



# Lake Grace District High School

## NEWSLETTER #11

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Thursday 25th July 2024

### Term 3

#### Upcoming Events

**P & C Meeting**  
(Postponed  
from 22nd July)  
Monday 29th July

**School Board Meeting**  
Tuesday 30th July

**Netball Carnival**  
**Year 5/6**  
Friday 2nd August

**Year 4/5 Assembly (Yr 4/5**  
**Open Classrooms)**  
Thursday 8th August  
@ 2.20pm

**Book Week**  
**Monday-Friday**  
19th-23rd August

**Book Week Dress**  
**Up Day**  
Friday 23rd August

**Faction Athletics**  
**Jumps Day**  
Tuesday 27th August

**Faction Athletics Carnival**  
Thursday 29th August

#### SCHOOL HOURS

**Monday (early close)**  
8.45am—2.30pm

**Tuesday to Friday**  
8.45am—3.15pm

**CAUTION!**

## PRE-PRIMARY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

Our Kindy/Pre-Primary students have been overseeing their new classroom project across the playground. The builders, staff and wider community are still waiting for their tick of approval, as you can see below the tough critics are assessing the concreting techniques being used to build their veranda!

A massive thankyou to the tradespeople working on the building for their efficiency and professionalism. It has been exciting seeing the substantial progress that was made each day!

Fingers crossed everything is up to specification for the Pre-Primary students tomorrow, when the builders hand them the keys!



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### Message from Principal: **Kerriane Mills**

#### From the Administration Team

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. We are already full steam ahead, with an action-packed term and lots to look forward to.

#### NAPLAN

Student's NAPLAN results went home last week. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that this is a snapshot of your child's learning and not a reflection. Tests were completed in week 7 of Term 1 and much learning has occurred between now and then. For our Year 3 students, this was their first experience of formal testing with no obvious support from their teachers, which may have been quite stressful for some students. Overall, our results were pleasing as a school.

#### Thank you

A BIG thank you goes to Grant O'Neill from Nutrien and Malcolm Harwood from Farmers Centre. Nutrien generously donated some pods and Farmers Centre cut them and made them safe for our use in the new 'Loose Parts Play' area we are opening in our school. The idea is that students can have a creative outdoor space to imagine and construct a play area using various materials that will be stored in the pods. This space is under the trees on the west side of the playground / undercover area. We will be filling the pods with pvc pipes, wood and other construction materials to encourage play in this area.

#### Transportable

The transportable is progressing along at great speed and we are still aiming to be occupying by Week 3. I am meeting with the Project Officer this Friday for handover. Our PP students have been having a wonderful time working out of the library and having some 'alone time' with their new teacher Mrs Amanda Desmond. Obtaining this building has been a wonderful addition to the school and I cannot wait to see it filled with the laughter of the students and displays of their work.

#### School Photos

School Photos also went home last week. It is wonderful to hear the delights from students and family alike about the end result. What a great way to encapsulate the growing of our children and changes throughout the year, baby teeth, missing teeth, adult teeth and all the rage of a current hair style they insist on having at the time.

#### Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Friendly reminder to all families that if your child/ren are late to school please sign them in through the front office so that it can be recorded in our attendance system. Once the roles are completed by teachers, we need to update in case of an emergency.

Likewise if you are collecting your students early please go through the office, if you would like your child waiting in the office just let their classroom teacher know so they can be packed up, organised and sent to the office.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

On the holidays, three of our students, Ryleigh Willock, Ammie Kemboi and Lily Stubberfield participated in the About FACE Kids Choir Camp in Albany. About FACE Kids is a choral day camp located in central Albany for children aged 9 -14 years. Seventy-five children spent four days in the July School Holidays pursuing their love of singing in a safe, exciting and uplifting environment.



Three experienced vocal coaches share vocal techniques, and guide the choir through the nuances of ensemble singing. The superior repertoire will inspire and challenge the choir, and children learn how to follow a musical score as they sing in three-part harmony.

Involvement in About FACE Kids extends much further than excellent music education. The hidden elements of the About FACE Kids program include confidence building, resilience, and team work.







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### Message from Principal: **Kerianne Mills continued..**

#### **Connect and Respect**

This is a new Department of Education initiative to help parents, carers and visitors understand what respectful engagement looks like and what you can expect from us. This week I want to address communication, using this resource. LGDHS staff are committed to providing quality education to all students in a safe, inclusive and caring learning environment. We value working together with parents and families as critical partners in student learning outcomes.

A school community contains a wide variety of individuals and groups who strive to work together to educate students to become confident, well-educated young people; prepared to lead happy, successful lives and make contributions to local and global communities. School staff will engage with families to understand the interests, personalities and needs of their children.

All students need access to a quality education within safe and secure learning environments, and with the right support to progress and achieve. There may be times during your child's schooling when additional support is needed, or issues arise. Your school will support you and your child to productively resolve these issues and we encourage you to raise concerns as early as possible.

Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.

Best wishes,

**Kerianne Mills | Principal**

#### **What parents and carers can expect from our schools**

Communication between you and your school is an important part of your child's education. School communities thrive on open communication wherein staff, students, parents and carers have opportunities to share good news, discuss issues and maintain an open dialogue.

Schools are made up of hard-working and dedicated professionals who will listen, care and respond to your concerns and work with you to resolve complaints. We have found over time even the most challenging of circumstances can be worked through. You can expect some of the following from your school:

- regular communication through school approved channels
- reports on your child's progress and achievement
- celebration of your child's achievements
- notification of any serious single issue or ongoing issues concerning your child
- scheduled opportunities to meet with the classroom teacher
- other opportunities to meet with the teacher, by appointment
- updates about important developments in your child's class
- notifications or invitations to school events
- opportunities to provide respectful and productive feedback.

#### **What parents and carers should not expect from our schools**

Our staff have families and personal lives too, and like all professionals, work at their best when they have a quality work-life balance. Parents and carers should not expect:

- school staff to return calls after work hours
- emails to be answered in the evenings or weekends
- access to teachers' private phone numbers or emails
- staff to meet with parents and carers, without an appointment, during a school day
- to be allowed on a school site if you have harassed or been aggressive towards school staff.

#### **You should contact your child's school if:**

- you have concerns about your child's academic or social progress
- medical issues arise or diagnosis changes
- there are changes in family circumstances
- there are safety issues or changes in behaviour at home
- social issues arise that could impact the safety and welfare of students at the school
- you want to make or reschedule an appointment.

#### **Communication that interferes with teaching and learning**

- speaking to staff disrespectfully or aggressively, especially in front of your child or other students
- expecting to meet with staff during the school day without an appointment
- visiting the classroom during the teacher's preparation time before school
- using social media platforms inappropriately and disrespectfully
- malicious or judgmental gossip
- By everyone playing a part in providing safe, positive learning environments and opportunities for our students, we enable them to be the best they can be.



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### Message from P&C President: **Nikki Lewis**

Dear Lake Grace Community,

Welcome back to school, I hope everyone had an enjoyable school holidays and you're refreshed and ready for another term. Our first meeting for Term 3 was rescheduled this week and will be held Monday 29th July at 6:30pm in the Padley room. New members are always welcome to attend and we encourage new ideas and feedback on how the P&C can support our wonderful school. As always term 3 is likely to be a busy one, please keep an eye out for notices in the school newsletter or on the Flexischools app for ways you can assist.

The canteen roster has been filled this term and it is great to see some new names on the list of volunteers. Without volunteers our P&C wouldn't be able to run canteen each week, have a uniform shop or raise funds to assist our school in so many ways.

Best wishes,

**Nikki Lewis** | P & C President

**Lake Grace DHS P&C**  
**General Meeting**  
**Monday 29 July**  
**6:30pm**  
**LGDHS Padley Room**

*Come along and help improve our school for current and future students.*

**Please send apologies or agenda items to:**  
 Lakegrace.pandc@gmail.com



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### Term 3 Canteen Roster

29/07/2024	Karissa Pelham	Phebe Reidy	Jaimee Withell
5/08/2024	Tayla Stone	Phebe Reidy	Lake Grace Shire x2
12/08/2024	Chloe McDougall	Sarah Clarke	Kristy Snelling
19/08/2024	Tyrepower ?	Teneeka Morgan	Jodi Couzens
26/08/2024	Nikki Lewis	Sarah Clarke	Indigo Fraser
02/09/2024	Courtney Withnell	Teneeka Morgan	Nicola Kuchling
09/09/2024	Megan Pawsey	Kelly-Anne Gooch	Phebe Reidy
16/09/2024	Jihee Jones	Courtney Withnell	Amy Elefsen

Breakfast Club is open to all students each Tuesday and Thursday at 8.30am in the Home Ec. Room.





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### DoE Connect and Respect Initiative



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# Connect and Respect

**Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.**

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

### What we can all expect:



mutual  
respect



good  
behaviour



open  
communication



respect for each  
other's time

### We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting  
or aggressive  
language



malicious or  
judgemental  
gossip



using  
social media  
disrespectfully



any form  
of violence

**Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.**



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## Parent Planner | Term 3 2024

Please note: This Planner is subject to change

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	15 July	16	17	18	19	20/21
2	22	23	24 Careers Camp Yr 9/10	25 Careers Camp Yr 9/10	26	27/28
3	29 P & C Meeting @ 6.30pm Padley Room	30 School Board Meeting 7pm	31	1 August	2 Yr5/6 Netball Carnival (Albany)	3/4
4	5	6	7	8 Newsletter Assembly -Yr 4/5 & Open Classroom	9	10/11
5	12	13	14	15	16	17/18
6	19 Book week	20	21	22 Newsletter SIDE Insert	23 Book Week Dress Up Day	24/25
7	26	27 Athletics Jumps Day	28	29 Faction Athletics	30	31/1 Sept
8	2	3	4 Newdegate Field Day SDD	5 Newsletter  Year 7/8 Cadet Camp	6 Year 7/8 Cadet Camp	7/8
9	9	10	11	12 Assembly K-PP & Open Classroom	13 Narrogin Ag Open Day Interschool Athletics TBC	14/15
10	16 Country Week	17	18 Yr 5/6 Camp	19 Newsletter	20	21/22