



Light Pass Primary School

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Term 4

Week 5

17th November
2023

Quote: "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours." – Dolly Parton

Dear Families,

What a wonderful turn out for our Trivia Night on Saturday night. So much time and effort went into the organisation and we raised approximately \$980 to go towards our playground upgrade. As a school community we would like to send out a big thank you to Charmaine and her mother Merridene, Carla, Kelli, Tanya and the rest of the fundraising team who worked tirelessly to make this happen. We appreciate your support, volunteering your time and products, and making the night a success.

The rest of the term is going to continue to be busy. We have transition visits with the new receptions for 2024 as well as the year 6s who are heading to high school, excursions, graduation dinners and graduation ceremonies. Only 4 weeks to go this term and I know it is going to fly by so quickly.

A big congratulations to Miss C for her amazing contribution to education. At our assembly, we presented Miss C with a certificate recognising 10 years' service in SA. However, we know that Miss C has been making an enormous contribution to education for the past 38 years in WA, NT and NSW. Such a fabulous person to have at our school and we are so very lucky.

Kind regards,
Mel

Congratulations to Ben who has played in the SAPSASA cricket team this week. They came third overall and Ben played like a star! Well done 😊

Mr Aird (coach) and Ben at SAPSASA cricket.



Diary Dates:

TERM 4

Week 5

Friday, 17th November
Year 6 Aquatics Day

Week 6

Tuesday, 21st November
Reception transition 8:50am – 11:30am

Wednesday, 22nd November
Year 6 Transition to Nuri HS

Thursday, 23rd November
Year 6 Excursion to Adelaide 500

Friday, 24th November
Assembly 9am

Week 7

Tuesday, 28th November
Reception transition 8:50am – 1:00pm

MP class Excursion to Adelaide Oval
Governing Council 7pm



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We acknowledge that this land that we play, learn and work on is Peramangk and Ngadjuri land and we acknowledge that the Peramangk and Ngadjuri people have social, spiritual and historical connections to this land. Their connections are as strong today as they have always been.



Award winners 😊

Our kindness and responsibility award winners from the past two weeks. A lot of our awards were nominated by their peers for the kindness noticed on camp.



A big congratulations to Ruth – receiving her 10 years' service recognition in South Australia.



A big thank you, and goodbye to Chloe our pre service teacher who was with us for 4 weeks.



YEAR 6 AQUATICS

What a beautiful day to be out on the water at West Lakes. Our year 6 students have spent the day sailing, kayaking and all things water related! It's such a great experience to be a part of every year. Thank you to our amazing parents who drove today, Megan, Allison and Cheree, and a big thank you to Cheree for taking some lovely photos. ☺



A word from Mrs Gogoll - Autism Inclusion Teacher

Anxiety

During term 4 Newsletters I will share strategies we are putting in place at school to support students with anxiety.

Some of these may help you with putting some things in place to support a child with anxiety at home.

Communication



Anxiety impacts receptive and expressive communication. It can be harder to communicate and ask for help.

At school we use flexible communication – using both non-verbal and verbal communicate; for example – thumbs up and thumbs down; putting their name on an emotion face to indicate how they are feeling; writing down or drawing how they are feeling.



Organised environments

Structured and organised environments help students make sense of their environment.

At school the physical environment is structured by:

Clearly defined learning areas

Clearly labelled materials and learning resources

Flexible seating

Visually decluttered learning spaces



COMMUNITY & SPORTING NEWS



START SCHOOL IN JULY!

THE NEW MID-YEAR INTAKE TO RECEPTION STARTS IN 2024.

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

In South Australia, the first year of primary school is called reception.

From 2024, children who turn 5 years old:

- before 1 May can start school in term 1
- between 1 May and 31 October can start school in term 3 (mid-year intake)
- after 31 October can start the next year.

Children who start school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Children who start school in a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR 2024

Registrations of interest are now open to start school in the 2024 mid-year intake.

For more information visit www.education.sa.gov.au/primary-school-enrolment

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MY CHILD TURNS 5

5TH BIRTHDAY

Before 1 May	Between 1 May and 31 October	After 31 October
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STARTING SCHOOL

Starts school in term 1 (that year)	Starts school in term 3 (that year)	Starts school in term 1 (next year)
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TIME IN RECEPTION

Completes 4 terms of reception (terms 1-4 the year they start)	Completes 6 terms of reception (terms 3 and 4 the year they start, then all 4 terms the next year)	Completes 4 terms of reception (terms 1-4 the year they start)
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FUTURE YEARS

Starts year 1 (and each year after) in term 1

Barossa & Light Optometrists



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Dear *Melanie Leslie*

I would like to provide some information regarding Nuriootpa Optometrist, located on Murray Street, Nuriootpa. As well as providing general vision and eye health checks for both adults and children, we also specialize in Behavioural Optometry and Colorimetry Assessments.



I have been in private practice for 30 years in both rural and Metropolitan settings and have special interest in children's vision and vision related learning problems (Behavioural Optometry). I am also a member of the Australian College of Behavioural Optometrists.

Vision can influence children's performance when learning to read and reading to learn. As an Educator, you recognize the importance of vision in the social, educational, and behavioural development of children.

Behavioural Optometry is a holistic approach to children in the learning environment, and assesses physical factors such as vision, binocular coordination, and tracking, but also perceptual skills such as visual and sequential visual memory, visual analysis, and spatial awareness.

Colorimetry assists in the relief of some symptoms associated with Visual Stress (Meares-Irlen Syndrome). Simply explained, Visual Stress is a sensitivity to visual patterns, particularly stripes. In some individuals this condition can cause visual perceptual problems which interfere with reading. Visual stress can be reduced by the use of coloured filters: a coloured overlay placed over text, or now, coloured lenses worn in spectacles.



Please take a moment to read through some of the brochures I have enclosed which will give you more information. I have also enclosed a Teacher's Vision Checklist to assist your staff in detecting some vision-related learning difficulties that may be presenting in their classroom.

I look forward to working with your school and students. If you would like any information, you can contact me through my office on 8562 1023 or via email nuriootpaoptometrist@gmail.com

With Kind Regards,
Yours Sincerely

Mr Michael Burnside

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Behavioural Optometrist
Provider No. 039504LY



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CHILDREN'S CONTACT SERVICE

Helping children stay connected to parents after separation

Lutheran Care's Children's Contact Service provides a safe, reliable and neutral place for parents to stay connected to their children during and following separation.

How we can help:

We provide:

- a safe place for the changeover of children of all ages
- an environment for children to have supervised and supported visits
- information for client families regarding their children
- referrals for services available for supporting the whole family during separation.



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Flexible hours. Contact us today!

Children's Contact Service

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Festival of Connection

**Sunday
3rd of December
2-6pm
Tanunda Town Square**

Live Entertainment

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Jamie Blechynden (& friend)
Free Genie
Valley Cats

Live Music, Craft Beer & Wine

Festival of Connection is an accessible event

- Auslan interpreters
- chill zone
- braille program
- accessible parking and bathrooms












Female Football N.R.F.C

JUNIOR COME & TRY FOOTBALL

**Wednesday 6th December
5:30pm @ Nuriootpa Oval**

- Light Training
- Meet the Coaches
- Give it a Go!

We have spots available in every age group.

U10's
U13's
U16's

If your daughter has ever thought about giving it a go now is the time.

More Information

Shaun Ribbons
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OPEN DAY 10 years

**SAT 18 NOV | 11AM - 3PM
PROGRAM**

HANDS ON WORKSHOPS

Have fun and create with workshops for both kids and adults:

11:00AM - 12:30PM and 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Jewellery Making with Sue Garrard - free, drop in, all ages

11:30AM - 12:30PM and 1:30PM - 2:30PM

Belt Making with Rosie and Mick Russell -

\$120pp, book on the day or call Rosie: 0437425843

11:00AM - 3:00PM

Come and Try Wheel Throwing with Susanna

from Really Useful Pots - free, drop in, all ages

11:00AM - 3:00PM

Block Printing with Lottie Emma - free, drop in, all ages

DEMONSTRATIONS

Meet the makers and experience live craft and design demonstrations:

11:30AM, 12:30PM and 1:30PM | *Ceramic Slip Casting with Phoebe Kretschmer*

11:00AM - 3:00PM | *Knife Making with Barry Gardner*

11:00AM - 3:00PM | *Glasswork with Brenden Scott French*

12:00PM and 2:00PM | *Millinery with Julie Fleming*

EXHIBITION

Layers of Black

Showcasing more than fifty pieces of jewellery from eleven Victorian First Peoples artists.

OPEN DAY 10 years

**Saturday 18 November
11.00am - 3.00pm
JamFactory
at Seppeltsfield
FREE**

Celebrating 10 years, JamFactory at Seppeltsfield opens its doors for a fun, free, family-friendly open day. An exciting opportunity to discover more about craft and design with demonstrations and workshops for kids and adults!

DEMONSTRATIONS

Meet the makers and view live demonstrations of **Ceramic Slip Casting** with Phoebe Kretschmer, **Glasswork** with Brenden Scott French, **Millinery** with Julie Fleming and **Knife Making** with Barry Gardner.

HANDS ON WORKSHOPS

Have fun and create with **FREE** workshops for both kids and adults. Try **Jewellery Making** with Sue Garrard, **Wheel Throwing** with Susanna Brown from Really Useful Pots and **Block Printing** with Lottie Emma.

Or join a special **Belt Making Workshop** with Rosie and Mick Russell for \$120pp.

EXHIBITION

View our current exhibition **Layers of Black**, showcasing more than fifty pieces of jewellery from eleven Victorian First Peoples artists.

Book Your Free Ticket

In the upcoming season of giving, I encourage you to remember that the greatest gift we give our children is our presence not presents. Our meaningful childhood experiences are made memorable by the people, not the objects, of our lives.

THE GIFT OF TIME

The fast pace of our modern world is overwhelming and unsustainable; especially for kids. The demands of life can interfere with the time it takes to connect. You boost your child's development and well-being simply by spending time with them. It lets them know that they are important.

And the best news is, spending time together doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. It can be as simple as baking a packet cake, going for a walk or even doing the grocery shop counts as quality time if it's done right. Take your time, make a list, give your child some items to hunt and gather!

Don't let the pressure to have one-on-one time with your child cause more stress in your life. Instead, stay focused on the bigger overall goal—spend one-on-one time with each child when you can. And stay focused on the quality of your time together, rather than the quantity. 15 minutes in the supermarket with your attention is better than 5 hours in the same room on separate electronic devices.



You may need to experiment for a while to determine what works best for your family in terms of a schedule. But, if you stick with it, you'll likely find that setting aside time to give each child individual attention is a worthwhile investment.

Jolie Zadow



Heigh Ho... It's off to work they go! 😊



Light Pass Primary School Term 4 Planner 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	20 th	21 st Reception transition 8:50am – 11:30am	22 nd Year 6 Transition to Nuri HS	23 rd Year 6 Excursion to Adelaide 500	24 th Assembly 9am
7 Newsletter	27 th	28 th Reception transition 8:50am – 1:00pm MP class Excursion to Adelaide Oval Governing Council 7pm	29 th	30 th	1 st December
8	4 th	5 th Reception transition 8:50am – 2:30pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner – The Greenock 6pm	6 th	7 th	8 th
9 Newsletter	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th Reports go home Year 6 Graduation Assembly / Terrific Kids Awards – 2pm	15 th 1:45pm Assembly 2:15pm early dismissal