Welcome to the 2017 school year, particularly to those parents/caregivers who are new to Long Street PS. As always, we have had a busy start to the year and it has been great to see how well most students have settled into the routine of the school day.

In Week 1, you would have seen information about the importance of regular attendance at school and the significant impact frequent absences have on a child’s learning. I monitor the attendance data closely and apart from the impact of the heatwave last week, we are off to quite a good start.

This year, we will be acknowledging attendance through a class award to be presented at each assembly. This will be given to the class which has the highest attendance percentage in the weeks leading up to Assembly. Let’s hope the winning class reaches, or exceeds, our target of 95%. Which class will be the first to win the award?

Punctuality is also important. We need all students ready to start the school day at 8.45am. All students need the time at the beginning of the day to get organised, greet their teacher and classmates and find out what is going to be happening for the day.

Children who are late miss out on all of this. If there are reasons why you are having difficulty getting your child(ren) to school, please let me know and we can look at strategies to help.

I believe this is a really important message to consider. Social emotional learning is an important aspect of any child’s development. If you have any concerns or questions related to your child’s social emotional development, please feel free to make contact with me.

Regards, Sue Kiely, Counsellor.

Sue.Kiely626@schools.sa.edu.au

Don’t become preoccupied with your child’s academic ability, but instead teach them to sit with those sitting alone. Teach them to be kind. Teach them to offer help. Teach them to be a friend to the lonely. Teach them to encourage others. Teach them to think about other people. Teach them to share. Teach them to look for the good.

This is how they will change the world.

Family Fun Corner Question: Week 3
Who are our four new staff members?
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.

Senior Leader News

This term, teachers will have a strong focus on their classroom environment and management, as well as consistent behaviour management strategies. Staff have been given relevant information about how to ensure that all students feel like a valued member of the class, how to maximise their learning space to suit different learners and also how to apply logical consequences to low level classroom behaviour. As well as these strategies, all teachers will be coached and mentored by leadership about how they have prepared their classroom in the first few weeks of school to ensure a successful year with high expectations of each and every student.

Cleanaway lessons were recently held with all classes. Photographs taken by school photographer Angela Marsland.

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).
Welcome to 2017 at Long Street Primary School. I trust you have had an enjoyable break and look forward to the year ahead.

Throughout a large period of last year, facilities managers worked on our behalf to design and cost a new toilet block being erected in Foyer B. I am happy to announce the engineering and architectural drawings have been accepted by the school. The next step in the process is to move to costing the work which should be completed during Term 1 with building commencement soon thereafter. We envisage this job should be completed by early Term 3.

Asbestos removal will need to occur at some point during the destruction phase of the project. Information will be sent home prior to this event. Please note all asbestos removal is completed on weekends and does not impact on the health and well being of students, staff and community members.

Before students arrived back for their first day for 2017, staff were involved in a whole school/partnership professional learning day provided by Visible Learning personnel. This commitment is a massive investment for our school and The Whyalla Partnership (all kindergartens, primary schools and high schools within the city). We look forward to improving learning opportunities for the students of Long Street.

I encourage family members considering becoming involved in the operations of the school to attend the scheduled AGM and nominate for Governing Council. Further information is available from Raylene on the front desk.

Bryan Rotherham, Principal

News from the Principal

School Fees

This year’s school fees have been set by the Governing Council and the Department at $231.00 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. Please see Raylene if you are 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

Pink Stumps Day

On Friday 24th February we will again be holding Pink Stumps Day to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Students are invited to make a gold coin donation and come dressed in pink. Mr Yeates will be running cricket competitions and activities on the oval throughout the day.

Pink Stumps Day run by the McGrath Foundation

Parent Information

McRitchie Crescent Kindy Occasional Care Programme

McRitchie Kindy Occasional Care programme currently has vacancies for children aged 3 or 4 years.

We offer Occasional Care sessions on:
- Wednesday Mornings 9am—11.30am
- Thursday Mornings 9am—11.30am
- Thursday Afternoons 12.30pm—3pm
- Wednesday Afternoons 12.30pm—3pm

Cost is very cheap at $5 for non-concession or $1.50 for concession card holders. Please feel free to call in and visit the centre or phone on 8649 3535 for further enquiries.

Warriors Netball Club

Trainings begin Tuesdays February 14th

New and existing players welcome

Williams Street Courts

Juniors Under 8 and 9 — 6.30pm
Under 11, 12 and 13’s 5.30—6.00pm
Seniors 6.30—8.00pm

For further enquiries contact Sue Crozier 0487 601 327 or Natasha Hodgson 0409 712 485

Email: sue.crozier@fennerdunlop.com.au

What’s Happening in Room 13?

Room 13 has started their learning early. Over the past couple of weeks they have been recapping on some of the 42 spelling rules. Some of the sounds they recapped on were <th> and <igh>.

During warm-ups they have been doing dictation, story starters and reading response. Room 13 also worked on some of the questions for interviews and surveys. Some of those questions included ‘what is your favourite colour?’ and ‘what are you afraid of?’

They have also learnt a bit more about their backgrounds, nouns and verbs, health and their physical well-being.

In Art, Room 13 have made a poster expressing their religious beliefs and backgrounds. They have also worked on some name art that let them express themselves and show others what they like. We are looking forward to a great year!