



West Lakes Shore School R-7

Building strong foundations for Lifelong learning

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Week 3, Term 2
14 MAY 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Diary Dates

Governing Council Meetings

Monday 14th May
7:00pm

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Monday 18th June
7:00pm

Pupil Free Day Term 2

Friday 8th June

School Closure Day

Term 3

Friday 31st August

Pupil Free Day Term 3

Monday 3rd September

Pupil Free Day Term 4

Monday 19th November



Government
of South Australia

Department for Education

Principal

Carol Press

Deputy Principal

Sharon Brightwell

Assistant Principal

Wellbeing

Rozika Pratap

Business Manager

Cheryl Jaeschke

Absentee Number: 8449 7574

(4:30pm-9:00am)

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Save the Children
Global Peace School

THE PEOPLE

Staff, students, parents, and community members, are the 'heart' of a school. Working in partnership is key to making a positive difference to your children's learning outcomes. Staff have identified *building a positive school community* as a key 2018 focus and ongoing strategic priority. As we work together to instil our school values of **respect, responsibility, honesty, resilience, and excellence**, we will collaboratively support our school purpose: *Building strong foundations for lifelong learning*. *Learning in partnership* is one of the 5 key priorities in the Department for Education's strategic plan - *Education for a Stronger Future*. <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/decd-strategic-plan.pdf>

One way to partner and involve yourself in our school community is to become a volunteer. You can attend a class excursion, coach a sports team, support the school gardens, join a school committee, and/or share your knowledge and expertise of the roles you do in the community. We already have parents and community members who volunteer in many ways across our school. I thank them for their time and commitment. Over the course of this term we will be showcasing their work in our spotlight on volunteers section. Please enjoy learning about the work of our Governing Council members and their role in advocating for the voice of the parents and community in this week's newsletter.

Please continue to introduce yourself, say hello, and have a chat with me if you see me around school.

Kind regards,

Carol Press

NAPLAN

On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7 students across Australia will take part in the annual NAPLAN testing. Test outcomes are compared at the partnership, state, and national level. Outcomes are used to inform whole-school priorities and support us to identify strengths and areas to develop in the teaching and learning program. PAT testing in Years 1-7, which are held later in the year, provide key information about what individual children can and can't do and are used by all staff to target teaching to the needs of individuals.

Analysis of key information helps us to build a whole-school picture of our data and how this aligns to like schools and the Department for Education targets:

1. To ensure every child meets the minimum Standards of Educational achievement for South Australia Minimum expected NAPLAN Year level standards are Year 3: Band 3, Year 5: Band 5, Year 7: Band 6.
2. To build the strong foundations needed for their future lives.
3. To ensure growth for every child and improve the number of students achieving in the higher bands.
4. To ensure at least one year's growth for every child.

Parents and caregivers will receive their child's NAPLAN outcomes and information in a detailed NAPLAN report late in Term 3. As some NAPLAN tests start at the beginning of the school day please ensure all children arrive at school on time. Any Year 3, Year 5 or Year 7 children who arrive late to school will need to undertake the test in a make-up session. If your child is absent during any of the test days then they are able to make-up the session during the week, up to and including the Friday.

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS



Governing Council members work with the Principal to involve the local community, set the broad direction and vision of the site, approve local policies and updates, monitor and review the site improvement plan and are the employing authority of the canteen and OSHC. Please feel free to speak with members of the Governing Council if you have any feedback regarding our school.

BETTER SCHOOLS BUILDING FUNDS

The \$5,000,000 funds allocated to West Lakes Shore School to develop inspiring and innovative spaces and modernise our school building will be a key 2018-2023 strategic priority for the school. Funds will ensure we can create the environmental spaces for students to learn the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed now, and for their future as lifelong learners. Department and school input in the architectural plans commenced (late last year and early Term 1) to gather initial design concepts. These initial plans are subject to changes and will continue to be updated by student, staff and community consultative decision-making processes. A school Assets committee, consisting of a school leader, finance manager and a volunteer parent GC member will lead the work around this. If you have any particular skills in the area of design, architecture or site audits we would be keen for your involvement in this committee. Please email carol.press854@schools.sa.edu.au of your interest.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Nominations for these awards are now open and I invite you to consider nominating a staff member at WLSS. Is there a staff member that you believe goes out of their way to make a difference to yours or other children? Showing gratitude and appreciation for what others do is a fabulous way to say 'thank you' and acknowledge the commitment of others. Entries are open until Thursday 31 May. <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/awards>

WESTFIELD 'LOCAL HEROES'

Westfield Local Heroes are nominated and voted for by their community, with **three finalists per Westfield centre each awarded a \$10,000 grant** to support their affiliated organisation's work, programs or activities.

The program discovers and celebrates individuals who promote social wellbeing and/or harmony in our communities through their work, across one or more of the three social values of family, youth opportunity and inclusion. The program is open to staff, volunteers, members or agents of organisations in all sectors including business, government, education, sports, welfare, community and not-for-profit. Nominations need to be in by 16th May 2018. For more information please visit: www.westfield.com.au/local-heroes

ENROLMENTS 2019 & DEPARTURES 2019

Families of children due to commence Reception in 2019 are encouraged to enrol their children at WLSS by Friday 25th May. This includes siblings, and any students - should they not live in zone - applying to be on our expression of interest list. We are looking to confirm enrolments in line with the local partnership schools. Our first round of offers will be sent out on Friday 1st June. Subsequent offers will be made once 2019 enrolment numbers have been confirmed.

If you know that your child will be commencing at an alternate school in 2019 please can you email our enrolment officer Janet Massey janet.massey644@schools.sa.edu.au know at your earliest convenience. This information is vital for our class structures and determining how many students we can accept in different year levels.

PHONICS TESTING FOR YEAR 1 CHILDREN

All Year 1 teachers will soon undertake training on how to implement a phonics screening check for every Year 1 child. Data gathered from this screening will be used to inform future teaching and ensure all children receive the support to meet key early literacy benchmarks.

TERM 2 STAFFING UPDATES

Catherine Buck has been announced as the successful applicant for the Front office finance administrator. We congratulate Catherine on becoming a permanent School Services Officer (SSO) at West Lakes Shore School. Catherine does a fabulous job supporting the finance and budgeting of the school as well as supporting the front office with general administration and first aid.

NEW STUDENTS

This term we welcomed Kristian and Aiden and their family to the West Lakes Shore School community. We hope you and your children are enjoying our school and have settled into this terms learning.

STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY TO SCHOOL

There is a great deal of children arriving before 0830 to school. A staff member is not on yard duty until 0830. For safety issues we encourage children to arrive to school after that time. If they arrive earlier, they must come into the front office to be supervised. If a child is continually early to school, we require them to be booked into OSHC.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE

With the cooler weather upon us, we would like to remind parents of our dress code policy and items of clothing that are not acceptable.

- Hooded tops or jackets
- Clothing with name brands, writing, pictures, stripes or logos, torn garments and hats and clothing that has graffiti
- Track pants or footless leggings must not be worn under the school dress
- Black leggings or denim jeans/pants
- White skivvies are not part of school colours

Things to consider:

- Students are expected to wear our school colours of navy/jade
- Make up or nail polish is not part of the school uniform and will be removed
- Hair colouring/extensions are not acceptable (non-natural colours)
- Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back (applies to boys & girls)
- Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of a watch, sleeper earrings and medic alert bracelets

We believe the school dress code contributes to whole school unity and pride. We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

LOST UNIFORM ITEMS

Please ensure your child's uniform items are clearly labelled with the student's name. All lost property is returned to classes in the case that we can read the writing. It is a good idea to check hats, jumpers and jackets to make sure the writing is legible, if not, please go over the writing. Your child's first name and surname are preferred, or at least their first name initial with the surname. With 637 students with similar names it is a time consuming job.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We have a supply of Entertainment Books that we are selling for the convenience of our school community. Orders are available online via: <http://www.entbook.com.au/161g338> If you wish to collect from our school, please choose the pickup option.