



Lobethal Primary School

Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Thursday 6 March

Newsletter out

Monday 10 March

Adelaide Cup public holiday

Tuesday 11 March

Pupil Free day

12th – 24 of March

NAPLAN Testing Window – Year 3 & 5 students

Friday 14 March

Class 1 & 2 Grandparents morning

Thursday 20 March

Classes 1,2,5 & year 5's make up swimming lesson, 1-2.30pm

Friday 21 March

Classes 3 & 4 make up swimming lesson, 1-2.30pm

Whole School Harmony Day
Nature Play SA incursion

Tuesday 25 March

Parent Teacher interviews
3.30–7.30pm

Thursday 27 March

Newsletter out
Parent teacher interviews
3.30–5.30pm

Friday 28 March

Assembly hosted by Class 2
Mobile Library visit, classes 3-6

Thursday 3 April

District Athletics Day

Friday 11 April

Assembly 9am
Last day of Term
Early dismissal 2.10pm

Thursday 6th of March 2025

From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

While it is amazing to think we are half way through the first term already, I have also been reflecting this week on the growth some of our newest students have already shown. Students who were reluctant to come to school, let go of parents, begin learning tasks, hold a pencil or speak in front of their class are now doing all of these things and more! I am excited to see the development that is to come in the future!

Simon Dorr has been in Queensland with his family for the last two weeks and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lucy Wareham who has been covering for Simon in Class 4. Lucy has quickly built positive relationships with all members of the class and been a wonderful presence in this class. We hope to have Lucy back as a relief teacher again this year!

Volunteers

Two weeks ago we held our first assembly of the year and following this, I was thrilled to run an induction session for approximately fifteen new volunteers in our school. Volunteers form such an important part of the work we do, with things like camps and excursions impossible without them.

Due to a number of competing factors, the assembly we had planned for week 8, has been moved back a week to week

9. This will now take place on Friday 28 March at 9:00am. There will be another induction session after this assembly and I would love to welcome even more volunteers to our ranks. If you are interested in volunteering at LPS, please contact Amelia in the Front Office for the initial information pack.

Class Teacher Interviews

In weeks 9 and 10 of this term, there will be an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with teachers to discuss successes of the first term and raise any challenges that students might be facing. These interviews form a vital

TERM 1 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS



MARCH
TUESDAY 25TH 3.30 – 7.30PM
THURSDAY 27TH 3.30 – 5.30PM

APRIL
WEDNESDAY 2ND 3.30 – 5.30PM

SCAN THE QR CODE OR USE THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK



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<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/68264>



PLEASE ARRIVE AND FINISH ON TIME.
IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR BOOKING, OR FEEL YOU NEED EXTRA TIME, PLEASE PHONE US ON 8389 6419 TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.



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part of our reporting processes and critical to establishing a positive and meaningful dialogue between school and home as the year progresses.

The interview booking portal is now open. Please scan the QR code or use the link here <https://shorturl.at/TFpt3> to book an interview with your child's class teacher. You will be prompted to enter an event code.

The event code for the Term One Interviews is: **pakpq**

Roads and Parking

A constant issue at many schools is parking and driver behaviour near the school.

While most parents, grandparents and other carers use the School road/Magpie Avenue/Riley Street/Mill Rd one way system that we ask, there are still issues that some caregivers persist with that make the situation problematic for all:

- **Kiss and Drop zone.** In regular messages, I have referred to using the Kiss and Drop zone '*as intended*'. That is, drivers should remain in their cars in the Kiss and Drop at all times and if they are not able to move into the Kiss and Drop lane, they should perform a lap of the one way system until they can. There should not be stationary cars lined up down School road essentially double parked next to parked cars in the parking bays opposite the admin building
- **Parking on the northern side of School Road.** There are a few caregivers who on parking along the northern edge of School Road—the opposite side of the road to the school. This causes a bottleneck and means that others cannot move around the Kiss and Drop queue

While I understand that the above content may read as quite direct and instructive, these messages in particular do not seem to be getting through as I would hope. Failing to adhere to these guidelines ultimately leads to safety concerns for our students, and reducing these must be at the top of my agenda.

At the end of last year, local police attended and spoke to drivers not following these guidelines. This will continue to occur on random occasions and SAPOL have informed me that they will consider issuing fines for non-compliance in future visits.

Please make sure these points are passed on to any other carers or family members that pick your children up from school.

Arbury Park Outdoor School Camp 2025

From May 26 – 28, students in years 2 – 6 will attend a camp at Arbury Park Outdoor School (APOS). While this hasn't been fully costed out yet, I would anticipate the total cost to be in the region of \$150 per student for a fully inclusive and catered camp.

Arbury Park is a Department for Education site and as such, the camp itself is considerably subsidised by the dept, so this above cost represents outstanding value for money.

APOS has a well-deserved reputation for providing a quality learning program that is also fun and engaging.

This camp will be a brilliant opportunity to bring together nearly 100 of our students in a range of activities that will focus on learning about the environment, and building a cohesive team atmosphere.

As mentioned earlier, activities like camps cannot take place without adult volunteers. While we must reach a certain ratio of adults to children, we are going to have a very full campsite and I imagine we will have more volunteer offers than there are capacity for.

I mentioned some of the goals and outcomes hoped for on the camp earlier, but a key effect of any camp is the independence and autonomy that being on camp develops in students.

We will select volunteers based on the needs of the group as a whole, making sure we have a balance of gender and experience. Please do not be offended if your offer to volunteer cannot be accepted.

More information regarding camp will be coming out to families in these classes in the very near future.

This weekend is a long weekend, and please make sure you remember that on Tuesday 11 March, school will be closed for our first pupil free day of the year.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday.

Kind Regards,

Mark Tucker

Lobethal Community Kindergarten visits LPS

When the kindergarten kids came to Lobethal Primary School the year 6 buddies read some books to them. They read books like Thelma the Unicorn, The Squirrels who Squabbled, Noodle B, and much more. The year 6 buddies also played outside with the Kindy kids with blocks, Lego, on the pine's equipment, and many more fun activities.

The Kindy kids loved the mini trampoline (so did the year 6 buddies)! When the year 6 buddies finished reading to the Kindy kids, they said goodbye to the year 6's and walked back to kindergarten.



Grounds Update



The Upper Court resurfacing is now completed!
This area was opened today for the first time in quite a few months!

District Swimming Carnival Highlights

On Thursday, 27 February, five LPS swimmers participated in the District Swimming Carnival at the Mount Barker Mount Pool.

Annabel, Oscar, Finn, and Nala showcased their skills in both individual events and exciting relay races. They demonstrated incredible effort, not only in their own events but also by supporting each other throughout the day. Their teamwork was inspiring as they cheered each other on, worked together in the relays, and gave their best in every race.

Jasper also competed in an individual event, where he showed his determination and sports-

manship.

The students displayed incredible effort and positive attitudes, representing our school with pride. It was a fantastic day of swimming, and after adjustments for school size, Lobethal PS came fourth for the day! Well done, team!



Community News

BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.

 regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep	 limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings	 help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time
 arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens	 take family vacations during school holidays	 make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays
 talk positively about school	 show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends	 regularly communicate with your child's teacher



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PARENT'S & FRIENDS MEETING

The Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee plays a vital role in fostering strong connections between parents and the school community. Meeting monthly, the P&F organises regular social and fundraising events to generate funds, enhance facilities, and provide enriching opportunities for our children and their families.

We warmly welcome everyone* to join the P&F Committee and look forward to your valuable input on how we can further support our school's fundraising efforts.

*Please note you need to be a registered volunteer with the school

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN

Next meeting:
Wednesday

12 March 2025
Location: Library
@9:00am



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WINTER JUNIORS

Saturday morning

CUDLEE CREEK TENNIS CLUB

Contact Coleen Schibrowski - M: 0407 793 785
or email: cudleecreektennis@gmail.com



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Gumeracha - (08) 8209 9220 | Strathalbyn - (08) 8536 5333



Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 1pm– 8pm
Weekends and public holidays 9am – 4pm

Book online

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/NLCbookonline



Gumeracha

Gumeracha District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital - 2 Albert Street, Gumeracha
Call to speak to a nurse for an appointment or advice on (08) 8209 9220

Strathalbyn

Strathalbyn and District Health Service - 14 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn
Call to speak to a nurse for an appointment or advice on (08) 8536 5333

BIRDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY



**FRIDAY
2 MAY
2025**

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

Bookings essential via QR



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