



LINCOLN GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 3

Welcome to Term 1!

A big welcome to our new Receptions - Roman, Siaso, James and Dimitri! We hope you have a wonderful learning journey at Lincoln Gardens Primary School and we look forward to supporting you all in your endeavours.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY LUNCH:

Tuesday 18th February at 1.20pm. This is a free barbecue for parents and families to pop in, have lunch, meet the staff and check out the classrooms.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM:

Tuesday 18th February at 2.00pm. This meeting is open to everyone interested in joining our council and having a voice in school affairs.

STUDENT FREE DAY:

Monday 24th February.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY:

Monday 10th March.

NAPLAN:

Wednesday 12th to Monday 24th March for Years 3 and 5.

PARENT CONFERENCES:

Weeks 10 and 11 of Term 1.

Principal's Report:

Welcome back to school. I trust that you had an enjoyable break with your children. I would like to welcome our new reception students and their families to our school; we are looking forward to getting to know them, it is great to see that they are already settling into school.

This year we have welcomed 5 new staff members to our school:

- Rebecca Kidman Year 2/3/4 classroom teacher
- Daniel Harders Year 5 teacher
- Tessa McKenzie Aboriginal Education Leader
- Sophia Crewdson Student Wellbeing Leader
- Rachel Sherry Classroom SSO

At the start of the term all students were issued with a new drink bottle for the year, classroom supplies such as books, pencils etc and assigned an ipad or laptop. During term 1 students are required to wear a hat when outside, most students had a hat from 2024, if your child needs a hat please come to the front office to purchase a hat.

On Tuesday 18th February we are holding a family lunch at 1:20pm. This is an opportunity for parents to come and meet their child's teacher and see the classroom. At 2pm that day we will hold the Governing Council AGM. During the meeting members will be elected and positions filled; I encourage all parents to attend and consider becoming a member on Governing council. Your opinions and ideas matter. During the term there will be other opportunities for parents to attend school such as Parent Conferences, which this year will be student led. We hope to see you then.

This term there are many events happening such as Harmony Week, NAPLAN, Year 6 Aquatics, Sports Day. Closer to each event information will be sent home to families.

The Community Hub will continue providing 'Hot Lunches' on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, each family should have received a menu schedule which was sent home in Week 1. Kelly is also offering free hair cuts to our families on Thursday the 6th March; if you would like to book in, please give Kelly a call or pop in and see her.

Last year we were successful to receive a \$400 000 grant to put in a new playground. There has been a lot of work happening; creating the design, choose the colour, and engaging with a landscape architect. We are working towards the playground being installed between Terms 2 and 3.

It is going to be a great term with many engaging learning opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see your child's teacher or myself anytime.



Principal Sandra Spencer

Student Wellbeing Leader's Report:

Hi, my name is Sophia Crewdson and I am the new Wellbeing Leader at Lincoln Gardens Primary School for 2025.

I am a Port Lincoln local, who has taught at both Kirton Point Primary and Port Lincoln Primary School. I am excited to be at Lincoln Gardens Primary School. This year, I will be working Monday to Thursday so I look forward to introducing myself to you and your family throughout the year.

Children's University

This year we will be continuing on our fun work with Children's University. Their aim is simple: to help develop free-thinking and inquisitive children who enjoy learning. They curate educational experiences that offer a global perspective and reward participants for their hard work, offering a range of out-of-school volunteering and leadership opportunities. All of the local, experiential activities (or Learning Destinations) have a tangible link to university, which in turn fosters the children's ambitions to consider participation in higher education.

Participating in Children's University is voluntary, and the learning is led by the child in order to create greater motivation and engagement. Members can learn about what they are interested in!

Every participating student is recognised and rewarded with a graduation ceremony and certificates, giving them a true sense of pride in their accomplishments - and aspiration for their future endeavours.

Please look out for the note going home.



Student Wellbeing Leader
Sophia Crewdson

Student Wellbeing Leader's Report:

Berry Street Education Model

Morning Circle

Each morning begins with a morning circle, honouring circle time where everyone is seen, heard and welcomed, daily announcements are shared and values are brought to the front of teacher and students minds as they begin their day together to learn. We have found setting each student up for success in their day with a positive approach supports learning and students reframing themselves as "ready to learn" for the day ahead. Being at school at 830am is a great start!

Brain Breaks and Positive Primers

These are short 2-3 minute bursts of activity that are designed to refresh the body and focus the mind to develop stamina for learning. Every 20-30 minutes, teachers will run a Brain Break or Positive Primer to support your children to become Ready to Learn. Please ask your child what has been their favourite Brain Break or Positive Primer so far.

Zen Space

Every classroom has been set up with a ZEN space.

This is a place students can go for up to 5 minutes to rest, self-exit learning and reset ready to go again. We encourage students to use this space to self-regulate as a first option before needing adult help to regulate by attending The Garage space. By using the ZEN space students remain in the learning space and can still access information and learning that is happening. The turn-around time for re-entering learning from the ZEN space is much quicker resulting in more valuable learning time. This year we are investigating what to put into our ZEN space and how it can support students to learn.

The Garage

Our wellbeing space, known as the garage is an indoor/outdoor space where students can come when they feel their working engine needs a repair. Just like a car needs a little help sometimes to stay on the road, sometimes our students just need a little help getting themselves ready again for their next journey on the road of learning. Students begin the garage session by doing short interoception activity that involves moving the body purposefully can help students' self-calm, centre and focus emotions and realign themselves ready for learning. They will then complete a 10-minute activity with the wellbeing leader before completing the interoception activity.

I look forward to serving students and families as your Wellbeing leader.

Sophia Crewdson



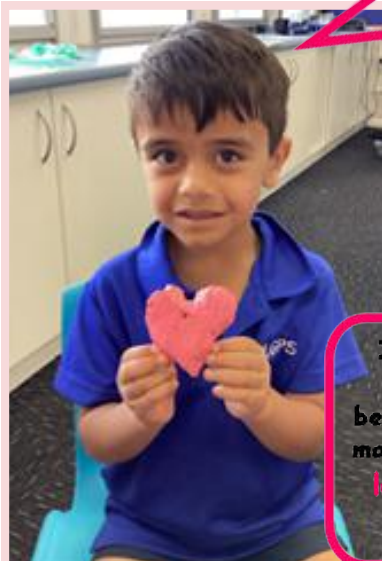
B2R7 Class Report: To celebrate Valentine's Day in Art, we created cards and salt dough love hearts to show our families how much we LOVE them!

Happy Valentine's Day

My family loves me and I love my family.



I love my family. They look after me.



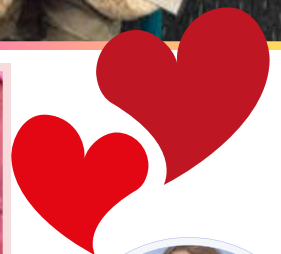
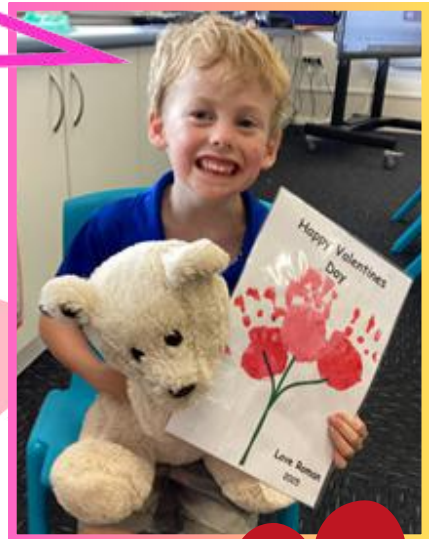
I love my family because they make me feel loved and special!



I love my family so much because they make me happy!



I love my family because they have taken care of me my whole life.



Teacher Rikki-Lee Watson



Teacher Candy Kerr

We all enjoyed the Water Detectives show from SA Water this week and learnt valuable information about our water supply and being careful with our resources.





Gusto's



Café is on again !

In the Library this term Café will be focusing on food from Italy. It will be running at lunchtime every Wednesday from Week 4 to Week 10. Cost is \$1.00 for a small serve of home cooked Italian food and a drink. Please note a small portion of food and drink is included in the cost. Students will need to still bring lunch from home.

Preschool Children Information for starting school

- Child turns 5 years of age before 1 May of that year - Can start Reception at the beginning of that year (Term 1 intake). These children will undertake 4 terms of Reception.
- Child turns 5 years of age between 1 May and 31 October of that year - Can start Reception at the beginning of Term 3 of that year (Term 3 intake). These children will undertake 6 terms of Reception.
- Child turns 5 years of age after 31 October of that year - Can start Reception at the beginning of following year (Term 1 intake). These children will undertake 4 terms of Reception.

LIVE

Parent Helpline Ph: 1300 364 100 for information and support.

Kids Helpline Ph: 1800 551 800 for people aged up to 25 years.

Legal Services Commission Ph: 1300 366 424 for free legal advice.

Child & Family Health Service Ph: 1300 733 606 for child & youth health.

Child Abuse Report Line Ph: 13 14 78 to report suspected abuse.

Domestic Violence Crisis Line Ph: 1800 800 098 for advice and support.

Relationships Australia SA Ph: 1300 615 677



Photograph by Ruth Beach

You're invited to attend an Information Session in relation to the Specialised Indigenous List at the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia.

The session is coordinated by the Court and the Pathways Family Law Network of South Australia.

DETAILS

- Date: Tuesday 4 March 2025 | 10.00am - 1.00pm
- Location: Mallee Park Football Club, Seaton Avenue Port Lincoln
- Light lunch provided

PRESENTERS

- Judge Kelly on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander List
- Stella Ah Kit Burgoyne, Indigenous Family Liaison Officer
- Beth Lohmeyer, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner

Numbers are limited so please register as soon as possible to ensure your attendance.

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