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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

SWIMMING

Date: **Mon 27th Feb to Fri 10th March**

RAN-EC TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Date: **Mon 6th March**
Where: Staff room
Time: 6-7pm

AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Date: **Mon 6th March**
Where: School oval
Time: 3-4pm

ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mon 13th March

PUPIL FREE DAY
Tues 14th March

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Date: **Wed 5th Apr**

BACK UP DAY

Date: **Fri 7th Apr**

SPORTS DAY

Date: **Thu 6th Apr**

BACK UP DAY

Date: **Tues 11th Apr**

LAST DAY OF TERM

Date: **Thurs 13th Apr**
Early Dismissal at 2:15pm

EASTER FRIDAY
14TH APRIL

PUPIL FREE DAY

Date: **Fri 9th June**

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

Save the Children
Global Peace School

Acquaintance Night and Annual General Meeting

Last Monday 13th February we held our Acquaintance night and AGM.

We have a full quota of council members and we thank all those parents who volunteered to take on these roles.

The Council members for 2017 are:

Narelle Autio, Louise Bird (Deputy Chairperson), Kerry Hennessy (Treasurer), Rebecca Coe, Sandra Tylor, Geoff Wake (Chairperson), Amanda Sajatovic, Lisa Zappia, Brooke Ross, Taryn Tozer, Mary Stewart (Secretary), Lynley Zeitz, Bree Kelly, Kristen Bremmell, Jonathon Halliday, Karyn Remphrey. Council meetings will be Monday's in weeks 3 & 8 every term.

The dates are: 20/3, 15/5, 19/6, 7/8, 11/9, 30/11, 4/12.

Temporary Change in Leadership

As from next Monday 27th February I will be handing over the Principal's position at the school to our current Deputy, Sharon Brightwell until the end of term 2. I am taking up an acting position as the Principal Consultant for the Western Adelaide Shores, Central East and Campbell Partnerships. In this role I will still be working with all our local schools as well as a group of schools in the eastern suburbs, supporting Principals to improve their individual schools and work together in partnerships. I am confident I will learn a lot in this position that I can use to support further improvement at West Lakes in the future. I have every confidence in Sharon's capacity to lead the school well during this time. Part of my new position will include supporting her to do this. The position of acting deputy will be advertised across schools and we will keep you informed as to who wins this position. I expect to resume at West Lakes at the beginning of Term 3.

Sue Toone

Contacting Parents in an Emergency

Just so you are aware we have emergency drills, evacuation, invacuation etc. 8 times a year as required by the Health and Safety legislation. On these occasions we will send a message out via SkoolBag App to say we have had a practice drill. In the event of an emergency requiring a real evacuation or lock down, we would send a message via the app and also on our SMS messaging system, to all parents for whom we have mobile numbers, as soon as we could. Our first priority will always be making sure all children and adults on the site are safe before we look to letting you know what is happening. In real emergencies we take direction from emergency services who will inform us when it is safe to let parents know. We would always send a written note home with every child as soon as we could, preferably the same day. Hopefully we will not have any cause to have to put into practice our processes for a real emergency any time soon!



SCHOOL SPORT - CRISIS TIME!

There are two types of sport that involve students at West Lakes Shore School. One are those carnivals, knock out competitions and representative level teams (school- state-national) that come under the management of the South Australian Primary School Sports Association (SAPSASA). These sports include soccer, football, tennis, cricket, netball, basketball, athletics, cross country and some less popular sports. This sporting programme is managed and supervised by school and education department staff. It does require a commitment from parents to support their child, especially if they make representative teams.

The second layer is community based sports teams. These have included cricket, basketball, football and soccer. The competitions are after school or on the weekend. These teams rely on parent volunteers to coach and manage the teams. Paul Marshall, the Assistant Principal, does a small amount of co-ordination in the establishment of these teams, including verifying that coaches and managers have appropriate clearances. We have struggled in the past few years to get coaches and managers for these teams. Coaches do not have to have high level understanding of these sports as the aim is simply to give as many students as possible the chance to participate. We have reached a point where we have large numbers of students wanting to play these sports but very few parents willing to support the program. It would be our expectation that if parents wish their child to play they have the responsibility of being an active participant in the program, either as a coach, manager or simply attending the sport with their child to encourage and supervise them. It is not fair on those people who do volunteer to coach or manage to simply drop your child off every week and expect these people to be fully responsible for your child. At this point in time, we do not have the capacity to allow every child you wish to play to be part of a team. Governing Council has discussed this and agreed that if we don't have enough parent volunteers we will not be able to enter teams. Those students whose parents are able to commit to actively support the program will be given the chance to play and sadly others will have to miss out. It is really now up to parents to decide to commit to support these programs or look to enrol their child in other community sports clubs or groups.

SCHOOL HAT – HAZARD ALERT

The style of hat pictured with an adjustable chin cord has been identified by DECD as an injury risk. Please inspect your child's school hat and if it has a cord *around the neck*, please remove the cord immediately.



Please refer to letter accompanying this newsletter.

AQUATICS ON THE LAKE



On Thursday, Week 3, the year 6 and 7's from classes SD4, SD5 and SD6 went to Aquatics for the day. SD2, SD7 and SD8 went on Friday. The days consisted of four fun sessions: canoeing, kayaking, sailing and surfing. The weather was perfect, but we didn't have any big waves to surf on. We got into groups of six and had different instructors and times for each activity. We learned about water safety with 'WET' and 'HELP', which stand for **W**eather, **E**quipment and **T**ell someone what your plans are; **H**azards, **E**mergency entry and exit points, **L**andmark, **P**lan. Another word we had to remember was 'stay', which reminded us to stay with our equipment at all times. Everyone had a fantastic time doing the activities and learning about being safe in the water. The year 6's are looking forward to Aquatics next year.

SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

A reminder to parents that swimming lessons will be in weeks 5 & 6. Please refer to your parent note as to the week that your child/ren will be attending. They will travel by bus every day at a particular time for one week to the Thebarton Aquatic Centre, 1 Meyer Street, Torrensville. Please remember to bring swimming attire as per the note sent home. Children are required to wear their school uniform and school shoes and change at the Aquatic Centre. Teachers will identify parents with the appropriate clearance to assist in the change rooms, only parents with current clearance will be permitted. Parents are permitted to visit the Aquatic Centre to watch their child's lesson and will not require clearance to do so. **We advise that it is prohibited to take photos at the centre.** Any queries, please contact your child's teacher.

AIR CONDITIONING AND EXTREME HEAT

Thank you to the parents of students in Sea Star, Dolphin, Stingray and Octopus Buildings for your co-operation in Week 2 when we had those days of extremely high temperatures in combination with unusually high humidity. Our air-conditioning systems in these buildings are relatively new (2012) but being evaporative are simply not capable of coping as well as we might desire on days like these. Thankfully such conditions only occur a handful of days a year. On such occasions we will send out a message on our SkoolBag app to alert parents that you may, if you wish, pick your children up at lunch time. The other units have different systems which coped quite well given the extreme conditions. The school monitors the temperature on days of extreme heat and modifies children's outdoor activity accordingly.



PERMISSION FORMS

When you enrolled your child at this school you signed a General Consent Form which included consent for local excursions. In line with some changes to requirements this consent will only apply to taking students, under supervision, to Jubilee reserve. Jubilee Reserve is used as an extension of our sporting facilities and is used regularly, for example for Sports Day and SAPASA sports events.

Any other occasions when students will be leaving the school grounds separate consent will be sought.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

Many parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child's learning. If you are intending to help at our school, in the class room, on an excursion/camp, in the canteen, coaching a sporting team, assisting in the change room for swimming, West Lakes Shore School require you to have an up to date clearance from the Department for Communities & Social Inclusion (DCSI) as well as complete RAN-EC Volunteer Training. DCSI clearance and RAN-EC Volunteer training is valid for 3 years.

Screening is not needed for one off events such as sports days, concerts, fundraisers and whole of school events including viewing your child at a swimming program. Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

DCSI CLEARANCE

Child-related Employment Screening clearance is an online process. Please see front office staff to complete a form and initiate this process. If you are unsure whether you need to obtain a clearance for the role you intend to undertake please clarify with front office staff. Clearance is valid for 3 years. Keep a copy of your letter safe with your personal records. DCSI do not provide another copy.

RAN-EC VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Responding to Abuse and Neglect-Education and Care (RAN-EC) volunteer training is a mandatory requirement to volunteer at WLSS. The next available training will be **Mon 6th March** at 6-7pm in the staffroom. Please register by emailing janet.massey644@schools.sa.edu.au

SCHOOL SOCCER



Volunteers are required for the School Soccer Committee to enable this sport to commence in 2017. If you are willing to manage a team or be part of the committee please contact Kerry by 3rd March on 0418 805 092 or kerryandliam@hotmail.com

SCHOOL AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL

School Aussie Rules Football will be again be fielding 3 teams this year. Year 2/3's, 4/5's and 6/7's. Girls are also welcome to play. Registration day will be on the 6th March 2017 on the school oval in the football shed from 3-4pm.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Children and young people who need extra help are often referred to the Student Support Services team by their teacher.

Student Support Services include social workers, behaviour support coaches, psychologists, special educators and speech pathologists and provide support to children and teachers in state schools and preschools.

If your child's teacher feels that your child or their class as a whole is having difficulties they may engage with the Student Support Services team regarding these difficulties. Your teacher will discuss this with you and obtain your consent before making a formal request for support is made for your child.

For more information, speak with your preschool or school or visit www.decd.sa.gov.au

ZUCCHINI GROWERS



In 2015, our class SD4, started planning a vegetable garden. In 2016 the vegetable garden was constructed and we were able to plant a small crop of zucchinis. Our first zucchinis have been harvested and Miss Martin made SD4 a zucchini slice with those zucchinis. We have more to pick in the near future and we plan to make other dishes such as zucchini cake. We will be looking to plant other vegetables in the coming weeks.

By Perry, Lily SD4

SUISSE PEN PALS



On Tuesday the 14th SD4 received an envelope of letters from our new Suisse (Swiss) Pen Pals. They live in Interlaken and attend Interlaken Ost Primary Schule. Their letters were regarding the Christmas cards and decorations that our 2016 class sent to them late last year. We also sent them an A3 information page about our school and class, the letters we received contained an information page which they had made about their schule. We plan to email them regularly and learn about Switzerland and their schule.



SPORTS DAY CAKE STALL

We are seeking a charity organisation to operate our Sports Day Cake Stall on the 6th April. This would involve setting up, packing up, serving students and families and handling money. All proceeds will go towards that charity. Revenue made on the day will be donated to the organisation. Please contact the front office to register your interest.

REMINDER

Adelaide Cup Day – Monday 13th March

Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 14th March

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be aware that dogs are NOT allowed on school grounds. This is a governmental regulation around health and safety.



MILK CONSUMPTION AND COGNITIVE FUNCTION IN CHILDREN



CSIRO is looking for families to participate in a study investigating the effects of milk drinks on cognitive function, and physical growth and fitness in primary school children.

We would like to hear from you if your child:

- was born between November 1st, 2007 and May 1st, 2010
- is a low dairy consumer
- is not taking micronutrient supplements
- has not been diagnosed with a psychological, behavioural or other disorder (e.g., Autism, ADHD, Specific Learning Disorder) or movement disorders (e.g., cerebral palsy, tremor, myoclonus etc.)
- speaks English as their primary language

For further information or to register your child's interest, please visit the following link <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3112056/Milk-Kids-4>

If you have any queries about this study or would like further information please call (08) 8303 8906, 1800 850 036 or email MilkKids@csiro.au

WLSS PAGE TURNERS - BOOK GROUP FOR PARENTS, CARERS, STAFF AND FRIENDS



Do you enjoy reading? Want the chance to socialise and chat with others about your latest book? Fancy a relaxing evening out once

a month? Then WLSS Page Turners is the thing for you!

WLSS Page Turners will read a new book each month and meet on the last Thursday of the month to discuss it.

To find out more contact Sarah on 0403 470 031.

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.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE TROUPE

Do you like to sing, dance or act?

Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging. Audition bookings open on Monday, February 13th. Auditions close Wed 29th March. Weekly rehearsals are held at 2 locations from 4:15–6:15pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as well as a few Sunday workshops. Troupe will be involved in 3 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Entertainment Centre between 11/9–17/9. For more info visit www.festivalofmusic.org.au or phone 8261 5438.

FREE PARENT SEMINAR

The Mysterious world of teens - survival tips for parents. Come and join us or watch our live webcast. Wednesday 22 March 7-9pm at Riverbank Room, Convention Centre, North Tce, Adelaide.

Find out:

- What's going on in your child's brain
- What it means to be a teenager in a digital world
- How best to communicate and what to do when things get tough what parenting style works best

Presented by Kirrilie Smout.

Adelaide psychologist working with children, teens and their parents.

Register to attend or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>

Phone: 8303 1660

Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

WEST TORRENS DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

The West Torrens Cricket Club will be conducting trials for the following squads:

- Ray Sutton Shield
- Young Eagles Development squad

Tues 28th Feb & 7th Mar for boys and girls at Henley & Grange Memorial Oval from 4-5:30pm.

Players need their own equipment (except ball), sunscreen and hat.

- Ray Sutton Shield – 1 day SACA competition, Sunday afternoons in October and November. For Years 5, 6 & 7 students.
- Young Eagles Development Squad - pre-RSS players, 10 sessions during the season. They play for their Community Clubs in competition. For boys up to year 6 and girls up to year 8.



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Dear parent/carer,

An incident/accident has occurred recently at 2 sites resulting in injuries to students.

In one incident the student was using the junior primary play equipment and caught the hat that they were wearing in play equipment, resulting in a red welt on the child's throat due to friction/burn.

The style of hat is the school broad brim hat with an adjustable chin cord.

As this incident identifies a risk of injury we request the following:

- you inspect your child's school hat and if it has a cord that goes around the neck, please immediately remove the cord; and
- if you have concerns about the safety of the hat please speak with me or office staff.

We do not currently sell this style of hat, but some students may have old stock or purchased privately.

The safety of students at this site is of utmost importance, as such our school staff will continue to monitor and assess potential risks. When required we will modify or change processes to ensure our students get the best care.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter please contact me on phone 8449 7255.

Sue Toone
Principal

