



West Lakes Shore School R-7

Building strong foundations for lifelong learning

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Week 5, Term 3
24 August 2018

NEWSLETTER

DIARY DATES

Governing Council
Meetings – Term 3
Monday 10 September
7:00pm

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Term 3
Friday 31st August

PUPIL FREE DAY - Term 3
Monday 3 September

PUPIL FREE DAY - Term 4
Monday 19 November



Government
of South Australia

Department for Education

Principal
Carol Press

Deputy Principal
Sharon Brightwell

Assistant Principal
Wellbeing
Rozika Pratap

Assistant Principal
Learning & Teaching
Helen Grant
Business Manager
Cheryl Jaeschke

Absentee Number: 8449 7574
(4:30pm-9:00am)
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Save the Children
Global Peace School

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS 2019

Organising the wealth of information to be used to support our class placement process for 2019 takes a considerable amount of time as we aim to ensure fair and equitable creation of classes. 2019 classes will be created based on a wide range of information including gender, students with additional needs, academic abilities and teacher, student and parent input. We create all classes with the needs of your child's learning at the heart of the decision-making. Students are asked by teachers to nominate others with whom they play and learn successfully. We acknowledge student friendships as an important part of your child's schooling, though this is balanced with teacher and student input to ensure children develop their resilience and can connect and make new friendships. Teachers have the overall responsibility to work with their colleagues to ensure consistency in allocating information to each student across a year level. Key software is then utilised by staff to create and adapt classes for 2019.

As part of our partnership in learning we invite parents/caregivers to provide any significant information to be considered for the 2019 class placement process.

Please submit information in writing for any of the following:

- Your child has a social and emotional, health, behaviour or learning issue.
- There is confidential information relating to issues between families that needs considering as part of class placement.
- Your child has a disability and recognised school NEP plan and key information needs to be considered linked to this.
- Other mitigating factors that impact significantly on your child's learning in 2019

At West Lakes Shore School all teachers are qualified and we ask that you are careful about not making judgement based on the information provided by others. In every class across school students work in a range of ability levels. We differentiate the learning to support each child's needs. Whether your child is in a straight class or a composite class does not affect the level of their learning.

Key Information that parents cannot provide to be considered for class placement includes:

- Requests to have a specific teacher
- Requests to not have a specific teacher
- Requests NOT to be in a composite class
- Requests for separations – these can only occur if there is significant history involving ongoing issues

Please ensure the information you wish to provide is sent in writing, addressed to carol.press854@schools.sa.edu.au, with **Class Placement 2019** in the subject line, by Friday October 19th. (Week 1, Term 4) Previous parent information is not kept on record. Information from parents is required to **be submitted annually and in writing.**

If a large number of separations are requested then these cannot be met due to the overall requirement to ensure fair and equitable classes as part of the agreed Educational Industrial Agreements for teachers. The school PAC committee finalise classes based on this agreement. Final class placement allocations are then approved by leadership due to consideration of confidential information.

Information regarding your child's class placement and teacher for 2019 will come out with the end of Year reports in the final week of Term 4.

We thank parents/caregivers for their support and understanding of this complex and time-consuming class placement process.

Regards,

Carol Press

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO WLSS 2019

Should your child not be returning to West Lakes Shore School in 2019 please inform the office by email to dl.1246.info@schools.sa.edu.au. Please include their 2019 school so we can best support your child's ongoing learning and ensure appropriate transition of information. It is critical we have this information as early as possible to avoid having to restructure classes in Term 1, 2019.

NATIONAL SSO WEEK



Last week we acknowledged the skills and efforts of our School Services Officers (SSOs) for SSO Recognition Week. We are very fortunate to have a creative and passionate team of support staff helping to support the whole-school administration and children's learning. In recognition of their hard work, classes created some beautiful cards and staff brought in a morning tea to say 'thank you SSO's for all that you do'. We acknowledge the hard work of our Administrative SSO's: Cheryl, Janet, Catherine, Rachel, Laura and Michelle; our Curriculum SSO's Beata, Penny, Janine, Sarah, Kay and Lyn.



STRENGTHS OR IMPROVEMENTS? PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our annual Parent Opinion Survey is now available for all parents/caregivers to respond to. We hope this will give you an opportunity to have your voice in recognising our school strengths and suggesting ways we can improve. As a new Principal I am particularly keen to get a good understanding of the views of parents/caregivers so this key information can be used for our 2019-2021 strategic plan. At all times we encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns around your child and their learning. Leadership are also available should you require discussions around confidential matters or feedback around behaviour support.

OPTIONAL TERM 3 INTERVIEWS

It is important that we continually update you on the progress that your child is making in their learning. To do this we have set reporting and assessment times timetabled across the year to give detailed feedback and help you to know what your child needs to improve in their learning. This term all teachers, including specialist teachers, will hold optional interviews in weeks 7 and 8. Some teachers will allocate other times, in particular if they are taking leave or will be unavailable then. Our late night for interviews will be Monday September 10. This is the same night as Governing Council and when we host the first of our Positive Parenting workshops. We hope you are able to align your interviews so you can attend this workshop. Please make your bookings when you receive your link. Specialist subject teachers (PE, Arts, Japanese, and Intervention) have a number of sessions available and I particularly encourage parents/caregivers to attend an interview if you require any further information about your child's learning in these subjects. If you have any issues logging onto the Sentral Portal please contact the front office staff for assistance. The portal will be open from Sunday 26 August until Monday 3 September. Letters regarding the Sentral Portal log in process and your child/children's register key will be sent home today, 24 August 2018. Please note if you have previously used the portal, your log in details will be the same and you do not need to register.

PEACE PACK



All classes are underway in delivering learning sessions around 'What is Bullying?' We encourage you to discuss this information with your child/ren so you can gain an insight into some of the different activities that year levels have been doing to support student's understanding. In a year 4 class I visited students were using a looks like, sounds like, feels like 'Y' chart to collaborate in small groups and come up with ideas. We will keep you updated with key information from our weekly whole-school lessons and guide you to resources. One website you can use to support your child and you is <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/> As a KidsMatter School we want to affirm our commitment to ensuring our school is a safe and happy place to learn. A positive community is built on the integrity and kindness of staff, students, parents and community members; a collaborative effort!

SAPOL VISITS



Our school is in the process of hosting ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety and Security Presentations. The presentation runs for 45 minutes and is delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. Each session is age/year level appropriate. Key messages and learning that is being covered include how to stay safe online, who uses the internet, why people use the internet and the importance of not sharing personal details with people online. These education session focuses on adult supervision and will encourage children to speak to an adult before using the internet, use safe searching, along with basic concepts of cyber bullying and what support is available to staying safe online. Please have a chat to your children about the content covered. For more information, please visit the ThinkUKnow website <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/> or talk to your child's teacher. Thank you, Rozika Pratap, AP.

'WIPE OUT WASTE' WEDNESDAY



Bring your recess and lunch to school wrapper free on 5th September 2018 to support our ethos to become a more sustainable school and wage the 'war on waste'.

Pop your recess and sandwich into a reusable container and keep your food nude. The planet and Sustainability Committee thanks you!

NANNA'S FREE FOOD BASKET INC.



'SHARING GOOD FOOD WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS'

Now situated at Bower Cottages Community Centre, 200 Bower Road, Semaphore Park,

ph. 0476663652

Come along to Bower Cottages every Wednesday 4pm to 6pm for a free BBQ while you fill your baskets with free and low cost healthy food – (fruit/veg/groceries/milk etc)

All welcome - please bring your own bags