



West Lakes Shore School R-7

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

PUPIL FREE DAY

Date: Mon 20th Nov

RAN-EC TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dates: Tues 21st

November

Wed 22nd November
Thurs 23rd November

Where: Staff room
Time: 9-10:30am

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Mon 30th Oct

Where: Staff room
When: 7:00pm

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Mon 4th Dec

Where: Staff room
When: 7:00pm

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Date: Tue 5th Dec

Where: School Oval

YEAR 7 GRADUATION

Date: Thur 14th Dec

Where: Christian Family Centre

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Date: Fri 15th Dec

2:15pm dismissal

If your child will not be attending our school in 2018 please advise the front office immediately!

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

Phone: 8449 7255

Facsimile: 8449 1559

Save the Children
Global Peace School

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENT

Well we have had a busy year in terms of building in 2017 and it has been great to see our STEM upgrades coming to fruition. The new facilities in the Dolphin and Stingray Building look amazing and are being well utilised. The works are scheduled to be completed by late November with everything running to schedule at this point in time.

BUT WAIT more exciting news.... Just when we thought the work was coming to an end the announcement of the **Building Better Schools Program** was made last week. The Building Better Schools program will provide \$692.2 million to refurbish and redevelop learning facilities in 91 schools across the state. This will include a combination of new buildings and major refurbishments over 6 years, beginning in 2017. We will be receiving \$5 million to revamp our school facilities through the state government's [Building Better Schools program](#). More information to come soon! [#OurPublicEdPlan](#).

Discussions with regard to how best to utilise this funding to best meet the needs of our site are already underway. Teachers have put forward their ideas and in the coming weeks we will be seeking input from students and parents also.

It is uncertain when our works will commence it could be next year or further down the track. We will keep you posted.

CLASS STRUCTURES

At this point it is anticipated that we will run with 25 classes in the 2018 school year. As discussed previously we are currently beginning our class placement exercise for 2018. Our staff will spend many hours over the coming weeks creating classes that are well balanced. If you have any pertinent information for us to consider that will assist us in best placing your child please and have yet to let us know as it had slipped your mind please do so by the end of this week at the latest. You can email me directly with a subject heading of "class placement" at Sharon.brightwell821@schools.sa.edu.au



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 requires 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 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. This term we have 3 training sessions available. These will be **Tues 21st, Wed 22nd and Thurs 23rd November** at 9-10:30am in the staffroom. Please register by emailing janet.massey644@schools.sa.edu.au

CLASS ST3 VISIT TO THE ZOO

In week 2 Year One children from the red Stingray Unit visited the Adelaide Zoo. The children observed the animals that came from South East Asia. These animals had leafy green habitats with ponds or streams. During the zoo trip the children visited the education centre and learnt more about the coverings of animals and the different animal habitats in the world. Here are a few recounts, paintings and photos.



MY TRIP TO THE ADELAIDE ZOO BY ABBIE

I went on Friday to the zoo and I was with Tara and my mum. When we went to the Adelaide zoo we saw giraffes and meerkats and a monkey. We went to the playground. We saw 2 pandas and we saw penguins and we saw pelicans and we

saw tigers and the hippopotamus too. We saw lions and there was a male lion and a female lion. I felt sick a bit.



CARTOONS IN CLASS P2

In literacy, P2 has been looking at authors and their different styles of writing. We have also been co-designing our Connected Curriculum with Miss Kylie so the class decided to look at Andy Griffiths and his sense of humour in his writing style. The book we got our inspiration from is called "Once Upon A Slime". This has made our lessons fun, creative and full of surprises. This book is jam packed full of many activities that classes can have fun with, be creative and learn heaps more than a set writing activity so its a win win!

We followed Andy Griffiths steps of how to write funny cartoons. The topic for this activity was to write a cartoon about a "Bad Mummy" or "Bad Daddy" that would give you permission to do something that is really silly or dangerous (Of course we all know in real life that this would never happen!!!)

We hope you enjoy our cartoons.

By Casey and Madi



ABSENT CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

If your child will be absent from school we require parents to please contact our school to advise the reason of absence or late arrival. Either ring the absentee line on 8449 7574, via Skoolbag App (under eForms) or via the front office. It is a legal requirement of DECD that we account for all absences.

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER

Monday the 20th November will be a pupil free day for staff to engage in Professional Development.