



Light Pass Primary School

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Term 1
Week 7
15th March
2024

At Light Pass PS, we are “empowering our community to embrace learning and thrive”

Dear Families,

A very busy short week – but we have achieved a lot.

All of our students have completed NAPLAN for 2024! They worked so hard and some were even disappointed to have finished the last assessment!

Recognising that NAPLAN doesn't measure things such as the kind of friend our students are or how responsible they are as a member of our school community, it will provide us with a snapshot of data (in addition to the other assessments we complete throughout the year) that will ensure all of our teaching and interventions are well informed and targeted for each child.

And when we can use this information to make decisions that inform instruction and positively affect student outcomes, it will be beneficial for all.

Kindest regards,
Mel



Small School Sports Day is on Thursday, 4th April at Nuriootpa High School and we are hosting!

Can you help???

We are looking for volunteers to help run the canteen and cook the BBQ.

Please let Mel, Becky or Kim know if you are available for anytime at all on the day!

Morning shifts and afternoon shifts available



Diary Dates:

TERM 1

Week 8

Tuesday, 19th March

Governing Council meeting
6:30pm

Wednesday, 20th March

Harmony Day celebration

Friday, 22nd March

Pupil Free Day

Week 9

Monday, 25th March

Principal tour – 9am

Thursday, 28th March

School Photo's

Friday, 29th March

Good Friday – Public Holiday

Week 10

Monday, 1st April

Easter Monday – Public Holiday



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



A word from Mrs Gogoll - Autism Inclusion Teacher

Following on from week 5's newsletter:

Mental health and well-being

How might features of autism influence mental health?



Social skills:

- Children on the autism spectrum may be more vulnerable to bullying
- Feeling rejected by peers can cause stress, impact self-esteem and mental wellbeing

Communication:

- Feeling unrecognised and 'unheard' can be frustrating, disempowering, stressful and isolating
- Children with limited or no language or an atypical communication style may struggle to be understood and interpret other people

Change:

- Many children on the autism spectrum show a strong need for certainty
 - Using a fixed style of thinking can provide a sense of control
- Unpredictable, changing environments and dealing with ambiguity can be stressful and hurt their self-belief

Sensory processing:

- Children who experience sensory overload can feel overwhelmed in everyday environments, such as a shopping centre
- A child's heightened stress and anxiety may make them more vulnerable to other factors that impact their mental wellbeing

Executive functioning:

- It is very common for all parents to complain about their child's lack of organisation!
 - This may be increased for a child on the autism spectrum who is not skilled in 'executive functioning' (e.g. attention, memory, problem-solving, inhibition, impulse control and multi-tasking)
- The disorganisation can create an added sense of chaos, uncertainty and isolation for a child and their family, which can trigger stress and anxiety of the child (and parents or caregivers)

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.



EASTER EGGS

We were very kindly asked by Barossa Valley Chocolate Company to decorated a large wooden egg which were made by the men's shed. Our whole school helped with their finger prints to make little flowers and chicks to cover our easter egg.

Head on over to the Barossa Valley Chocolate Company to have a look at ours and other local schools. 😊

COMMUNITY & SPORTING NEWS

Keeping children safe around schools:

End of school days are particularly busy at Light Pass PS.

Children are particularly in danger near schools because:

- their small size makes it hard for drivers to see them between traffic, parked cars and other obstacles
- they are easily distracted and may not be aware of traffic
- they may suddenly run onto the road (e.g. to meet a parent)

To ensure the safety of all, please be aware of your surroundings. Please do not park across our entrance/ramp. We would also like to remind everyone that U turns should not be conducted in front of the school. There is an area further up where it is safer to do this. Please make sure you stop and look before making a U turn. Please pull off carefully when exiting the front of school. The school is in a 50km zone, unless children are present then it becomes a 25km zone.



Just a reminder:

We are a sun smart school and wearing hats in term 1 & 4 is a must! Even if your child is playing under the blue court / sheltered areas it is still expected that they wear their hats. Please check in with them and make sure they have a hat. New hats are available for purchase from the front office.

Thank you 😊



Can we please make sure that students bring a drink bottle to school. We've had some really warm weather and it's important to stay hydrated. 😊



**GAWLER & DISTRICT
NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**JOIN
GDNA
WINTER
NETBALL**

COMMENCING APRIL 2024

NetSetGO, Juniors, & Seniors

Saturday's

Due to the court redevelopment games will be played at Riverbanks College B-12 Angle Vale

Club, team, & individual registrations welcome



For more information:
E: secretary@gawlernetball.com.au
P: 0438 801 557



STEAM Club

STEAM Club is a weekly program for kids aged 5+ who love all things science, technology, engineering, art and maths

Each week, join in the fun playing, creating, thinking, predicting and making at the library

Wednesdays, 3.45pm Lyndoch Library
Fridays, 3.45pm Nurloolpa Library
Tuesday 6 Feb, 5 Mar and 2 Apr, 3.45pm Mount Pleasant Library

Program is during school terms only

Book online at barossa.sa.gov.au/events
or call us on 8563 8440



The Barossa Council is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children. Our Child Safe Environment Policy is available on request or from our website.

**COME AND
TRY HOCKEY**

With AM United Hockey Club!
for Juniors
aged between 5yrs and 17yrs

Date and Time:
Thursday 14th March
5:30pm to 6:00pm

Location:
Stockwell recreation park, turf pitch

Cost:
FREE

What you need:
Sneakers
water bottle
all hockey gear will be supplied



**FREE BBQ
to follow**



FACEBOOK



For more information please email
secretary@amunitedhc.com

Or

use the QR codes to find our website and/or facebook

WEBSITE



STEAM Club - Term 1 Program

Week 1 - 31 Jan & 2 Feb
Mandalas

Week 7 - 13 & 15 Mar
Fizzy paint

Week 2 - 7 & 9 Feb
Rubber band paddle boats

Week 8 - 20 & 22 Mar
Potato Olympics

Week 3 - 14 & 16 Feb
Design the perfect library

Week 9 - 27 Mar
Lego vehicles to protect an egg

Week 4 - 21 & 23 Feb
Solar powered ovens

Week 10 - 3 & 5 Apr
Kitchen science

Week 5 - 28 Feb & 1 Mar
Paper planes

Week 11 - 10 & 12 Apr
Sphero mini golf

Week 6 - 6 & 8 Mar
Wood scrap robots

3.45pm Wednesdays at Lyndoch Library
3.45pm Fridays at Nurloolpa Library

Bookings essential (open 22 Jan), cost free

barossa.sa.gov.au/events



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Harmony Day

We are celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 20th of March, week 8

You are invited to wear orange and will be treated with orange sweet treats

Most of all there will be a sausage sizzle on at lunch.

Make sure to bring a gold coin for donation!

Hosted by student leaders



Magic

U10 GIRLS - COME & TRY

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYM

MONDAY 18TH MARCH

4:45PM TO 5:45PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
PRESIDENT - KYM HILL ON 0422 261 236 OR AT
BAROSSAMAGICBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM

**DADS & KIDS EVENTS
GAWLER & BAROSSA
MARCH & APRIL 2024**

SATURDAY DADS & KIDS

Super Hero Pizza Day
March 2nd 10:00am - 11:30am
Gawler & District Children's Centre
Gate 6 - 69 Barnet Rd, Evanston

NEW & FIRST TIME DADS

"Dad Space" for new & first time dads
March 10th 10:00am - 11:30am
Gawler & District Children's Centre
Gate 6 - 69 Barnet Rd, Evanston

TOTALLY RAD DADS

Treasure Island with Barossa Fun Factory
March 16th 10:00 - 11:30am
Barossa Go-Kart Club
Belvedere Rd, Nuriootpa

SATURDAY DADS & KIDS

Nature Play - Mud Pies & Wombat Stew
April 6th 10.00am - 11.30am
Pirrku Garden, Evanston Gardens Library
Anglevale Rd, Evanston

TOTALLY RAD DADS

Motorway Mystery with Barossa Fun Factory
April 13th 10:00 - 11:30am
Barossa Go-Kart Club
Belvedere Rd, Nuriootpa

TOTALLY RAD DADS

Play cafe
April 27th 2-3pm
Impact KidsWorld: Barossa
7 Siegersdorf Rd, Nuriootpa



For more information or registration of Gawler events please call or text Kim Wright on 0408 192 143 OR Barossa events Kate Blacksell on 0437 937 172

Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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Children's Centre
for Early Childhood Development and Parenting
Gate 6 - 69 Barnet Road, Evanston

Government of South Australia
human services

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Children's Centre
for Early Childhood Development and Parenting
Gate 1 - Kestrel Rd & Kingfisher Dr, Hewett

What word is missing from each of these headlines?

How ___'s brilliant blackout tweet won the Super Bowl (4 Feb, 2013)

There are 2 new ___ flavours coming — and 1 is for the chocoholics (16 Dec, 2021)

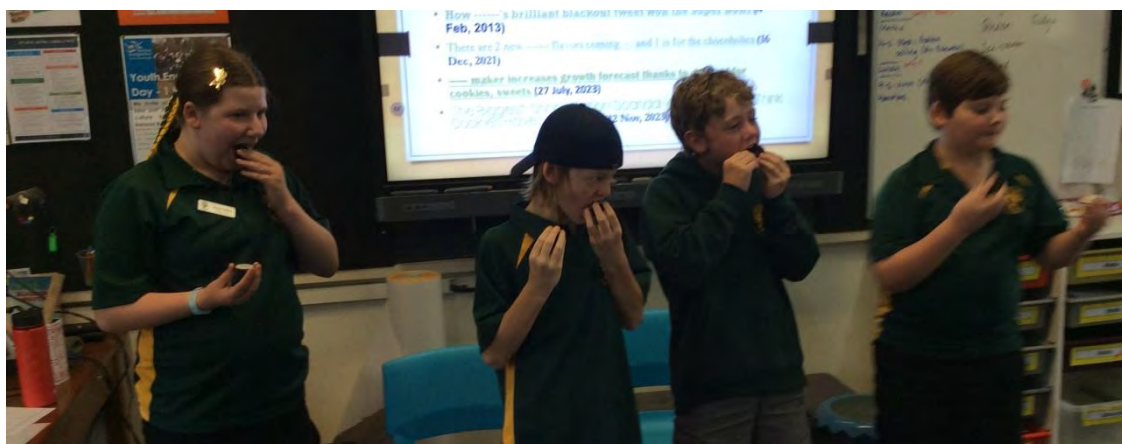
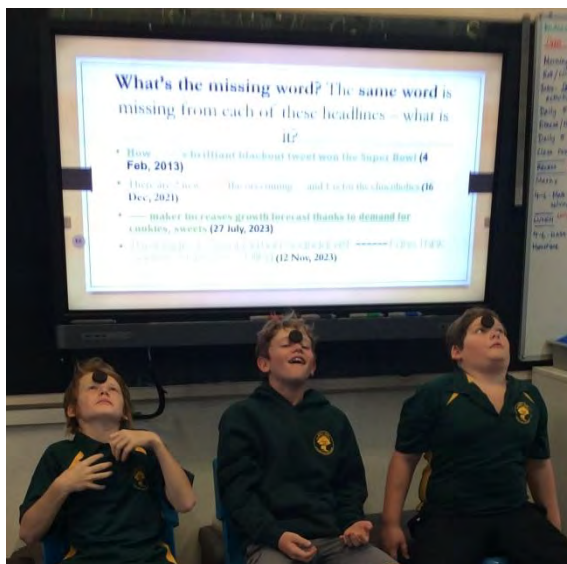
___ maker increases growth forecast thanks to demand for cookies, sweets (27 July, 2023)

The Biggest 'Shrinkflation' Scandal Yet: ___ Fans Think Cookies Have Less Filling (12 Nov, 2023)

If you guessed 'Oreo', you are correct. On Wednesday 6 March, it was Oreo Cookie Day. Students in Upper Primary celebrated by taking part in 'Minute-to-win-it' activities, such as getting an Oreo to travel from the forehead to the mouth without using hands, Oreo stacking (well done, Henry!) and the fastest filling licker.

The Upper Primary students applied their prediction skills to attempt to guess the correct word, including using key words in the headlines (which are all real!) to select meaningful choices. Examples of attempts included: 'orange', 'ice-cream', 'chocolate chip' and 'Twitter'.

And a few Oreos were destroyed in the process of events.



Maths Investigation – Reception – Year 3



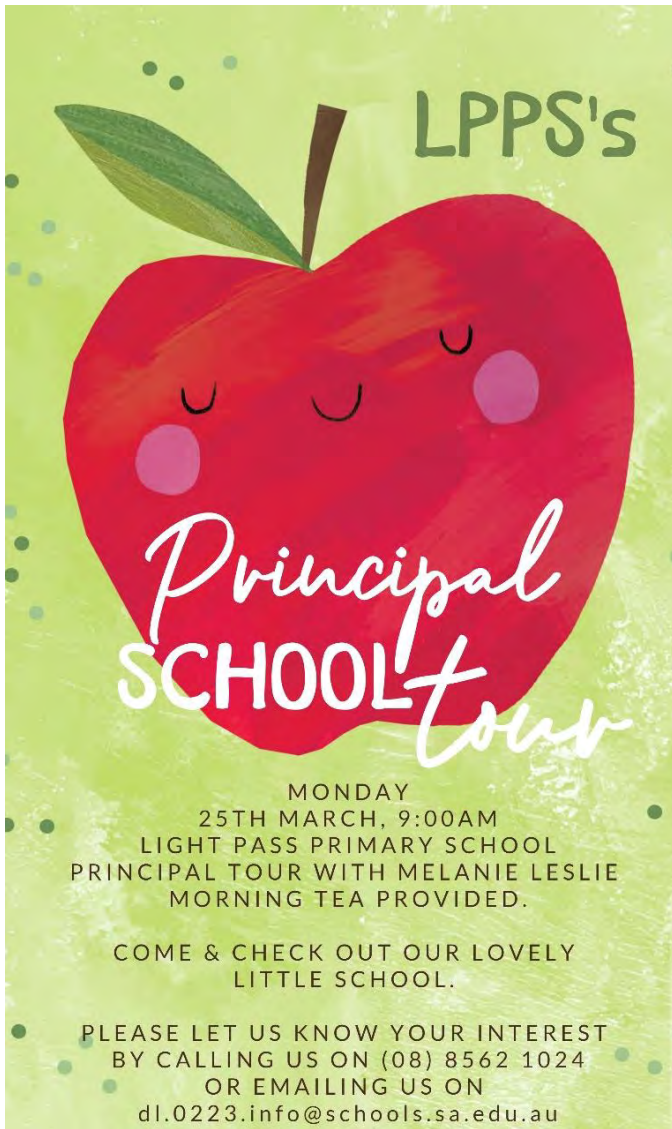
Students completed an investigation question that involved paper planes.

Question: What do we want to find out.....?

Majority of students worked on: "We want to find out which type of paper planes can fly the furthest?"

The learning included; making, measuring, recording, collaborating, reflecting, making changes and noticing. Here are some photos capturing the investigation.





If you know of any little ones looking for schools next year or for midyear intake, please let them know of our school tour with Mel on Monday 25th.

Thank you 😊



Light Pass Primary School - Term 1 Planner 2024

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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