Classes have settled in well to the term and are off to a flying start with their learning. This term’s Connected Curriculum theme is Every Face has a Place. We are looking forward to the learning that is to come and to sharing that learning with parents and families.

I would like to thank staff for working so hard in the last week of school and in the holidays to ensure that the classes that moved, in preparation for the STEM building works, were set up and ready to go for the start of term. The final plans for the fencing off of the buildings and commencement of the STEM building works are underway. Over the next week or so we should start to see fencing go up to secure the building site and also see builders’ sheds and materials moved on site. This will result in limited access to the school yard from the rear carpark side of school on Samson Road. Whilst the car park is of course fully accessible some access gates enter directly into the building area and will need to remain locked for the duration of the building project.

We will endeavour to keep the far double gate adjacent to the bike rack open for access at the start of the school day (8:30-900am) and again at the end of the day (3:00-3:30pm). There will, however, be some times when we will need to close off the rear access at these times to allow the entry of vehicles for deliveries. Every effort will be made to ensure that deliveries to the site occur outside of these times.

Gate closures may result in more parents using the pick-up drop-off zone at the front of the school on Edwin Street. When doing so please adhere to the set times for pick-up and drop-off and do not exit your car to walk your children to their classes if you have parked in this zone, as this will lead to further congestion.

I have noted in recent weeks that parents allow their children to exit the car whilst parked at the roundabout leading out of the Samson Road car park. This is not a pick-up/drop-off zone and as such has resulted in students running between cars to get to the foot path. This is not safe practice. Could you please support by ensuring you either use the appropriate zone or park in the car park to allow your children to exit your car. Our students’ safety is paramount and far outweighs the few minutes that may be saved.

A reminder also that parents and students should not park or pick-up/drop-off in the staff carpark or enter the school on foot via the staff car park as it is unsafe to do so. This is a busy area that is also used for delivery of goods and services to school.

The building works will impact on the school in many ways. However the short term issues that may arise at times will be far outweighed by the amazing facilities we will have as a result. I have met with the builders and have every confidence that they will work collaboratively with us to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and to schedule. Plans for the upgrades as they are today will be placed in the library window, on the canteen side, should you wish to view them.
NAPLAN TESTING
NAPLAN testing will commence in week 2 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for years 3, 5 and 7. Please ensure that all children arrive at school on time to avoid disruption to classes involved in this testing. Once the students have started NAPLAN any late arrivals will be unable to enter the class rooms involved. If students are absent we have until Friday lunch time to arrange for them to catch up with any tests they miss. There is no extension beyond this time.

Year 7’s will be starting their test at 0900 on Thursday and are required to be at school promptly.

RAN VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Attention parents, grandparents & caregivers that are volunteering at our school either in the canteen, as a sporting coach, in the class room or attending an excursion. You are required to have a current DCSI clearance as well as attend a RAN Volunteer Training session. Both these requirements are valid for a term of 3 years.

We have arranged for the school to host the RAN Volunteer Training on Wednesday the 17th May from 6:00-7:00pm in the staffroom.

Bookings are essential, please email janet.massey644@schools.sa.edu.au or ring the front office to make a reservation.

ABSENT CHILDREN TO SCHOOL
Please advise the school if your child will be arriving late or will not be attending with the reason for absence or late arrival. This can be done by the following methods:

Ringing the 24 hour absentee line 8449 7575
(and leaving a voice message)

Skoolbag App notification (under eForms then Absentee Form)

Ringing the school number 8449 7255

We ask that you do NOT ask siblings to report absences to the office, as this is rarely successful due to students forgetting when they arrive to school.

A reminder that absences for 3 days or more for family reasons require an Exemption Form to be completed by parents. Students that are ill for 3 days or more a required to produce a doctors certificate.

STEM DAY AT LEFEVRE HIGH SCHOOL
On Friday 31st March all of the year 7s went to LeFevre High school for a full day of STEM. When we arrived there, the first thing we did was sit down on a big bit of grass and some teachers talked to us about what fun they had planned for us.

After that we split into three groups and went to our first activity. Ms Clancy’s group first lesson was science. In science, we learned about buoyancy. We watched Bill Nye the Science Guy. After that we built boats out of aluminium foil.

We then filled trays up with water and put a bit of cardboard in our boats. We then put weights in our boats and had to see how many we could put in before the boat collapsed. After that the teacher taught us about how the shape of the hull of the boats (ships) can affect the speed and motion in the water.

After science we had recess. We all chatted about our previous lessons and ate our scrumptious food. We then went to woodwork where we built little paddle boats (with no paddles yet). We started off with two pieces of wood. We measured where the required holes were needed, then brought the pieces over to the drill press. We joined them together then sanded the edges to make the shape of a hull so it could cleave smoothly through the water. We added two small sticks to the holes at the top - they were there so we could put the paddles on. Then we put in two bigger sticks in the middle that separated the two pieces so it could form a boat. Woodwork was a blast because we got to use the drill press and the sandpaper machine. It was really awesome to see our own masterpieces come to life.

After that amazing experience we had some lunch. While we were eating, a medium sized wooden container was being filled up with water so we could race our finished boats at the end of the day.

The final lesson was tech studies where we used laser cutters to make the paddle pieces that we would later put together. The pieces were already cut out because we didn’t have enough time to design them on the computer. After we put the pieces together, we logged onto the computers and learned how they made the parts of the paddle. We didn’t have enough time to learn how they did every part though. We added rubber bands to the pieces and attached the ends of the rubber bands to the wooden sticks on the boat, that formed our paddle. When you wind up the paddle, the rubber band twist around and when you let go of the paddle in water, it causes the boat to move. That was the end of the last lesson.

After tech studies, all of the year 7’s joined as a group and we raced our boats. We went 5 people at a time. It was great fun. The winner of the individual race would stay as the other four left and a different four people would come over and all five would race again.

STEM days are always so much fun! We thank the teachers at LeFevre High and our school for organising this special trip that the year sevens thoroughly enjoyed.

By Olivia, Scarlett and Chloe.
SPORTS DAY 2017

Bright colours, sunshine, happy children, running relays, fun teams, parents and friends highlighted another successful West Lakes Shore Sports Day. From the health hustle led by our Year 7 leaders to the excitement of the whole school relay which completed the day, Sports Day 2017 was a day where all the students tried their best for their sports day team. It was fantastic to see the effort that everybody put in participating and all activities were keenly contested throughout the day.

The championship sprints showcased our fastest athletes in the school and the support and cheering was loud and proud by everybody. After lunch the team games brought the competitive nature out in our teams and the 300m race showed the running strengths of our upper primary students.

Throughout the day the scores were being displayed and it was a very tight contest between the 4 teams. There could only be one winner and after a long time without a victory it was the Yellow Team Parndana who came out on top and won the shield. Congratulations to all who made sports day another memorable day, special mention to all of the team captains who showed great leadership in leading their teams so positively.

$1128. This will go a long way towards vet bills for Lucky Little Paws Rescue and Adoption.

KAURNA GROUP TERM 2

Na Marni (Hello everyone) my name is Eva Wilson I am the Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO). Starting Tuesday, week 1 of Term 2 I will be holding a Kaurna language group for interested students, below is what we will be covering each week.

When: TUESDAY LUNCH TIME BEGINNING WEEK 1 TERM 2

Where: PASTORAL CARE ROOM next to IT

Aboriginal children encouraged to attend and bring a friend if you would like to.

Wk 1: Introductions, birth order, greetings and song (niina marni)
Wk 2: Body parts and heads and shoulders song
Wk 3: Numbers
Wk 4: Days of the week
Wk 5: Months of the Year
Wk 6: Seasons
Wk 7: Animals
Wk 8: Suffixes, subjects, verbs conversation
Wk 9: Feelings and conversations
Wk 10: Conversations continued

Each week activities/games will be provided in relation to the topic to make learning language fun! Any questions you can contact me via email: eva.wilson643@schools.sa.edu.au

Ngaityalya Nakutha (Thank you, see you soon)

BOOK WEEK

Our school will be celebrating Book Week in term 3 (week 5). The whole school will be celebrating with buddy class and lunchtime activities and a whole school dress up parade. Classes will also be reading the Childrens’ Book Council of Australia’s short-listed books. This year the Book Week dress up parade will be held outside on the oval, weather permitting. We are encouraging students to dress up in keeping with the theme, Escape to everywhere. Simple costumes that students design and make at home are encouraged. We look forward to seeing how thoughtful and creative our school community can be.
PORT SAPSASA GIRLS SOFTBALL

Last week the Port SAPSASA girls played in the softball carnival at West Beach. The team went through undefeated to win the division 2 medal.
There were 3 representatives from West Lakes Shore School Charlize, Tayla and Lily. They certainly held their own in the team! Other players from WLSS trialled but could not be selected as they are in year 5. We really hope to see this promoted throughout the school next year as the team had a fantastic experience, learning how to play with character and integrity.
Look out for trial dates in term 1, 2018.
Thanks, Lynette Callaghan

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.

WESTERN ADELAIDE SHORES COMMUNITY LEARNING

Setting Limits on children’s behaviour
Working with relationship

This presentation is about how to set limits on your child’s behaviour by establishing communication and strengthening relationships. This session will be led by Donna Broadhurst-DECD Family Services Coordinator. Donna is an experienced facilitator.

15th May from 7 - 9pm at West Lakes Shore Kindergarten. Register online now at:
http://shorestart-communitylearning.eventbrite.com.au
or for further information email: WA.Shores287@schools.sa.edu.au

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

Understanding the ‘boy’ code

Are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen? Come and join us or watch our live webcast. Find out about:
- the ‘boy code’
- what it means for boys and girls
- the influence of social media & celebrity culture
- helping young people see beyond the stereotypes and be themselves.

Tuesday 30 May from 7-9pm at Adelaide Convention Centre. Presented by Dr Justin Coulson, nationally recognised parenting speaker, author & columnist. Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:
http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au

For more information Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

MOVIE FOR HOPE FUNDRAISER

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

Students Sofia & Stefani, together with their mum Lindsay and her friends, would like to invite you and your family to this movie fundraiser the objective is to rescue, empower and deploy those in need through Ride For Hope. We are raising funds for the children of the Childhood Cancer Association, the kids of Transform Cambodia and World Vision and helping the extraordinary works of missions.me. If you wish to know more visit www.rideforhope.com. We hope you can join us and help make this world a better place.

Thursday 11th May at 6:30pm at the Capri Theatre
cost $15 per ticket.

SANFL AUSKICK

Term 2 locations:
Portland FC, Rosewater FC, Nth Haven FC, Pt Districts FC, SMOSH FC, Woodville Sth FC. Cost $75 or $25 with government sports vouchers the program is $25.

Register online now:
www.aflauskick.com.au

Scott Prebble–Development Officer 0400 634 457

PORT ADELAIDE CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAMS

May 7 8:45am for 9am at Port Reserve:
Introductory information & training session open to all current & new juniors (boys/girls minimum age is 10, maximum age is 15 as at 1 Sept. 2017. July: Primary students 3 to 4 training and selection trials (for Ray Sutton Shiled, Freeman-Rolton Cricket Acad. & U 12 cup).
August early/mid: Registration/information night for all juniors, boys/girls & parents.
August mid/late: U 16’s, U 14’s training/selection trials commence (RSS, FRCA & U12 Cup ).

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