



Littlehampton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 May, 2010

The End of an Era... Move to New Preschool June 21

On June 21 our new Preschool will open its doors. Jill, Dawn & Pauline will be waiting eagerly at the entrance to greet parents and children, and we are sure there will be many Oohs and Aahs as parents check out the new facilities. On the weekend before that time, parents will join in a working bee to shift furniture and equipment into the new premises. It is a time of new beginnings.

The current building opened its doors in 1938 as headmaster's house for Herbert Arthur Brokate and his family which included our well loved Helen Raison. It was lived in by many successive headmasters, the last being Robert Burford, and daughter Toni, our Year 2/3 teacher, who lived there in 1983.

Helen lived there for a long time as her father served as headmaster from February 1937 to 1953. She has memories of air raid trenches in the school. As part of war time protection, trenches were dug in school yards throughout Australia. It was the job of Helen and her mother to dig their own trench in their backyard, near where the Preschool shed is now. Helen comments that it was lucky that the war ended without needing to use the air raid trench, as it was never finished, and Helen's mother Esther very happily turned the trench into a compost heap- a much more suitable purpose.

Helen also remembers Molly Miels, the assistant teacher coming over every afternoon to have a cup of tea with Mrs Brokate, relaxing after a busy school day around the kitchen table. The kitchen table in the Preschool also holds memories for Toni Burford, our Year 2/3 teacher who spent a year living in the preschool when her father, Robert Burford was principal. Toni remembers there were always extra guests around the table at dinner time. Looking back, I wonder how we could have possibly fit around the kitchen table. Lesby, her mother fills us in... we had a strategy. "The first one finished tea would get their pick of the sofa and TV program in the living room. Then Rob and I were left in peace in the kitchen. We spent a lot of time in the kitchen that year."

OurPreschool, 1987 -2010



Former Headmaster's House 1938



In July 1987 the former headmaster's house began a new life as Littlehampton Child Parent Centre. The following memories were provided by Diane Woolley whose daughter was in the first intake of children in 1987, and whose grandson Devon was in one of the last intakes to use this building as a preschool in 2010.

"In 1987 the Littlehampton Child Parent Centre opened. It was our kindy. It was made possible due to the hard work and lobbying by the women on Fullford Terrace Littlehampton. We did a lot of lobbying, walking the streets for signatures and helping out by babysitting each others' children. Trish Gunning, Cora Challis, Diane Woolley, Lea Ruediger, Helen Metcalfe, we all did it.

"The original centre was only opened for morning sessions from 9 – 11:45, and the playgroup was previously held at the school's music room. *Read me, page 3*

DIARY DATES



Finance Committee
Meeting
**Wednesday 2nd
June at 6pm**

*Parents & Friends
9am Wed 2nd June
in staffroom*



**Mt Barker
HighSchool
Student Free Day
Friday 4TH June
NO SCHOOL
BUSES**

Governing Council
Meeting
**Monday 7th June
at 7pm**



**Disco
Wednesday 23rd
June**

*Student Free Day
Thursday 24th June*

**REMINDER
School Fees and
Gym Donations are
due by the end of
June.**



National Maths Day *Friday 21st May*

Last Friday all classes celebrated National Maths Day. The aim of the day was to promote a more positive attitude to Maths and to recognise that Maths plays a part in our everyday activities. Some activities included Year 4/5 students surveying and collecting data on 'What's in your lunchbox?' and Reception and Year 1s from Rooms 3& 4 using maths equipment and tools in a range of new ways.

A highlight of the day for students in Years 3-7 was a comedy performance by Simon Pampena. Simon is a mathematician and in 2009 was appointed **National Numeracy Ambassador** by Julia Gillard. The show 'The Mega Maths Battle for the Planet Earth' had us all in stitches as he explored the complexities of sharing a packet of Tim Tams and working with prime numbers. (*Did you know packets of Tim Tams only have 11 in them?*) Simon and the audience battled with Calcutron who was determined to destroy the Earth but in the end, our planet was saved with lots of help from the talented Lachy Bowden alias Calcutron.

Simon presented a highly energetic performance which had a very strong message about the value of Maths and that we all do Maths better if we start with a positive attitude. It was a wonderful way to promote and celebrate the importance of Maths and the possible career pathways it can create for students.



PJ DAY A BIG SUCCESS
Our Thanks for your support of PJ Day. We raised \$365.55 for Chanra, our World Vision Sponsor Child.
From the fund-raising forum

“The kindy has always had the best possible teachers, and was given a lot of support from family and friends to make a great areas for all of our children to learn, play, enjoy and spend time with new friends. The playground was created with help from parents and working bees....”

“I was lucky to have 2 of my 3 children attend; Kim and Peter. Imagine, 20 years after starting, I walked into the centre with my 2 grandchildren to find the same carpets and curtains! The atmosphere felt the same with still the best teachers and helpers. The faces were different but the same feeling was there. Littlehampton has always had the reputation of being sought after as a kindy where you could expect your child to grow, learn, be confident, have fun, interact with the school and community. All this achieved by teachers who have the childrens’ best interests at heart. With love and guidance, parents are made to feel welcome. These children feel as though they have the best possible transition to school. They are confident and eager on the first school day, very much because of the Littlehampton Child Parent Centre.

“All of us from the past wish the children and their families all the best in your new Preschool. May the children get the same pleasure, enjoyment, and learning that we have experienced for our children over the years. You are involved with the best ever Preschool.”

from Diane Woolley, mother of Kim & Peter, grandmother of Devon & Tye.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The first six children who enrolled in the CPC have kept in touch. Their friendships have continued
Kim Woolley -married, having her first baby
Michelle Barrie - married with a little boy
Heidi Woolford, and Wade Kumnick married and have a little girl
Hayley Gore lives in Canada (her nieces attend LPS)
Tom Freeman (not sure father was a teacher at LPS)
The first teacher was Jenny Suggate.

TIMELINE FOR SHIFTING BUILDINGS

JUNE 19, 20: Working bee to shift furniture & equipment- Jill, Chris Bourne & volunteer parents
JUNE 21: FIRST DAY IN NEW PRESCHOOL
JUNE 21 – 25 CLEAN UP WEEK-in old CPC.
JUNE 27 – JULY 16 Repaint & repair old CPC, periodic clean.
JULY 17 & 18 Working bee to shift OSHC furniture, Chris Bourne, Kathryn & volunteer parents
JULY 19 OSHC opens in our new OSHC Centre
OSHC will use their current premises for July Vacation Care.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Achievement Award – Daniel Kupczynski, Gavin Barrett & Madison Cribb

Fairness – Annelise Griggs **Respect-** Hayden Brock
A Positive Attitude- Ava Roach, Aidan Hill, Lucy Hannam, Darcie Bills, Denis Henke & Lauren Crossfield

Kindness – Josephine Calderwood & Brenna Rowe & Karly Taylor & Daniel Kupczynski

Including Others – Mahala Benjamin, Samuel Callins & Joshua Hogben

Being Trustworthy- Joshua Miels

Valuing Others- Kayla Riddle & Amber Barrow

BOOSTER SEATS FOR UNDER 7 YEAR OLDS

The new law requiring booster seats in cars for all children under 7 years of age has implications for the school as well as for parents. DECS allows the use of private cars for excursions under certain conditions. *For our school this means excursions by private cars can only take place for classes where children are all over 7 and the distance travelled is not great.*

LIBRARY NEWS

On Wednesday this week most of our classes took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. Over 1000 schools nationwide registered for the event this year to promote reading. Everyone who participated read the same book – ‘Little white dogs can’t jump’ by Bruce Whatley – at the same time. We are looking for any parent/s who are willing to take over the role of Scholastic Book Club co-ordinator. If you are interested please see library staff or Tania Lucas.

MSreadathon If your child/ren would like to fundraise for the multiple sclerosis readathon please log on to <http://www.msreadathon.org.au/> to register. The readathon is organised so that individuals can participate through the website, however if there is a parent who is keen to co-ordinate a school based effort please see library staff. *Valerie Kearton and Paula Simmons*

DROUGHT RELIEF, WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

The good news is that the school has been given a drought relief grant again this year. It will be used again to subsidize excursions and performances across the school. The recent performance by Simon Pampena was funded in full by the drought relief funding. (Cost \$4.50 per student) 2010 is the last year we will receive drought relief funds.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP STUDENTS

Congratulations to:

- Sheridan Achurch and Natasha Lancaster who represented the Hills District in SAPSASA Netball Championships;
- Ben Lucas and Ben Gregory who represented the Hills District in the SAPSASA District Football Championships. Their team won silver in the competition;
- Ben Lucas who was selected as one of two students from the Hills District selected in his age group for State Football team.

Congratulations to our school Chess team who has been competing in the Hills Chess competition at St Pauls Church at Hahndorf. Last week the team won achieving 4.5 out of a possible 5 points. This week not so good, lost 5-0.

SAFETY AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to Hailey Fowler and Amy McKay who are the Safety Ambassadors for Littlehampton Primary School.

COME 'N TRY MUSIC

Tuesday June 1st, Wednesday June 2nd & Thursday June 3rd.

Come 'n Try Music is an opportunity for parents of children in reception – Year 5 to participate in a music lesson with their children and experience some of the exciting things we do.

This will be happening during **week 7** on Tuesday June 1st Wednesday June 2nd & Thursday June 3rd in the music room.

Hopefully you have received your invitation indicating the time you can attend.

So there is no confusion the times are listed below.

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Toni Burford / Helen K	Tues 1 st Thurs 3 rd	9.35 – 10.20 <i>or</i> 2.25 – 3.15
Kathy Fazakerley	Tues 1 st Wed 2 nd	10-20 – 11.05 <i>or</i> 1.40 – 2.25
Julie Burchell	Tues 1 st Wed 2 nd	1.40 – 2.25 <i>or</i> 11.30 – 12.15
Lesley Hutten	Tues 1 st Thurs 3 rd	2.25 – 3.10 <i>or</i> 9.35 – 10.20
Sara Weston	Wed 2 nd Thurs 3 rd	8.50 – 9.35 <i>or</i> 8.50 – 9.35
Alison Saunders	Wed 2 nd	9.35 – 10.20
Simon Munt	Wed 2 nd	10-20 – 11.05
Brigitte Meyer	Wed 2 nd Thurs 3 rd	12.15 – 1.00 <i>or</i> 1.40 – 2.25
Alison Bishop	Thurs 3 rd	12.15 – 1.00



Remember our successful
Come and Try Music in
2008? (Photos Above)
Its on again in 2010.

Don't miss this chance to be
involved in your child's music
program!

It will be a fun – filled, non-
threatening time.

I hope you can join us.
Sue Lohmeyer (*Music Teacher*)



More PJ Day Photos-

