



West Lakes Shore School R-7

Building Strong Foundations for Life Long Learning

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NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

School Council Meeting
MONDAY 26/3/2018
7pm Staffroom

Parent Teacher Interviews
26/3/2018 – 4/3/2018

Easter Friday
Friday 30th March

Easter Monday
Monday 2nd April

School Photo Day
Wednesday 4th April

School Photo Day
SEADRAGON UNIT &
Catch Up Day
Tuesday 10th April

Sports Day
Wednesday 11th April
(Back up Day – Thursday
12th April)

END OF TERM
Friday 13th April
Early dismissal 2:15pm

Pupil Free Day Term 2
Friday 8th June

Pupil Free Day Term 3
Monday 20th August

School Closure Day
Term 3
Friday 7th September

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

A reminder that daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete year 12 or an equivalent have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes and higher incomes across their lives. It is very important that children develop habits of regular attendance from an early age.

At West Lakes Shore School, we all want our students to have a quality education, and the building blocks for a quality education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind such as speaking with your classroom teacher and finding out what work your child needs to do to keep up. If you feel that your child is experiencing difficulties that are impacting on their attendance please contact your child's teacher or the admin team so that we can support and address any issues. Remember, every day counts!



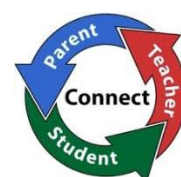
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday the 13th of March our WASP Partnership held a Pupil Free day. We had approximately 300 teachers from kindergarten to year 7 and leaders from all sites come together at the Grand Ballroom to undertake professional learning.

Staff participated in one of two learning opportunities. Year 1 to 7 teachers continued their work on LDAM (Learning, Design, Assessment and Moderation). On the day staff worked in their cross partnership Professional Learning Communities to set their collaborative work for the year which included planning the work to be delivered, assessed and moderated. Kindergarten and Foundation staff undertook a book making workshop with the focus on literacy and writing skills development.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In weeks 9 & 10 parents/guardians will have an opportunity to engage in parent/ teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity to find out firsthand how your child is progressing and to talk to your child's teacher about how you can best support your child to be successful at school.



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and
Child Development

Absentee Number: 8449 7574
(4:30pm-9:00am)

Phone: 8449 7255

Facsimile: 8449 1559

Save the Children
Global Peace School

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

If your child will be arriving late to school and entering unaccompanied by a parent we request you to please do the following:

- Write either a note on a piece of paper or in the student diary as to the reason your child has arrived late.
- Instruct your child to show staff at the front office before they sign in as late, to ensure the correct reason code is entered.
- Ring our absentee line 8449 7574 to advise your child's name and the reason for the late arrival.
- Or send a Skoolbag App (under eForms then Absentee Form noting late arrival with the reason).

Late arrivals are considered absences to school. These add up to important learning and instruction time missed by students arriving late on a regular basis.

HARMONY DAY



On Wednesday 21st March, our school participated in Harmony Day. This was an opportunity for our students and staff to wear the colour orange to celebrate inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians regardless of cultural or linguistic background. We also had a whole school picnic on the oval where students sat with their buddies / buddy classes to celebrate this day.



NEW SPORTS JACKET



Orders / payment to Lowes are to be in no later than March the 23rd. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED! At this stage this item will not be stocked as a normal item. This is a one off opportunity for 2018. The garments will take approximately 6-8 weeks before delivery. Lowes will contact you once the jackets have arrived.

YEAR 7 JACKETS

Final day to order and pay is Sunday the 25th March from Lowes at Westfield West Lakes.

STINGRAY SWIMMING STORIES

Last week we went to swimming. My favourite part was diving, it was fun at swimming. We went to the deep water and I was in the shark group. I was excited to go swimming I feel happy. *By Maya*

Last week we went to swimming and I was happy. Now I can jump in the deep pool safely. My favourite part was playing with my friends. *By Leila*

Last week we went to swimming and I felt happy that was great. Now I can swim with Hanna. My favourite part was sculling in the big pool. *By Rosa*



SCHOOL PHOTOS



MSP Photography are on their way!!! School Photo Day is:

- **Wednesday the 4th April 2018**
- **Tuesday 10th April 2018 – Catch Up Day for Absent Students and ALL SEA DRAGON CLASSES**

Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other – You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- **Please enclose correct money as no change is given – cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.**
- Envelopes have been distributed to your child/ren.
- DO NOT return the Envelope to the front office – Please give it to your child to hand to MSP Photography on the 4th April.

Please feel free to visit our web site

www.msp.com.au

For photo enquiries Phone: (08) 8132 1148 or Email: enquiries.adl@msp.com.au

SPORTS DAY

Staff and students are looking forward to our annual Sports Day on **Wednesday 11th April**.

INCLEMENT WEATHER – If the forecast is for either wet or hot weather on the day, we will advise you the Tuesday before of cancellation. A back up day is scheduled for Thursday 12th April.

DRESS CODE REMINDER – Children to come dressed in their team colours. Please see your child's teacher for team colours.

Due to the risk of sunburn, no tank tops or midriff tops are acceptable.

Sun safe hats must be worn all day. **Students should bring sunscreen and apply it regularly** during the day.

Hair colour may be applied at home but is not to be brought to school.

CANTEEN – Will be offering a special Sports Day pre-pay and order lunch, sausage roll, meat pie, or vegetarian pasty. Orders are due by Thursday 29th March. No late orders accepted! The canteen will be open all day to purchase wraps, sandwiches, pies, snacks, ice-creams/slushies and drinks. Please send your child's named order and money directly to the Canteen.

SHORES CAFÉ CAKE STALL – Our Shores Café will be operated by Puddle Jumpers – a non-profit, non-government organisation committed to responding to the social development needs of society's most vulnerable children and young people. Part proceeds will go towards this very worthy cause, with a percentage returned to the school. It will be open all day for coffee, tea and cakes, and will be available to take away or sit and relax under our alfresco area.

COFFEE VAN – Café 2 U will be selling premium coffees, teas and hot chocolate.

ICE CREAM VAN – Mr Softy will be selling soft serve ice cream and gelati on the day.

FIRST AID STATION – All first aid is to report to the front office for medical attention.

We hope you all enjoy our picnic style atmosphere on the day and invite parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends to enjoy the day with us.

SCHOOL SOCCER AND FOOTBALL

The last day to pay and register for school football and soccer is Friday the 23rd March. Registration forms are available at the front office. **No late registrations will be accepted.** The last day to pay and order the light weight soccer and football jackets from Lowes at West Lakes is also Friday the 23rd March at close of business. No late jacket orders will be accepted.

CANTEEN SPECIAL DONUT ORDER

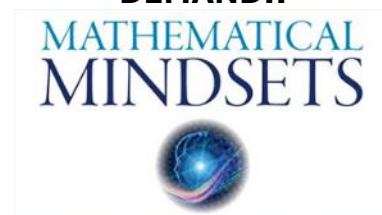


The canteen will be having a special SHOWDOWN CROWS/POWER FOOTY DONUT day on Thursday 10th May 2018 for \$3 each.

Please keep an eye out for the order form in your child's school bag/reading folder. All orders must be placed at the canteen no later than Friday 13th April 2018.

WESTERN ADELAIDE SHORES COMMUNITY LEARNING

THIS WORKSHOP, FIRST OFFERED IN TERM 4 2017, IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!



Building a Mathematical Mindset for your Child

How can I support my child to develop a Growth Mindset around Maths?

- How is maths taught in today's schools?
- How is the Australian Curriculum in Maths structured?
- How can I support my child to develop a Growth Mindset around Maths?
- Discussing and breaking down some of the maths myths.

This workshop will also be hands on. Participants will take part in some fun, engaging maths games and activities and will be provided with a 'show bag' of resources to use at home with their child.

Presenters – Alex Narcys – Senior Leader Year 6/7 Grange Primary School & Maureen Hegarty – Key Numeracy Teacher at Our Lady of Hope Primary School and DECD Maths Consultant.

WHEN?

Term 1, Week 9 2018 – TUESDAY 27 MARCH
from 6:30 – 7:30pm

WHERE?

Grange Primary School
39c Jetty Road, Grange 5022

Register online now: <http://shorestart-communitylearning.eventbrite.com.au>



Monday 26th March
R - 3 - 10am
4 - 7 - 11am



Hi parents and carers!

We're writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child's school.

Camp Quality is Australia's most trusted children's charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students- our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn't contagious, so it's ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner"- Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and aid classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You're also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at Kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?

The Kids' Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 8-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer

