



# West Lakes Shore School R-7

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING

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## Newsletter

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

### Diary Dates

#### ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Date: **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Time: **6:30-7:30pm**

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Time: **7:30pm**

#### YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS

Date: **Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> & Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

#### SWIMMING

Date: **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**ADELAIDE CUP  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
MON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Date: **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Apr**

#### PHOTO CATCH UP DAY

Date: **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Apr**

#### LAST DAY OF TERM

Date: **Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Apr**  
**Early Dismissal at 2:15pm**

**EASTER FRIDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Absentee Number: 8449 7574  
(4:30pm-9:00am)  
Phone: 8449 7255  
Facsimile: 8449 1559**

Save the Children  
Global Peace School

### Power Up Your Mind

Our Connected Curriculum focus for this term is Power up your Mind. This is the overarching big idea we use to connect all the learning across the school, in line with the Australian Curriculum for this term. The following are the broad big ideas which are deconstructed into appropriate levels and language at each individual year level.

### Power up your mind



- Every person can learn successfully and needs to be responsible for their own learning.
- We need to understand what makes a powerful learner and how we measure our success as learners.
- We need to respect that everyone learns in different ways and we have a responsibility to help others learn.
- Living by our school values and being healthy, safe and active can help make us successful learners.
- Powerful learners understand how to build safe, fair, healthy and creative communities.
- Understanding the science around how our world works helps us power up our minds.
- Energy is a powerful natural force.

This year we are adding a global investigation to our Connected Curriculum. This entails sharing ideas about the following question with students from our sister schools or classes in the Philippines, Japan and Switzerland. The question we are jointly investigating is: How do you become a successful learner?

Students in each location will determine at different year levels/grades the key dispositions/attitudes/personal traits that they believe create a successful learner. They will exchange their lists through email and together negotiate and collaborate to achieve an agreed and ranked set of 10 criteria that are jointly published.

Our aim in doing this is to broaden our students horizons, have them appreciate what they have and to develop empathy for others different cultural, social and economic situations. We will be having a whole school celebration of our joint work on Harmony Day on 21st March.

### Acquaintance Night

Just a reminder that all parents, extended family and even friends are welcome to come in next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30pm to visit classrooms and meet teachers. This will be followed at 7:30pm by our AGM in the library. The main business at the AGM is to table various reports and to elect our next Governing Council.

## NDIS & NON DECD SERVICE PROVIDERS AT WEST LAKES SHORE SCHOOL

Under the NDIS programme, many students with disabilities are being funded to access additional programs and support as part of an NDIS plan. Other parents privately engage professional services to support students with disabilities.

We are keen to work with parents to make these programs as viable and successful as possible. However, as part of DECD's commitment to keeping children safe in a school environment, there is a new procedure for all Non DECD service providers that come into any government school.

If your child receives any support from a company/s, therapists, counsellors etc. that fall into this category, there is an explicit process that needs to be adhered to before they are able to commence working with your child. As a parent you will be required to complete some forms to allow sharing of information and permission for agencies to work with your child.

If you have any questions regarding this process or if you think your child falls under this category please contact Fay Anderson or Sue Toone. If you wish to commence an NDIS or private program at school please collect the supporting paperwork from the front office.

## UPPER PRIMARY MATHS GROUPS

This year SD2, SD4, SD5, SD6, SD7 and SD8 are working together to facilitate our highly successful "Maths Group" structure for upper primary classes. Groups began this week and the students are most enthusiastic. In addition to the class teachers, I will be teaching a group. This means that each group is smaller than a class group and the instruction can be targeted to individual needs. We will each be communicating with you about your child's placement and progress.

Helen Grant



## OSHC

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school we are at full capacity. For bookings, cancellations and enquiries please email [wlsoshc@adam.com.au](mailto:wlsoshc@adam.com.au) or call 82423141.

If you require your child to leave the program to attend a sporting activity or lesson e.g. piano (within close proximity), their custodial parent/s or guardian must sign a consent form (available at the program) or supply a hand written note. You may request your child be escorted to and from these activities, however this is a courtesy service and at times may not be available due to staff/child ratio requirements. To ensure these ratios are met it is vital we are informed prior to the day. For further information please see a member of staff.

*Reminders:* Please ensure your child is signed out when collecting from OSHC. This is a legal requirement and is necessary to account for children present when marking the roll in the unlikely event of an evacuation.

Please supply your child with a sun safe hat (baseball caps are NOT permitted). Children who have not been supplied with their own hat will be required to wear an OSHC spare hat when outdoors. If you have any spare hats to donate to OSHC it would be much appreciated.

Our term 1 and term 2 topic is our OSHC our stories. If you have a story about your experience at OSHC please feel free to email us to include this in our curriculum display.

At OSHC, children are permitted to engage in messy play such as dirt and painting.

## VISIT FROM EX STUDENT ERIN PHILLIPS

Last Thursday, Erin Phillips came to our school. She is a world record holder, ex WLSS student, Olympian



basketballer, NBA player and former footballer. The thirty-one year old talked to the years 6 and 7 students & teachers about her dreams and childhood experiences.

At only thirteen, Erin Phillips was kicked out of her football team of all boys because of her gender. She then tried out basketball and ten years down the track she was playing for the NBA and the Australian Opals.

One of Erin's many goals in life was to play at the 2012 London Olympics as a basketballer for the Opals. She trained very hard but sadly, she got cut from the team at the last minute, but that didn't let her down and she kept trying which led her to being in the Rio Olympics.

Erin spoke to the students about setting goals and working hard to persevere to achieve them.

This year she has had the opportunity to play for the Adelaide crows AFLW (Womens' Australian Football League) as co-captain. Their big game was on Saturday and they smashed the GWS. We wish Erin Phillips a great year with her team with many great games to come.

Bridgette & Michaela from SD5

## POLLING RESULTS

Thank you to the parents who took the time to return the Polling slips. There was significant support for the school to recover the full school fees of \$375 for materials and services charges for 2017. This poll was asking parents to vote on the recovery of the full amount. The Material & Services charge was already set and approved by School Council.



Each year the Premier challenges students to read 12 books. The purpose of the "Challenge" is to encourage children to read and to increase literacy skills. At West Lakes Shore School R-7, many students participate in the Challenge and have received awards for their efforts.

This year the Challenge is to be completed before September 8<sup>th</sup>. Eight of the books read must come from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and four books are the student's own choice. The books on the list are available in our school library and also in public libraries. These books are identified with Reading Challenge stickers and are divided into 3 categories:

Red stickers - Reception to Year 2

Green stickers - Year 3-5

Yellow stickers - Year 6-9

Students (or parents) are asked to fill in the Student Reading Record sheet which is available from class teachers and the Resource Centre. A certificate signed by the Premier is awarded to students completing the Challenge for the first time. After that, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Champion, Legend and Hall of Fame medals are awarded. A Hall Of Fame Reader for Life, gold embossed certificate reflecting the number of years students have participated in the Challenge is awarded in following years. We encourage all students to take up the Challenge and begin reading!!!! Information, competitions and activities can be found on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)

### CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved recently? Changed mobile number? Need to change Emergency Contacts? It is imperative that you advise the school of any changes to your contact details. Please advise in person at the front office or email to Janet Massey at [janet.massey644@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:janet.massey644@schools.sa.edu.au) or advise via Skoolbag App. Please request a print out if you are unsure what your details are currently.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS



We have several children in the school with a severe allergy that can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe and fast that it can cause death. These children have a severe allergy to peanuts, cashews and all nuts. The allergy is so severe that eating, touching or inhaling even trace amounts will trigger a life threatening reaction. Emergency treatment involves an immediate drug injection (school has the needle on hand) and an immediate emergency trip to the hospital.

Even though these children are showing admirable restraint and maturity in dealing with their problem by refusing offered and tempting foods during recess and lunch times, they also need our support.

We, therefore, respectfully suggest that you not send snacks to school that contain peanuts, cashews and all nuts, including those found in spreads such as Peanut Paste & Nutella, cake mixes, processed foods, sweets, foods cooked with peanut oil, etc. Your support in this important matter is, of course, deeply appreciated.

### LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

All children arriving late to school, MUST enter via the front office to sign in. They will be issued with a sign in slip which must be presented to the class teacher. If you are unable to accompany your child into the office, please write a note explaining the reason of the late arrival and remind your child to show the note to office staff.

Parents collecting their children early must also enter via the front office to sign out and receive a sign out slip to present to the class teacher.

### ABSENT CHILDREN

It is a legal requirement with DECD that a child must have a reason for absence recorded on our system. If your child will be absent for 3 days or more for family reasons, you are required to complete an Exemption Form. Please contact the administration office for this form. In the event that your child is ill and will be absent for 3 days or more, it is a legal requirement that you provide the school with a medical certificate.

The school has 3 methods of advising staff of absent children to school.

- A special phone line to leave a recorded message of absent or late children 8449 7574
- Via Skoolbag App (under eForms then Absentee Form)
- A diary note

### SKOOLBAG APP

Useful and important information is communicated by the school via the Skoolbag app. Download from Google Play or Apple App store to keep up to date! Search West Lakes Shore Shool. We recommend all parents to upload this important app.



### SPARE CLOTHES IN THE SCHOOL BAG

We ask parents to please provide spare clothes (underwear, shorts, track or track pants) in your child's school bag. This can be used by them in the case of a toilet accident. The child will change themselves independently, however there may be an extreme case where the parent may need to be contacted.

## UNIFORM ITEMS TO GIVE AWAY

Uniform items either donated or items from lost property that are not named or the name is illegible are placed on a rack to give away. This rack is situated opposite the canteen and placed out on the first Friday of every month. Please leave coat hangers on the rack.

Also, if anyone has old reader folders to donate to the school please bring them to the front office.

## LOST SCOOTER

A scooter was left at our school last year. If you are missing one, please contact the front office.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Darcy C competed in two National sailing regattas over the holidays. The first one was in his Optimist, which is a single-handed youth-class dinghy. He came 3rd out of 62 boats in his division, Intermediate.

The second regatta was in an International Cadet, which is a two person youth-class dinghy. Darcy is the crew in this boat. Since the beginning of the 2016/17 sailing season, Darcy and his skipper have been a part of the SA State Sailing Team, and have been doing a lot of extra training. At the Nationals they finished 6th out of 82 boats, and were the first South Australian boat. The top 7 boats qualified to represent Australia at the World Championships in The Netherlands in August. Well done Darcy on this achievement. We wish you every success for the World Championships.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

We are happy to support local organisations and groups however, please understand that we take no responsibility for the quality of any of the programs and products included in our Community News.

## SPECIALIST SPORT PROGRAM

The Specialist Sport Program at Henley High School has been established to assist talented student athletes to further develop their level of performance and knowledge. The program includes:

- Specialist Coaches
- Coaching and officiating certificates
- Analysis of performance

Applications for the program open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January and close on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March for students commencing year 8 in 2018. Please refer our website below for details.

For more information please visit our website

<http://www.henleyhs.sa.edu.au/section/programs/socialist-sports-program/program-entry>



## CITY OF CHARLES STURT COUNCIL

The City of Charles Sturt is looking for residents to nominate their street to host a "Street Meet" between April and June this year. The City of Charles Sturt has been working on making it easier for residents to close their street and we are looking for some streets to test the process out with us.



A Street Meet can be any of the following:

- Play Street – closing your street for kids to ride bikes, chalk, games
- A Street Party – an opportunity to socialise with the neighbours – host a bbq or a game of street cricket
- A Special Occasion – such as an Easter activity

To nominate your street simply share with us in a short paragraph why you would like to host a Street Meet and include details of what type of activity you would run and who you would organise the activity with.

More information about Street Meets and what streets are suitable can be found on our website - <http://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/StreetMeet>

Nominations are open until Sunday 26 February and can be sent to

[smaddock@charlessturt.sa.gov.au](mailto:smaddock@charlessturt.sa.gov.au).

If you have any questions please let me know.



## STATE TENNIS



State Tennis West Lakes is now taking tennis coaching enrolments for Term 1, 2017.

2-5 year old motor skills program 'Jump Start'  
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots lessons are from  
Age 4+ / Adult lessons.

State Tennis is also registered for the school Sports Vouchers program. So why not call State Tennis, grab your \$50 sports voucher from school and start or recommence tennis coaching.

Parents may also be interested in our adult classes or 'Cardio Tennis' fitness sessions.

Please phone 835 544 66 or visit

[www.statetennis.com.au](http://www.statetennis.com.au)