



Light Pass Primary School

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Term 1
Week 3
16th February
2024

QUOTE: "CHANGE IS THE END RESULT OF ALL TRUE LEARNING" —LEO BUSCAGLIA

Dear Families,

Week 3 already. Time is flying.

We have been setting up our school community and we can see the positive impact this is having on our students and their learning outcomes. This was evident at our assembly last Friday and the number of awards given to recognise the wonderful role models showing kindness and the amazing learning that has been happening in our classrooms.

Andrea from Carers and Disability Link came in on Wednesday. She is from a new service that has started in the Barossa and she will be an invaluable resource for all families. Don't be confused by the wording, this service is available to all parents and carers living with a child with a disability. Andrea is really keen to hear what support is needed so please let us know if you would like the opportunity to have a chat with her. Her best contact is andrea@CADL.support

This year we are using a different structure for our student voice. Your children were provided an opportunity to nominate themselves for Student Representative Council (SRC) if they're in Reception to year 4, and Student Leader if they're in year 5 or 6. All students were given the opportunity to read their application aloud, or have the teacher read it for them. Presentations for our SRC and Student Leaders will happen at the assembly in week 4.

Governing Council AGM is next Tuesday at 7pm. Please remember that everyone is welcome – even if they are not nominating for a position!

Hope to see you there 😊

Kindest regards,
Mel



Diary Dates:

TERM 1

Week 4

Tuesday, 20th February
Governing Council AGM
7pm in the library

Friday, 23rd February

Assembly - 9am on the blue court

Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
Ages 0-5.

Located at the school

Week 5

Friday, 23rd February

Assembly - 9am on the blue court

Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
Ages 0-5.

Located at the school
Electives with Truro PS



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

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.



A word from Mrs Gogoll - Autism Inclusion Teacher

Each newsletter I will be providing information, strategies and tips relating to Autism.

What is AUTISM?

Between 1 and 2 in every 100 Australians receive an autism diagnosis.

Autism can be tricky to define. Autism is a developmental condition that affects how a child learns and interacts with the world around them. Because autism has many different characteristics, no two people on the spectrum are alike. However, those on the autism spectrum may need support in two main areas:

Social communication issues

- Understanding non-verbal communication, such as body language
- Understanding when and how to appropriately respond in social interactions
- Developing, understanding and maintaining relationships with others
- Expressing and comprehending information

Repetitive patterns of behaviour

- Repetitive use of movement, speech or objects
- Affected by changes to expected routines and surroundings
- Intense focus on limited, specialised areas of interest
- Increased sensitivity or lack of sensitivity to particular sensory signals, such as sound, touch, taste, etc.

Please scan the QR code and scroll down to view video

'What is Autism' – <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/>



Resource: Positive Partnerships – working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Award winners 😊

Congratulations to our award winners from the past two weeks.

These awards recognised kindness, responsibility, resilience and working hard.

All things we value at Light Pass Primary School



GOVERNING COUNCIL 2024

A note came home two weeks ago that explained about the new governing council model constitution detailing the amended membership structure. In 2023, we unknowingly exceeded this number because of the increased number of parents who wanted to be a part of the council. Moving forward, **as per the council's constitution**, there are only 4 parent member positions available.

The successful management and improvement of our school relies on contributions from our community. There are opportunities to be involved in a Fundraising Sub-Committee in 2024. The purpose of this committee is to raise funds for the benefit of the school community. It will involve developing and implementing a plan for fundraising and coordinating fundraising events in collaboration with Governing Council, staff and students. Membership on this sub-committee will including someone from the Governing Council, the Principal and/or Finance Officer and parents of our school community.

Please consider joining our Fundraising Committee if the Governing Council is not something you would like to nominate for or it is not available due to less positions available this year.

COMMUNITY & SPORTING NEWS



2024 BOOKINGS OPEN

What is Play Therapy?

Play is the natural language of children and toys are their words.

Child Centred Play Therapy is a humanistic/relationship-based approach, working therapeutically with children using the child's preferred communication.

Play Therapy is an intervention approach for children aged 2-12. Older children may be considered.

The Play Therapy model used is Child Centred Play Therapy, meaning that during our sessions the child is in complete control of the play.

Children may not have the verbal knowledge and emotional regulation to express their feelings through words but they can 'play out' those feelings.

What areas of difficulty can Play Therapy support?

- Trauma
- Aggressive and Oppositional Behaviours
- Speech and Language Delays
- Attachment
- Anxiety
- ASD
- Developmental Delays
- Social Difficulties
- Grief and Loss
- Fears
- ADHD
- Self Esteem Issues

What changes can you expect with Play Therapy?

Through the process of discovery children learn to develop:

- Self-respect
- Responsibility
- Problem solving and resolution skills
- Self-control and self-direction
- Self-regulation
- Social skills
- Greater self-esteem
- Confidence and resilience
- Choice making

Get in contact to learn more!

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ARE YOU CARING FOR A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON WHO HAS LEARNING DIFFICULTIES OR DISABILITY?

Carers and Disability Link understand how challenging being a carer is and we are here to provide support.

If you are caring for a child or young person with a learning difficulty or disability, we can support you in the following ways:

- 1:1 support, including meetings, activities and breaks.
- Group meetings, activities and breaks with carers in similar caring roles.
- Providing resources and information including connecting you with service providers.

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OR DROP IN FOR A CUPPA

AT 15 SECOND ST NURI00TPA

ON TUES 10AM-12PM AND THURS 2PM-4PM



2023/2024 State & Territory Landcare Awards – Closing Soon!

Time is ticking! Don't miss the chance to nominate a {{INSERT STATE OR TERRITORY}} Landcare Champion for a 2023/2024 State & Territory Landcare Award before nominations close on March 1, 2024.

This is an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the outstanding landcare heroes from urban and rural communities excelling in sustainable agricultural practices, environmental protection, conservation of land and waterways, coastlines and biodiversity.

There are nine national Landcare Award categories including new categories for Climate Innovation, Women in Landcare, First Nations Landcare Collaboration, NextGen and more!

If you know an individual, group or organisation or who should be recognised for their efforts, nominate them before March 1. You can nominate yourself. Click here to get started: www.landcareawards.org.au.

[#LandcareAwards](https://www.instagram.com/LandcareAwards) [#State&TerritoryLandcareAwards](https://www.instagram.com/State&TerritoryLandcareAwards)



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Term 1 Planner 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Newsletter	12 th	13 th	14 th Parent/Carer session 8:50am	15 th My child & me – free event (Barossa Kidsworld – play café)	16 th Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
4	19 th	20 th Governing Council AGM 7pm	21 st	22 nd	23 rd Assembly Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
5 Newsletter	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	1 st Mar Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
6	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th Assembly Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
7 Newsletter	11 th ADELAIDE CUP DAY	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
8	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd PUPIL FREE DAY
9 Newsletter	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th School Photos	29 th GOOD FRIDAY
10	1 st April EASTER MONDAY	2 nd	3 rd	4 th Small School Sports Day @ Nuri HS	5 th Assembly Playgroup 9:00am – 11am
11 Newsletter	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th Assembly Playgroup 9:00am – 11am