



Light Pass Primary School

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Term 4
Week 7
1st December
2023

Quote: "One of the most important things we adults can do for young children is to model the kind of person we would like them to be" –

Carol B. Hillman

Dear Families,

I can't believe that it's December already! Where has this year gone?

Term 4 continues to be a busy term with excursions, fundraisers and celebrations which have included (and will include!):

- Year 6 Café Connections at Truro PS
- Whole school camp to Stockport
- Year 6 Aquatics Day
- Transition visits for new receptions starting in 2024
- Transition for our year 6s in preparation for high school
- Trivia Night
- Excursion to VAILO Adelaide 500
- Excursion to Adelaide Oval for Cricket Clinic
- Cake Stall
- Christmas Raffle
- Farmer's Market
- Christmas cookie and house
- Special lunch day
- Meet and greet lunch for year 6s with Angaston PS
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- Terrific Kids Awards

Phew! I knew we'd been busy but didn't realise just how busy until I started this list!

A massive thank you to our amazing staff and dedicated parent volunteers for making these events happen. You truly are such a wonderful group and I am forever grateful to be a part of this community.

Kind regards,
Mel



Diary Dates:

TERM 4

Week 7

Saturday, 1st December

Cake stall Fundraiser
Farmers Market breakfast

Week 8

Tuesday, 5th December

**Reception transition 8:50am –
2:30pm**
**Year 6 Graduation Dinner – The
Greenock 6pm**



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Adelaide 500 Upper Primary Excursion



MP Cricket Excursion

The middle primary class went to Adelaide Oval to watch the SA Redbacks vs Victoria cricket on Thursday. They drove to Gawler and caught the train into Adelaide, we had lots of laughs. It was a really fun day out. The students got to watch some of the match and then participate in a cricket clinic where they learnt some new skills. We were also very lucky and got to have a photo on the oval which was a very cool experience! We then watched some more of the Sheffield Shield before heading back to school. It is definitely something we would do again. 😊



A word from Mrs Gogoll - Autism Inclusion Teacher

Anxiety

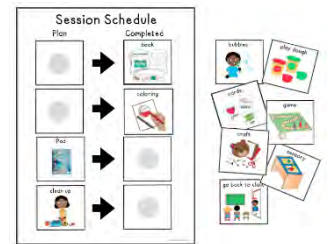
During term 4 Newsletters I will share strategies we are putting in place at school to support students with anxiety.

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

Visuals

Visual schedules – in classrooms we visually display the schedule for the day

Give prior warning - when change is occurring to the schedule notify the class as soon as possible



Social stories – display expectations and new experiences visually in sequenced order to support details of (what, where, duration, who and reason for doing it)

For example; how to line up, sit on the mat, getting ready for lessons, unpack bag, pack bag

Calm space

A calm space provides a calm and safe place to support the students

At school we have calm spaces to proactively support students to remain regulated and support regulation.

At school this looks like;



Emotion faces



Positive affirmations

Interoception visual cues (breathing, muscle tightening and relaxing)

Sensory tools – fidgets, weighted toys, wobble board, yoga ball, blankets, cushions

Mindfulness activities; drawing and colouring



In the classroom we provide opportunity to calm;



Mindfulness – Breathing exercises, colouring, drawing, listening to music, focus lessons and interoception exercises

Sensory tools – wobble stool, fidgets and headphones





UPPER PRIMARY'S ART WORK

During art recently, we have been drawing and painting with the prompt 'The tree of life.' We were told to incorporate things we appreciated and liked in our art. We used pencils, water-colour and pastels to colour our artworks. Student's artworks varied in looks, some were tall and some were wide. Our class enjoyed this activity.



COMMUNITY & SPORTING NEWS



LIGHT PASS PRIMARY SCHOOL

CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER

All funds raised will go towards upgrading our school

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
9 AM - 1 PM

BAROSSA COMMUNITY MARKETS
MURRAY STREET, NURIOOTPA
LOCATED BETWEEN BANK SA AND VINE INN

Enjoy a variety of baked goodies and help raise funds for a new and improved school playground! We hope to see you all there!



Barossa Farmers Market Community Breakfast Bar
Saturday 2 December
8 - 10:30 am
Corner Angaston & Stockwell Roads

Please support our school's efforts in raising funds for a new and improved playground!
Tickets for our Christmas raffle will be available to purchase at the breakfast bar also.
We hope to see you all there!



Summer Reading Challenge

Challenge yourself to read something new by taking part in our summer reading challenge. Pick up a book bingo sheet from any one of our library branches and return it when complete. Awesome prizes to be won! Runs throughout December and January.

Ages: 0-5, 6-11, 12-17 and 18+ years
Free to join, visit your local branch for more information.

We have lots of things happening over the summer period for families and to make it easier our summer seasonal brochure is available via Digital Flip Book.

If you have families interested in school holiday programs and/or other programs, workshops and events, our brochure can be collected in hard copy from any library, or, viewed here:

[Library - Seasonal DL Booklet - Summer \(partica.online\)](#)



START SCHOOL IN JULY!

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



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.

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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LUTHERAN CARE



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.

Flexible hours. Contact us today!

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FESTIVAL OF CONNECTION



Festival of Connection

Sunday
3rd of December
2-6pm

Tanunda Town Square

Live Entertainment

nik a index
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



The Reader

Rob & Anne Gibson



Jarvis Subaru



Female Football N.R.F.C



JUNIOR COME & TRY FOOTBALL

Wednesday 6th December
5:30pm @ Nuriootpa Oval

We have spots available in every age group.

U10's
U13's
U16's

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

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

More Information

Shaun Ribbons
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TRAINING TIMES

Girls Recreation - Wed 6:30 - 8pm
Boys Recreation - Fri 6:30 - 8pm

Join us on Facebook

Barossa Valley Youth-Club Gymnastics



SPORTS VOUCHERS
sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au



BAROSSA VALLEY YOUTH CLUB GYMNASTICS

Come and join the BVY Gymnastics Club, located at the Barossa Rex Centre. Gymnastics is a sport for everybody - no matter your age or ability! Sessions run weekly in line with the school term.

FIRST COME & TRY = FREE

CONTACT

For more information contact David Rath on 0414 400 547

Bushfire Preparation – for further information go to:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/docs/infrastructure/security-and-emergency-management/bushfire-and-your-childs-school-or-preschool-brochure.pdf>



Parent checklist

- Have you given your emergency contact details to your child's school or preschool, including the names and contact details for people authorised to collect your child from school or preschool?
- Have you received and read the information provided to you by your child's school or preschool, including their bushfire response plan (or site emergency management plan)?
- Do you have your own personal bushfire survival plan in place? Does it consider how you will manage different scenarios and consider school, preschool, school transport, vacation care, rural care, long day care and out of school hours care? You need to practice enacting your plan in advance.
- Have you talked to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool?
- If your personal bushfire survival plan affects your children's attendance at school or preschool or other related service, have you let your school or preschool know?
- Are your family and caregivers ready for a bushfire emergency?



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Light Pass Primary School Term 4 Planner 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Casual clothes day – Christmas pantry drop for Lutheran Care (bring a pantry item to donate) more info to follow 1:45pm Assembly 2:15pm early dismissal