**Family Fun Corner Question: Week 3**

What food do Giant Pandas normally eat?

Name: _____________________________  
Room:________    Answer:______________  
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Complete the question with your family and fill in the slip below. Then place it in the box in the front office. A winner will be drawn at the next assembly!

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**Counsellor News**

As the newly appointed Counsellor at LSPS, I would like to thank everyone for the very warm welcome I have been given. My first challenge is to learn a lot of names as quickly as possible. I have met many parents/caregivers already and look forward to meeting many more through the Class Community Events being held over the next few weeks.

Student Voice Executive processes are underway and this team will be presented to the school community at Assembly on Friday.

I look forward to working with our school community to make 2016 a great year for our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas to help make this happen.

Regards, Sue Kiely

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**Diary Dates**

**FEBRUARY**

- Friday 26th: Pink Stumps Day
- Monday 29th: Student Free Day

**MARCH**

- Monday 7th: AGM
- Monday 14th: Adelaide Cup Day
- Friday 25th: Good Friday
- Monday 28th: Easter Monday

**APRIL**

- Friday 15th: Last Day of Term

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**Playing Surface Area**

Thank you to the families who have mentioned the minor faults in the playing surface area. These areas should be rectified in the very near future.

The recently opened new paving entrance area is being heavily used by the community. The remaining area should be open in the very near future.

Please SMS us on 0499 444 438 if your child is going to be absent. You need to include your child’s name, room number and the reason for their absence (eg. family or illness).

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**Counsellor News**

As mentioned in our first Bulletin, we have a new set of literacy benchmarks this year for our students. Long Street is part of the ‘Partnership’ in Whyalla, which means that we work closely with other schools and preschools. As a result, all of the schools have set benchmarks in the key literacy areas that we all must aim towards achieving.

Our teachers will have more of a focus on developing key and core literacy skills instead of just pushing students to meet a benchmark. In reading, students will be looking deeper into texts and be taught about key vocabulary words and a range of concepts from the Australian Curriculum.

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**Family Fun Corner**

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Welcome to another year at Long Street Primary School. We are looking forward to the year and would like to welcome new students and their families to our school. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to engaging in the many community events we offer our students and families.

We also welcome new staff to our site and wish them the best as they influence the learning needs of students.

Would like to acknowledge the following staff:

- Room 1—I Miss Crocker
- Indonesian Teacher—Mrs Yates
- Room 8—I Miss Smith
- Room 10—I Miss Day
- Room 12—I Mr Miller
- School Counsellor—Mrs Kiely

I would like to acknowledge the extremely hard work all staff have already achieved during the holidays and into the first few weeks of the new school year. It has ensured a smooth start and meant that students have arrived into a positive learning environment.

Swimming lessons start in week 3 for a number of our classes. Please ensure you have received your consent and medical information and to secure your child’s participation. If you have not received them please ask at the front desk for a new form. Please ensure your child has their swimming equipment ready for every lesson. If you do not already know your child’s swimming dates please contact your child’s teacher. A reminder that our Year 7 students do not participate in swimming lessons, instead completing an aquatics program in Term 4.

The replacement classrooms are unfortunately incomplete, therefore causing students to be relocated into other classrooms until they are finished. I am working closely with the contractors to push this process along.

I encourage Parents to nominate for this years Governing Council Committee. More information will be sent home in the upcoming weeks explaining the responsibilities a council member has for the school community and the process involved in nominating.

Bryan Rotherham, Principal

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**School Fees**

This year’s school fees have been set by the Governing Council and the Department at $229.00 per student.

By now you should have received your invoice which was sent home with your child last week.

If you believe you may be eligible for School Card Assistance please see Raylene in the Finance Office for an application form.

**Please note:** A new application form must be completed every year. This year’s form varies slightly and requires the applicant to sign on both pages. Please see Raylene if unsure of the process.

Payment plans can be established to support the paying of school fees. An application must be completed outlining your commitment to pay an agreed amount per fortnight until paid in full. Please discuss your individual needs with Raylene who will support you to make the arrangement.

We also have EFTPOS facilities available to support you to pay school fees or any other purchase. Families can also pay via bank transfer. The schools bank account details appear on the bottom of your invoice.

Raylene Meacham,
Finance Officer

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**Canteen News**

Your new pink Canteen Menu is included with this newsletter. We have added Zombie Monster Munchees after a successful trial.

These can be purchased for $1.00 each, and are available in chicken and barbecue flavours and are gluten free.

Thank you to those families that completed our canteen survey late last year. Unfortunately many of the suggestions didn’t fit with the DECD Right Bite policy and were unable to be implemented.

We understand how busy the mornings are for families and would like to encourage you to consider the canteen as a quick option to provide a healthy lunch for your children.

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**Parent Information**

MILO T20 Blast Program

MILO T20 Blast is super fun, social, safe, cricket for boys and girls from 7 to 11 years old. Sessions run for a maximum of 90 minutes, all equipment is supplied and games take place at the same venue each week. Every child also receives a MILO T20 Blast Participant Pack including playing shirt, Adelaide Strikers cap, bag and more!

**Features:**
- For kids who have basic cricket skills
- Play modified games of cricket
- Managed by accredited coaches
- 8 week program
- It’s safe – we use modified equipment including a rubber ball
- Exciting atmosphere complete with music and dancing just like the KFC T20 Big Bash League
- Girls only teams, as well as mixed teams are available

Your nearest Centre/s will be run at: Whyalla MILO T20 Blast, Fisk Street Primary School Oval, Pattinson Close, Whyalla Norrie

Starting Monday 15th February 5:00pm – 6:30pm

To find out more details about MILO inCRICKET and MILO T20 Blast visit www.playcricket.com.au and type your post code into the centre finder.

Cricket is a sport for all and there’s more ways than ever for kids to experience the fun of cricket!