Welcome to the 2018 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.

**Punctuality and attendance** is very 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. Increasing attendance will improve your child’s ability to make new friends, learn and most importantly have fun! At Long Street PS we aim to keep our attendance over 95%. Please help us to achieve this goal. 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.

Lisa our Pastoral Care Worker has started back at Long Street PS this year.

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**FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 20th

ATSI Family Night

Monday 26th

A.G.M.

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**MARCH**

Friday 9th

Pink Stumps Day

Monday 12th

Adelaide Cup Day

Friday 30th

Good Friday

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**APRIL**

Monday 2nd

Easter Monday

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2018 School Fees

This year’s school fees have been set by the Governing Council and the Department at $235.00 per student. By now you should have received your invoice which was sent home with your child last week.

The eligibility income limit for School Card Assistance has increased significantly for this year to $57,870 for 1 dependent child. If you believe you may be eligible please see Raylene in the Finance Office for an application form. Further information is available at sa.gov.au where you can also complete an online application if you prefer.

We anticipate a number of extra families may now be eligible.

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 pay school fees or for 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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This year our classes will have a strong focus on Student Voice, in particular in the feedback that students receive from their teachers. Our teachers will be working with Rebecca Kouma and Tegan Croker, as the Visible Learning Coaches, to ensure that our students are receiving adequate feedback, are playing a part in setting their learning intentions and feel that their voice is being heard and acknowledged.

Teachers will also continue working with the Corwin Institute, as well as their colleagues from other sites, to gain a better understanding of what Visible Learning is and how we can successfully incorporate this practice at Long Street.

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Inappropriate and abusive language will never hide a person’s inability to find a smarter more effective way of making their point.
News from the Principal

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2018. I am pleased to report that the majority of students have returned to school with positive attitudes and have knuckled down ready to learn. Congratulations to staff for working hard during the school holidays preparing rooms and curriculum for the year ahead.

We are looking forward to progressing learning in all curriculum areas as well as enhancing and improving the facilities we offer our students.

This year’s Annual General Meeting will be held in the STEM Room on 26th February from 6:00pm. School reports will be presented and staff introduced to the community. During this meeting we also hold voting for positions on Governing Council. We welcome family members and community representatives to apply for positions and participate in this year’s Council.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Day who has been elected as a council representative and David Miller who was elected as a proxy member and will participate in meetings if Miss Day is absent.

We have once again signed up for the Annual Fun Run. This event will run next term with sponsorship forms being sent home just before our Term 1 holidays. The school retains 60% of all money raised to be used on facilities and/or curriculum support. An example of where this fundraising money has been spent is the quad swing located in the big playground. Funds from the Fun Run were collected and used to purchase this equipment. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

Finally, please support our STEM Café and the new menu which was sent home last week.

Bryan Rotherham, Principal

What’s Happening in Room 12?

The students have been taking time during the initial weeks of the school term to look at the school’s new S.T.E.M building, with the LEGO wall being a big favourite so far. Although some students are a little unsure about what some parts of the room will be used for, they’re just as excited to see what new learning opportunities it provides. Firstly our focus will be around water, the part it plays in our life and how we as people need to understand both the positives and negatives around water. Things like buoyancy, sinking, floating and currents will be highlighted throughout this time.

Community News

WHYALLA NETBALL ASSOCIATION (WNA)

Does your child want to play netball?
Did you know, the starting age for netball is just 5?
WNA offer ‘Modified Rules’ for Under 7’s and Under 9’s

For more information, contact WNA President Kelly Hyslop 0427391734
Or check out Facebook and seek one of our 6 local clubs:
KIWI Netball Club
RAVENS Netball Club
ROOPENA Netball Club
TRUE BLUE Netball Club
WARRIORS Netball Club
YC&W Netball Club

Croatia 2018 Junior Soccer Season

Players required for
Under 6’s, 8’s, 10’s, 12’s and 14’s
Training Tuesdays at 5.00pm
Under 17’s at 6.00pm
At Croatia Soccer Club
For any further details contact Anton 0438 459 184 or Jack 0417 830 267

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