

Lyndoch Primary School

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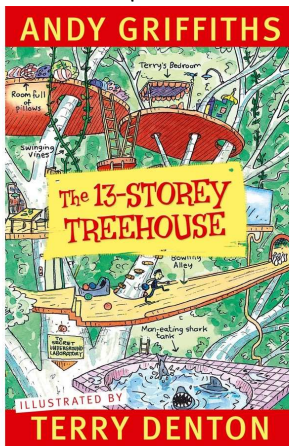
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TERM 1, Week 1



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday period with your children and have had lots of quality time with each other. We know that everyone is excited, nervous, or wondering what the new year will bring and hopefully by the end of yesterday some of those questions will have been answered.

The school will seem remarkably similar to last year with the exception of a few changes. Firstly our year six students have left and started secondary school, we wish them all the best as they start a new school this year. Secondly we have some new students starting, Penelope, Luca, Ned, Eleanora, Leo, James and Isaac and finally we welcome a new teacher to our school Mrs Chloe Copeland working in the 4/5/6 class. Mrs Copeland comes to us from Roxby Downs Primary School.



Mrs Copeland

We start school for 2025 with a class structure as follows:

Year levels	Number of students	Class Teachers
R,1	15	Mrs Schwarz / Mrs Eaton
2,3	24	Miss McAuley
4-7	29	Mrs Copeland

We held a fundraiser on the night of the 2024 Lyndoch Christmas Street Party selling Slushies. It was hot and we sold lots of slushies. I was very lucky to have several helpers on the night namely Suzie Rozman, Sam Hicks, Tatiana Asbroek and Jules Curtis. We had a lot of fun and it was a really lovely night. It was important for our school to be part of the community in this way and we were lucky to raise over \$400. I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped and make the night the success that it was.



I hope everyone has a fantastic start back to school.

Mike Walsh
Principal

2025 School Term Dates

1st Term	28th Jan – 11th April
2nd Term	28th April - 4th July
3rd Term	21st July – 26th Sept
4th Term	13th Oct - 12th Dec

The next public holiday is Adelaide Cup Day which is held on Monday 10th March.

School Closure on Catastrophic Fire Risk Days

In the next 2 weeks, the school will test our emergency contact numbers using an SMS message to Parents. When you receive the text message please reply or contact the school so that we know you can get our messages.

This system is crucial in providing you with clear and accurate information about catastrophic fire conditions in our area and advice about the closure of the school in these conditions.

Parents should plan what they will do should we experience catastrophic fire conditions in our area. Parents should expect that in catastrophic fire conditions the school will be closed at short notice. The school will inform you of closures as soon as possible so that you can make arrangements for the care of your children. The school would strongly urge parents to consider how their children will be cared for on these days before the event. Parents are reminded on days designated as having catastrophic fire risk, the school and the OSHC will be closed and there will be no staff on site.

School Times

Arrival time for school in the morning is between 8:35am and 8:55am. School starts at 8:55am. Parents/Caregivers are reminded that the morning yard duty does not begin until 8:35am and children should not be at school before this time.

School finishes at 3:15pm each day.

Newsletter Issues

This is the first newsletter for the year. Newsletters will be released at the end of week 3, week 6 and week 9. Most notes will be sent through SeeSaw.



Absences

If your child is ill or absent for any reason we would appreciate you contacting the school either in person, by phone, a short written note or a Seesaw message explaining the absence. DfE guidelines require us to keep records about student attendance and absences. We appreciate your cooperation in this work.



Attendance and family Holidays

Parents and caregivers often have to take their leave out of the school holiday period resulting in students being absent during the school term.

Parents are asked to submit requests for exemptions if they know that their children will be away from school for extended periods of time (generally more than 3 days) Exemption forms are available from the front office, just ask Bec.



Late Arrivals and Early Departures



In order to keep your children safe and give you confidence in the care we provide, we ask that you come to the front office to sign your child in if late or sign them out if you need to collect them earlier in the day. This way we can guarantee that we know who is collecting children and we have accurate records about children's attendance and absences.

Out of School Hours Care

Jess Fry is our OSHC Director at Lyndoch Happy Haven OSHC. The OSHC can provide care for your children in the morning from 7am until school starts and in the afternoon from 3:15pm until 6:00pm. Games, activities, food and drinks are all provided.

For more information please talk with Jess at the OSHC or download the Happy Haven OSHC App



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1. Scan the QR code
2. Enrol on our website
3. Download the Happy Haven OSHC App
4. Activate account on desktop
5. Access and manage all information on app



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Materials and Services Charge



Materials and Services Charge for 2025

Yesterday you would have received your 2025 Materials and Services Charges invoices. Charges for 2025 are \$300 with each student receiving a rebate of \$200 from the government, therefore reducing the charge to \$100 per student.

We can accept cash, EFTPOS, or you may make a direct Electronic Funds Transfer to the school account. Please ensure you include name and invoice number as a reference when making a payment. The school banks with ANZ.

Lyndoch Primary School

BSB No. 015-560

Account No. 4125 36741



6 June 2024

Dear parent/caregiver

At a time when the cost of living pressures are being felt by many families, the South Australian Government is acting to deliver financial relief towards the cost of public education.

We want to reduce financial stress for families as much as we can.

That is why, as part of the 2024-25 State Budget, families with school-aged children will receive a \$200 discount per child on their public school's Materials and Services Charge for 2025 – double the discount amount provided for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

You don't need to do anything to claim the discount – it will automatically be applied by your school.

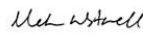
The discount does not apply to families approved for the School Card scheme as these families are not required to pay a Materials and Services Charge.

Information on School Card eligibility, income limits and the application process can be found at: [SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme \(www.sa.gov.au\)](http://SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme (www.sa.gov.au))

We hope this increased discount will provide some relief.

Yours sincerely


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General Permissions and Parental Contacts Update

Yesterday, you would have received an envelope with family contact details form and new school consent forms. Please complete the forms and return to school by the 3rd February. Please note, **it is important that if any changes occur during the year to let the school know in case of an emergency.**

School Card

Please note the information about School Card for 2025 was included in the envelope of information sent home yesterday. Please note that School Card must be applied for annually. The application process is online. Please look through the information sent home yesterday for details about how to apply. If you have any questions please come to the front office for assistance.

Whole School Meetings

Whole School Meetings are a great way for parents to see work that their children have done through the term and also a fantastic way for children to share their work with each other.

Whole School Meetings will be held three times each Term on Fridays in weeks 3, 6 and 9. They will start at 9.15am and should finish by 10:00am.

Dates for assemblies this term are:

Friday, Week 1 - 31st of Jan

Friday, Week 3 – 14th Feb

Thursday, Week 6 – 6th March

Friday, Week 9 – 28th March

Governing Council

The next Governing Council Meeting will be the AGM which will be held on the same night as Meet the Teacher night, Wednesday 19th February. We welcome all parents to come to the meeting and encourage new parents to our school to join our Governing Council.

Uniforms

The school expects students to wear school uniform or clothes in the school colour code.

The use of the school uniform promotes pride in our school, reduces peer pressure and competition among students about clothing brands and provides parents and caregivers with a cost effective option for appropriate school wear. It also help to identify people who should not be on our school grounds as they stand out from the children who do wear school uniform.

The uniform expectations or colour coding is as follows:

Tops – The school polo top or jumper. Plain jumpers or polo tops can be worn as long as they are navy blue in colour without a brand identification or pattern.

Hat – Navy broad brimmed or bucket hat available from the school. Other hats are able to be worn but they must be in the school navy blue colour.

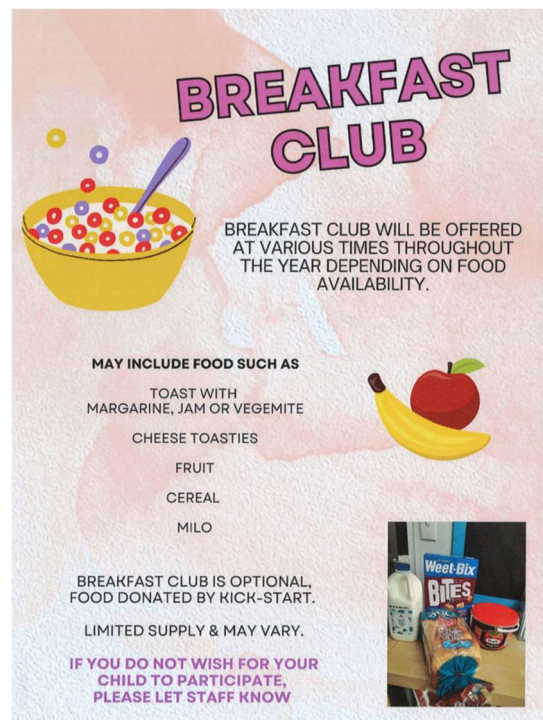
If students are not wearing a hat they must play in a designated shade area. This has been implemented as part of our Skin Cancer protection and awareness program.

On the Bottom- Acceptable items include, shorts, tracksuits, long school pants, skirts or skorts and the blue and white checked school dresses. Solid navy blue is the required colour scheme (exception

being the checked school dresses), without brand names or patterns.

Footwear – Shoes should be closed boots, sneakers or sandals with backstraps and buckles/velcro that are safe for the child to participate in sport. Sneakers provide a good balance of comfort and flexibility for PE, fitness and general activity in the schoolyard.

If in any doubt please come and speak with one of the staff in the front office.



BREAKFAST CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE OFFERED AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DEPENDING ON FOOD AVAILABILITY.



MAY INCLUDE FOOD SUCH AS

- TOAST WITH MARGARINE, JAM OR VEGEMITE
- CHEESE TOASTIES
- FRUIT
- CEREAL
- MILO

BREAKFAST CLUB IS OPTIONAL, FOOD DONATED BY KICK-START.

LIMITED SUPPLY & MAY VARY.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE LET STAFF KNOW



FROZEN FLAVOURED MILK \$2.50

FROZEN CHOCOLATE FLAVOURED MILK **Swing**

FROZEN STRAWBERRY FLAVOURED MILK **Swing**

OPENING TIMES WILL BE ADVERTISED ON SEESAW (Cash only)

FROZEN JUICE BAR \$2 Made from fresh pressed apples



WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	27/1 AUSTRALIA DAY	28/1 WELCOME BACK 😊	29/1	30/1	31/1
2	3/2 Back to school forms due Book Club orders due 9am	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2
3	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2	14/2 Whole School Meeting – Year 2/3
4	17/2	18/2	19/2 Meet the teacher night Governing Council AGM	20/2	21/2
5	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2
6	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3 Whole School Meeting – R/1	7/3 PUPIL FREE DAY (TBC)
7	10/3 NAPLAN testing week ADELAIDE CUP	11/3	12/3	13/3	14/3
8	17/3 NAPLAN Testing week	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3
9	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 Whole School Meeting – Year 4/5/6
10	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4
11	4/4 Swimming Week	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4 Last day of term 2.15pm dismissal