



# Lyrup Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO 2 ~ TERM 1, 2012 THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Week 3</b> Frid 17/2	<b>13/2 ~ 17/2</b> Crows Players visit
<b>Week 4</b> Mon~Friday	<b>20/2 ~ 24/2</b> SWIMMING at Renmark Pool
<b>Week 5</b> Mon 27/2 Frid 2/3	<b>27/2 ~ 2/3</b> PUPIL FREE DAY (Staff Training) Clean Up Australia Activity for Schools
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>5/3 ~ 9/3</b>
<b>Week 7</b> Mon 12/3	<b>12/3 ~ 16/3</b> ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY
<b>Week 8</b> Wed 21/3	<b>19/3 ~ 23/3</b> HARMONY DAY



### SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCHES

There was unanimous support for the  
School Lunch Proposal  
put out for Parent Consultation.

#### WE BEGIN THIS WEEK!

The idea is:

- A term by term Special Lunches menu to be published soon
- Parent required to order and pay \$1 per student by Wednesday of each week
- Students - will only need a recess snack for Fridays
- Offers / donations of produce that could be used for special lunches (as well as what we grow in our garden)

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### SETTING UP FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

2012 has begun quite well. We have invested considerable energy in setting clear expectations with students and establishing clear rules and procedures.

While we are a small group - standards, expectations and responsibilities still apply - even more so sometimes.

The partnership we have established between school, students and parents means too, that parents have responsibilities to:

- Reinforce positive perceptions about learning and school with their children.
- Support and spend time with children in following up homework – listening to reading, talking with children about what they are learning, practising spelling words etc
- Ensuring students are ready and organised for a good day at school. This means
  - a) Having a good night's sleep each night. Tired sleepy kids have trouble staying on task
  - b) Having students at school on time 8:30am is good
  - c) Checking student communication book (and adding comments if necessary) each day. Helping students make sure they have all their items required at school each day.
  - d) Students having breakfast each day before school
  - e) Students wearing school uniform to school.

If a student absence is unavoidable please let us know as soon as possible for our planning and recording.

(DECDs require us to code reasons for student absences and we will require this from parents).

A unit of work I have been doing with the senior student has involved students identifying their strengths and nominating goals for the year.

### SMART CHOOKS – SMARTER KIDS

We have claimed that we have the happiest and smartest chooks in the world.

True, because until recently we had a couple of our

chooks escaping from our compound. For a time we have been mystified as to how they were getting out!



Jesse proves we can be smarter than the chooks

One of our smarter students suggested we set up our own CCTV system using the Flip Video camera.

Within ten minutes we saw where the chooks were getting out. Doc fixed that pronto – now no problem!

### AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM AND PUPIL FREE DAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

By the end of this year SA students will have Mathematic and Science taught from the new Australian Curriculum. Student achievement and progress will also be reported to parents in relation to the new Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards.

Included with this newsletter is a brochure with background information.

For schools this new curriculum will be a substantial change and in particular for small schools in accommodating numerous year levels in the one group, because this new curriculum is more year level specific.

SA schools have been allocated 2 extra pupil free days to enable professional development. Governing Council has endorsed Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February as a Pupil Free Day for Lyrup Primary School for teachers to continue the Training and Development we began in the holidays.

~ \*NO SCHOOL MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY\*~

### VALENTINE'S DAY PARENT LUNCH

It was excellent to see parents support the Valentine's Day Lunch. Our students put a lot of effort into preparing and presenting the day.. and....Rhonda Centofanti – *My Kitchen Rules* – you are a champion.

We appreciate your effort, care and enthusiasm.  
~ CHECK OUT OUR PHOTO PAGE ~

## FROM THE CLASSROOM

### Scott's Speel

Thank you very much to the school community for your support last week during my daughter Adelaide's heart operation. It went well without a hitch and I am already noticing a huge change in her as a result!

Congratulations to most of our students for really embracing our school's reading at home program. Several students have read every night and are well on the way towards the target of 200 nights by the end of the year!

Valentine's Day was a great school event and it was great to see the families being involved and the students taking pride in the event. Special mention to Brayden who did an exceptional job working towards making it a successful event.



We have the Crows players coming this Friday to look forward to as well, and don't be surprised if our school becomes a 'Crows Nest' with all students supporting the same team! The students really enjoyed meeting 'Claude the Crow' last week and are excited about meeting some CROWS players on Friday.

Swimming and water safety will be a large focus next week and I remind parents to help your children be organised each day with the required additional clothing and accessories needed to ensure it is a successful week for all involved. Feel free to come and have a conversation before or after school if you have any concerns or questions relating to your children's learning.

*Scott Freeman*  
Teacher

**Would you like to be a step ahead of your opposition this season?**

**Berri Junior Demons Intensive Pre-season training**

Start date Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5-6pm.  
Club Coach Allan Brand will be coordinating sessions.

All intending U13 & U15 players are urged to attend.  
For all further info call Jane 0408836045

*Up and coming events*

**Junior Registration & meet the coaches Day March 2012**

For all Auskick, U11, U13 & U15 players