 September**
  - Last day of term
  - 9:00am assembly
  - 2.10pm dismissal
- Monday 14 October**  
First day of Term Four
- Thursday 17 October**  
School photo day
- Thursday 7 November**  
Sports Day
- Thursday 8 November**  
Pupil Free Day - OSHC open

Thursday 29 August 2024

### From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

Thank you to all the families who supported Book Week at Lobethal last week! Each year students across the country look forward to dressing up in the costume of their favourite characters and Lobethal is no exception!

I am always amazed at the creativity of our students in their costume design, and while they all look amazing on the day, I know that there is much encouragement and help at home to get them to this point. It was wonderful to see so many parents and caregivers at the parade last Thursday – once again, this support for our events highlights one of the things that make our school and community special. See over the page for more news and photos from Book Week!

#### Berry Street Education Model – Relationships

At last Friday's pupil free day, our staff connected with Mt Pleasant and Birdwood Primary Schools to be guided through the second module of the Berry Street Education Model – Relationships.

This learning is at the very core of the model and thus was a crucial day of professional development for us all.

For me, the single most important principle of the whole Berry Street Education Model can be summed up in one of the core aspects of the Relationships module – *Unconditional Positive Regard*.

Unconditional Positive Regard (UPR), a concept initially developed by Stanley Standal in 1954 and later expanded on by

the psychologist Carl Rogers in 1956, is the basic acceptance and support of a person regardless of what the person says or does.

UPR facilitates an environment where students feel valued, regardless of their presenting behaviours, abilities or difficulties.

Maintaining this sense of UPR is not always easy. But all of us have multiple factors that have gone into shaping us; medical, family background, traumatic events and other influences, leading us to become who we are.

If we acknowledge and keep at the forefront of our minds the relevance and significance of this full life history of a child, then it becomes easier to remind ourselves of their 'humanness', and that medical, attitudinal, behavioural or learning difficulties do not define them.

This does not excuse poor decisions, but rather allows us to consider what needs are not being met for the whole child and help guide them into better decisions in the future.

There were many other principles, strategies and concepts discussed last Friday but if all of us in the LPS community think through this lens of UPR we can address issues as they arise without intrinsically linking them to a child's identity.

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### Department for Education Testing

We are well into Term Three now and this means some annual Department for Education testing programs are underway.

Over the last few weeks all year one students sat the Year One Phonics Screening Check. This one on one test asks students to spell a collection of 40 real and pseudo words. The results allows us to target further teaching and intervention in specific areas so that students are not falling behind in their reading.

Later in the term, all year one to six students will undergo the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in reading and maths. Unlike NAPLAN which only occur in years three and five for primary aged children, these tests are an annual diagnostic tool. The results of these tests also allow us to plan for known areas of need for students and support them in overcoming important missed, or poorly grasped concepts.

### Whole School Concert

On Tuesday 24 September, we will have our annual school concert.

There will be a matinee at 11:30am and an evening performance at 6:30pm.

You will have received a letter from Rhiannon North via Seesaw earlier in the week regarding costumes for the upcoming school concert.

As a reminder, students will need to be wearing the following:

**Class 7:** - Torres Strait Islander colours (green, white and blue) or beach theme

**Class 1:** - Forest theme

**Class 2:** - Farm theme

**Class 3:** - Anything to do with Jack and the beanstalk (Jack, beans, mum, the giant, the golden harp, the chicken, beanstalk)

**Class 4:** - Anything to do with nature

**Class 5:** - Jurassic Park theme (dinosaurs, safari outfits)

**Class 6:** - Most of these will be accessed by the school (chef outfits, sports uniforms, school uniforms, garden attire) Mrs North will make sure your child knows individually what they are required to wear.

Please let your child's teacher know if you are finding anything hard to source.

Have a great weekend, and happy Fathers Day on Sunday to all the dads, step-dads, grandpas and other male role models in our community!

Kind regards,

Mark Tucker  
Principal

### Fathers Day



The Father's Day stall will be running again this afternoon after school for last minute gift ideas!

And Dads, make sure you are on morning drop off or afternoon pick up tomorrow for a special Father's Day treat!



### Playground Update

The long awaited new playground to replace the old Junior Primary Playground at the bottom of the oval has been ordered.

If everything goes to plan, we will have the new equipment installed by sometime in term four!



## Book Week 2024 - Reading is Magic

This year the theme of Book Week was 'Reading is Magic' and as usual, our library SSO extraordinaire Amelia decorated the whole library in this theme.

We are so lucky to have Amelia put in this amazing effort each year as it completely changes the atmosphere in this space! See below for pictures of the library, plus staff and students at the Book Week Parade!



Community News

**Lobethal Cricket Club**

**Junior Registration day**

Season 2024 / 25

Thursday September 5th  
At the Lobethal Main oval - Cricket Nets

Under 10's and Under 12's  
4pm to 5pm

Under 14's and Under 16's  
5pm to 6pm

A free sausage sizzle will be provided after both sessions

Bring your gear for a hit

Also there will be some fun challenges on the oval.

Trainings will then start for all teams the following week.  
(This should give us a couple of trainings in before the school holidays.)

If you have any questions please contact Melinda Martin on  
0459 437 850 or at docmart@inet.net.au



*Enrol Now!*

We are now taking Expressions of Interest for our Preschool Program. Follow the QR code to find your local preschool and fill in an Expression of Interest.

Children are eligible to start preschool in Term 1 (turning 4 before the 30th of April) or Term 3 (turning 4 before the 31st of October)

For more information about our play-based, nature inspired, community focused programs contact us on  
**8389 6321 or**  
**dl.4630.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au**



**LOBETHAL PS P & F PROUDLY PRESENTS**  
**LOBETHAL LUNCH SPECIALS**  
*Friday Week 6 30th August*  
**Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread**



**\$7**

*Friday Week 10 27th September*  
**Fried Rice & Spring Rolls**

Gluten Free and Vegetarian options available for both dishes  
Please order via the link below  
<https://forms.office.com/r/dWy97zSZKh?origin=lprLink>  
Orders must be place by the Friday prior  
Spaghetti (Friday week 5) Fried rice (Friday week 9)




**Student Support Services Parent Forum Survey**

Student Support Services at the Para Hills Education Office works with preschools and schools where there are children and young people who have particular educational support needs.

To further support parents and families, we are planning a series of free, accessible parent forums to help inform and support parents and the local community on a range of topics including supporting children with a disability and complex behaviour.

To ensure we provide the most relevant and useful sessions we ask that you complete a short online survey by scanning the QR code below.

**SSS Parent Forum Survey**



Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey.