



# Littlehampton Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 1 March, 2010

## DIARY DATES

9<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm  
**Finance Committee Meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
**Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp.**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
**Governing Council meeting at 7:30pm**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
**Brainstorm Performance for the whole school.**  
Rec-Yr 3 9am  
Yr4 –Yr7 11.40am

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
**Sports Day**



Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
**SAPSASA Athletics at Oakbank.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**Last day of school for term 1.**

**Dismissal time is 2:15pm.**

**School resumes on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

## Full Steam Ahead with our Priority Area- Mathematics and Numeracy

Parents will be pleased to know that we have made a good start with our focus on Mathematics and Numeracy. Here are some of the things we have done:

- all classroom teachers attended training in Mathematics on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, before school began;
- a staff meeting was used for planning in Mathematics, and another staff meeting for planning Week 8;
- Toni Burford our new coordinator of Mathematics and Numeracy has been working with SSOs and teachers to introduce the QuickSmart program, a catch up program for students falling behind with their number skills in Years 5 – 7;
- all teachers, R- 7 are now programming and teaching 5 hours per week for mathematics and numeracy;
- 4 classes were involved in International Maths day competitions, competing with students from other countries in number quizzes online.



Pauline and Janelle prepare resources for the QuickSmart programme, catch up maths for students behind in Number from Yr 5-7.

Students from Room 15 participate in World Maths Day on-line maths competition. They play against students from Japan, U.S. Canada, China and many other countries



What is the difference between Mathematics and Numeracy? - Maths is the teaching of skills and concepts in an organised and systematic way. Numeracy is using maths in real life. -Have you ever measured ingredients for a recipe? ...Estimate the area of walls to paint?... Planned your budget for a holiday?...Compared prices in shopping catalogues?

Reception to Year 5 Swimming



All of our students from Reception to Year 5 went swimming at Woodside Pool. Did your child enjoy it?



## Courier Cup Swimming



A team of 26 swimmers represented the school at the annual SAPSASA Hills Courier Cup Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Mountain Pool. The team had been training from 7:30am on Mondays and Thursdays over the previous two weeks. The team swam very well with many swimmers winning heats. 25 schools from across the Hills competed and Littlehampton finished in third spot behind St. Francis and Stirling East – a great effort. 5 swimmers were selected in the Hills team to compete in the State Championship on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. They include Ben Lucas who won the 13yr boys freestyle and breaststroke, Ben Gregory who won the 13yr boys backstroke and Josephine Calderwood who won the 12 yr girls butterfly. Troy Parker-Boers and Jade Bradley are included in Hills Freestyle Relay Teams. Thanks to those parents who supported the team over the two week program and helped with timekeeping.

Thank you to Matthew and Kim Hockin for providing Sting Ray rash vests for all our swimmers. They looked fantastic on the day and the tops protect them from a full day in the sun.

Chris Bourne

### WOULD YOU USE BEFORE SCHOOL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

We are considering starting a before school care service next term, to care for our school and preschool children from 6:45 to 8:45. If you would use this service, please ring Kathryn our OSHC director on 8391 4742.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

**A Positive Attitude** – Josh Johnson, Saxon Eades, Jed Geary, Mitchell Streng, Alex Houlahan, William Gourlay, Darcy Bald, Oakley Gooden & Riley Lucas **Valuing Others**- Claudia Neale **Kindness**–Isaac Benfield & Ethan Timms **Including Others** – Emily Bishop **Respect** - Matthew Davis, Natasha Lancaster & Mika Kempainen **Being Trustworthy**- Caleb Miels, Lilee Nykamp, Ben Lucas & Tanner Selby.

### Community Notices

Irish Dancing Classes Phone 8250 5333 for all enquiries

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