



# Lobethal Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

#### Friday 28 March

Assembly hosted by Class 1 & 2  
Mobile Library visit, classes 3-6

#### Wednesday 2 April

Parent teacher interviews  
3.30—5.30pm

#### Thursday 3 April

District Athletics Day

#### Friday 11 April

9:00am Assembly  
Last day of Term  
2.10pm Dismissal

#### Friday 25 April

(In the holidays)  
Anzac Day - Dawn Service, at the Lobethal Cenotaph

### Term 2

#### Friday 2 May

Birdwood High School Open Day

#### Wednesday 14 May

Whole school excursion - Dream Big

#### Friday 16 May

Police band visit

#### Tuesday 20 May

Cross Country carnival

#### Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th

Year 2-6 Arbury Park Camp

#### Friday 6 June

Class 1 and 2 visiting Restvale

#### Monday 10 June

Pupil Free Day—OSHC available

#### Friday 6 June

9:00am - Whole School Assembly, presented by Class 5

#### Friday 3 July

9:00am Assembly  
Last day of Term  
2.10pm Dismissal

### Friday 28 March 2025

## From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

As you know, I was on leave last week, on the Mornington Peninsula. While away, I was reminded of the wonderful possibility of lasting relationships built at primary school.

I was away to play golf at a few very special golf courses with a group of friends, one of whom, Simon, I have known since primary school. One of our group is a newer acquaintance to me and he asked when Simon and I met. Simon quickly replied that he had a distinct memory of the two of us meeting on our first day of reception at Stirling East Primary School in 1978. Though we have followed different paths and have not lived in the same country for the last 23 years, we have shared a close bond ever since that day nearly 50 years ago!

Oh - and for the record - from the daunting tee shot on the par 3 hole just behind where the photo was taken, I *did* donate a ball to the thick scrub and bushes!



at what a special place LPS is.

On Tuesday I welcomed the principal of Kilkenny PS, Alex Narcys, to our school.

Kilkenny is investigating implementation of the Playberry Laser Literacy Program we have recently adopted and Alex wanted to learn more and see it in action. As we walked around the school, Alex made several references to what a beautiful school we had, as well as the calm, welcoming atmosphere and the wonderful nature of our students!

I would like to thank all staff for their role in keeping the school moving smoothly last week, but especially to Ashlee Eyles, Lizzie Ellis and Rhiannon North who stepped up into acting leadership roles. Thanks also to Amelia Varney who took on the bulk of the Front Office duties while Belinda Weeks was also on leave.

### Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many families attending our Term One interviews on Tuesday and Thursday this week. There is still the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher on Wednesday afternoon next week. Please make sure you take this opportunity to discuss successes and challenges that teachers have observed so far this year.

If you have not already done so, interviews can be booked here - <https://shorturl.at/TFpt3>

Since being back this week, it has been wonderful to reconnect with staff and students, and I have been quickly reminded



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## From the Principal Continued...

### Play spaces update

Many families will have noticed some work – and some stagnation in our play spaces recently.

Last year arborists damaged the upper playground with a falling limb. They took this piece away and as the manufacturer is no longer in business, had an appropriate company fabricate a new part. This new part was recently reinstalled and the whole playground re-certified as being to an appropriate standard.

The long term plan will be to investigate replacement for this equipment but this is not urgent.

The upper court area was deemed unsafe last year with the artificial grass causing numerous tripping hazards. After a process of investigation we settled on an acrylic resurfacing. There were numerous cracks in the underlying asphalt that needed patching, followed by two layers of base coat and 3 layers of acrylic.

This area, with a four square, six square, basketball key and for the first time a netball 'D', opened a couple of weeks ago and is once again a well utilised area of the yard.

The final part of play equipment to finish in the short term is the lower play equipment. While this has been something of a saga, I am hoping it is nearing an end.



**EASTER RAFFLE**

Calling out to our School Community for donations for our Easter Raffle - this could include chocolate, eggs, bunnies, wine, baskets, craft ideas or any other Easter treats. All donations can be brought to the front office on or before April 7th

Raffle books will be sent home to each family please return sold or unsold before 7/4/25

**RAFFLE DRAWN FRIDAY 11TH APRIL AFTER ASSEMBLY AND OUR HAT PARADE**

**HOT CROSS BUNS ON OFFER AT BREAK 1 SEE ATTACHED ORDER FORM**

The manufacturer and installer made a significant planning error that meant the play equipment was going to be far too close to the lowest edges of the previously existing shade sail. After some negotiation, the company agreed to fund the installation of a new, much larger shade structure to mitigate this problem.

We needed to gain planning permission for the new structure which was submitted late last year and approved earlier this year. Once planning was approved, the order for the new poles of the shade was submitted. These poles are due for completion and installation anytime now.

The order of the steps to take place from here are:

- Install poles for new shade
- Measure, order and manufacture of the top structure and canopy of the shade
- Install edging around the perimeter of the play area (and new long jump pit)
- Install soft fall chips in area contained by the edging
- Once manufacture is complete, install roof structure of the shade
- Commission and open new playground.

While this delay has been frustrating – and it has been incredibly frustrating for me too – we hope this playground will be in place for the next 15-20 years. Without being installed correctly, and compliant with all necessary Australian Standards, it would have posed significantly more issues down the track.

I am hopeful the playground will be open for play sometime soon after the upcoming holidays.

### Adults in the yard

If parents and caregivers are in the yard before and after school, I would ask that you please be mindful of the fact that numerous people - staff, contractors and other parents may need to get to places on the school grounds. Please try not to block walkways or paths as you are congregating.

After school, teachers are often using the time at the end of the day to finish off teaching points, hand out notices or make sure students understand messages. Please do not create distractions outside classroom doors or windows that could mean students are not successful in understanding these last items of the day.

Finally, it has been reported to me that parents have aimed to settle disputes between students in the yard, or intervened when their own children were not involved.

If there are things that you think need to be brought to our attention, please find a teacher or one of the leadership team rather than intervening and risk intensifying a situation.

Have a great weekend,

Mark Tucker  
Principal

## Grandparents Day - Classes 1 and 2



I liked that I learnt lots of stuff – Izzy  
 I liked when I saw my grandparents – Hudson  
 I liked singing “You are my Sunshine” – Aliyana  
 I liked the food – Killian  
 I liked going to the garden and eating scones – Bob  
 I liked reading to my grandparents – Otis  
 I liked looking in the garden – Rennie  
 I liked the food – Louie  
 I liked eating the food – Harry  
 I liked showing my Auntie around the school – Nicco

I liked singing “You are my sunshine” – Audrey  
 I liked seeing my Auntie Suzie and baby Mitchell – Mikaela  
 I liked eating the food and singing “You are my sunshine” – Olivia  
 I liked singing “You are my sunshine” – Billie  
 I liked showing my grandparents around the school – Hunter  
 I liked eating the food and seeing my nanny – Jessie  
 I liked singing for my dad - Darcey

## Class 6 - Space Investigations

In class 6, we have been learning about space.

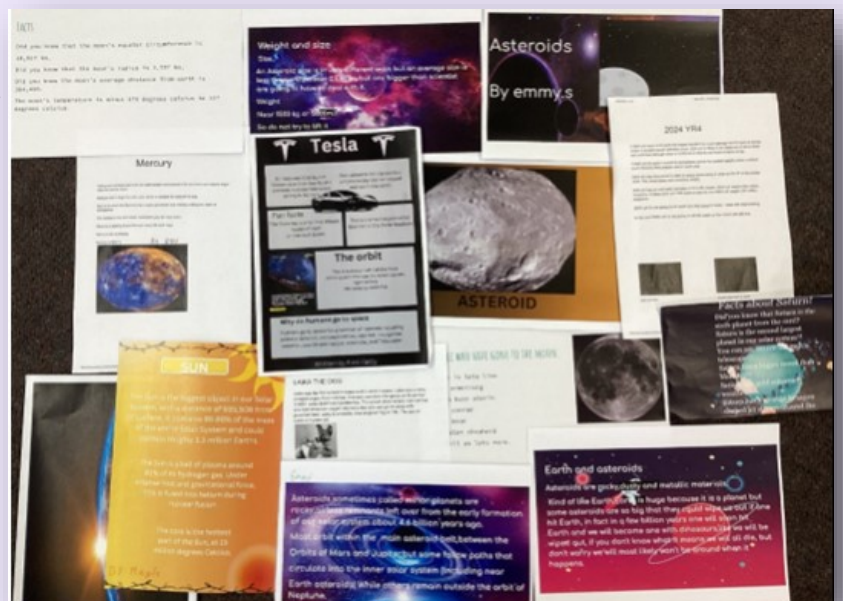
We had to choose an object in the solar system to research, it could be made by people or natural.

We found good sources of information, took notes in Science books then made a presentation about the objects. We had free choice in how we presented the information. Posters, movies, Canva and slide shows using High resolution pictures, animations and GIFs were popular.

Once we finished our presentations, we displayed them on our desks and walked around the room learning from others!

Our homework question for the week was...

“Why do humans go to space?”




# HARMONY DAY 2025



Harmony Day is a special occasion dedicated to celebrating the diversity that makes up our communities, fostering a sense of belonging and respect for people from all backgrounds. The core message of Harmony Day is simple: "Everyone Belongs." It's a reminder that through acceptance and understanding, we can build a harmonious, inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and connected. Nature Play SA was invited to support us in celebrating Harmony Day and bring awareness about the significance of inclusion, respect, and equal opportunities for all. A big thank you to parents and caregivers for supporting us in covering a portion of the costs required to have Nature Play SA join us for the day, and providing students with a splash of orange to wear.




## Community News



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THE FILM

Woodside, SA Screening and Live Q&A with Dr Vanessa Lapointe



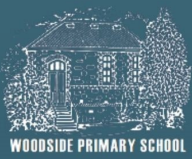
Dr Vanessa Lapointe

- 📅 **Tues, 29th April 2025**
- 📍 **Woodside Primary School, 23 Moffett Street Woodside SA 5244**
- 🕒 **7:00pm - 8:30pm**

After the Film

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Stay for a live online Q&A with expert from the film, Vanessa Lapointe to dive deeper into the film's groundbreaking insights.



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tickets at [senthefilm.com](https://senthefilm.com)

SHINE BRIGHT ON INCLUSION DAY 2025

Friday, April 4th

On this day we will be celebrating what makes us *shine bright* with a focus on awareness for neurodivergence and disability. Students are encouraged to wear bright, sparkly, colourful clothing to school to bring awareness to this day.

\*This day is linked to Autism awareness day which falls on April 2nd.

There will be a disco in the gym at break 1 for students to enjoy