



## Littlehampton Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 3, 2010

**Term 3 ends  
Friday 24th  
September at  
2.15pm**

**Term 4 begins  
11th October at  
8.45am**

**Finance  
Committee  
Wednesday 20th  
October 6pm**

**Governing  
Council  
Monday 25  
October 7pm**

**Family Portraits  
Saturday  
23rd October**



**Scarecrow Day  
Sunday  
November 14th  
3pm**

## Parents and Cybersafety

It is important for parents to be aware of risks associated with their children using the Internet and to have strategies to minimise these risks.

The following information is from the **CYBERSMART** website: [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au). This website is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

The Internet has become an integral part of life for people of all ages. It provides access to a multitude of information and enables people to research, create and communicate in new and exciting ways. For children and young people the Internet has become essential to learning, playing and socialising, with many children using computers and the Internet from an increasingly early age.

Risks include

- Unwittingly or deliberately sharing personal information without realising that they could be subject to identity theft
- Leaving behind content which might not reflect well on them in the future
- Being exposed to content which is inappropriate (sexually explicit, violent, prohibited or illegal)
- Being the victim of cyber bullying
- Being at risk of being contacted by strangers

Parents can help their children stay safe by:

- Setting house rules about using the Internet
- Supervising and monitoring children when they are on the Internet, particularly with younger children. Be involved in your child's use of the Internet and new technologies.
- Teach children about the cybersafety rules for Internet use. Informed Internet users stay safe and have fun.
- Educate children about the risks of Internet use and safe behaviour. These include ensuring they:
  - \* Use privacy settings so personal information is not accessible.
  - \* Don't respond if someone sends an unkind or offensive message or asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Tell a parent or trusted adult.
  - \* Think before posting information online – once posted its difficult to remove.

At Littlehampton each child signs an agreement of use in order to access the Internet. The parent and the teacher countersign this agreement. Included in this agreement are strategies to keep children safe: e.g. keeping Internet passwords confidential, not giving out personal information over the Internet and reporting any offensive behaviour on the Internet. Internet access is also restricted through the use of a filtering system that attempts to screen out inappropriate sites for student viewing.

Specific information about cyber bullying, e-crime and the protection of young people is provided in a pamphlet sent home with this newsletter. I hope some parents were able to take the opportunity of attending the ACMA cybersafety workshop at Nairne Primary School on Monday night.

For more information visit the ACMA website: **CYBERSMART**  
[www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)



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There's a spot on our  
Honour Board for you!  
Please see us if you would like  
to be a major sponsor.

**Would you like to make a major contribution to our school by becoming a Major Sponsor of our Gymnasium?**

- Donations are tax deductible
- Your name or your company name will appear on our honour board
- You have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a major contribution to our school..

Ring Maree or Judi in the front office to find out how.

**Do you remember Scarecrow Day last year?**

Its on again...

**Sunday November 14 at 3 p.m.**



It is designed as a no cost afternoon of family fun, with a Scarecrow building competition the centrepiece of the event.

Governing Council supplies all the building materials, and families get together to build the design of their choice.

Many families stayed for a family picnic. In seeing the fabulous scarecrows the next day, there were lots of families sorry they missed out.

Don't be sorry, plan on joining us this year for ScareCrow Day.

Get a team together and ENTER

All materials supplied - just turn up and build a Scarecrow. Compete against teams from the Governing Council, Parents, Friends, Teachers and Students. Join in a fun-filled afternoon for all. Bring a picnic tea.



**Bully Audit**

Student responses show how many times they feel have been bullied this year.

	YARD		
	Not at all	1 - 3 times	4+ times
<b>Term 1</b>	82%	10%	8%
<b>Term 2</b>	81%	6%	13%
<b>Term 3</b>	81%	14%	3%

	CLASSROOM		
	Not at all	1 - 3 times	4+ times
<b>Term 1</b>	89%	7%	4%
<b>Term 2</b>	91%	6%	3%
<b>Term 3</b>	87%	12%	0.4%

The data for term 3 closely matches information received in Terms 1 & 2. Our school continues to show that 80% of our students record no moments of bullying in the yard and this figure rises to nearly 90% in the classroom. We continue to monitor children and work to help them understand how to relate to fellow students better in the school environment.

## CLASSES FOR 2011

Placing children in class groups is a complex process which takes many weeks.

Usually this means creating a group of students which has a gender balance, a range of learning abilities and a range of behavioral and social needs. Factors such as friendship groups, preferred learning styles, social and emotional maturity, and even physical size are all considered when making up class groups.

Listening in to teacher's discussions when they are making up class groups, it is evident that:

- teachers know the children well; and
- they make decision based on the best educational reasons.

It is also school policy that teachers ask children for a list of friends, and we undertake to place children in class with at least one of the friends from this list. If we are not able to do this, we ring parents.

### Additional information from parents

We consider that each child will benefit from having each teacher, and during the course of their time at Littlehampton, parents can expect that their children will have each teacher in the school. Parents can also expect that their children will spend time in both the lower year level of a multi-year level class and the upper year level of a multi-year level class.

Littlehampton Primary School has made a focus of developing consistent quality practice in curriculum in both content and in methodology. We were commended for this in our recent school review by the Regional director and peer review team. If you have important circumstances that you believe need special consideration, (such as a request for twins to be in the same or in different classes), **please address your concerns in writing**. Place your letter in an envelope marked "Confidential" "to the Principal, Jenny Lewis". Hand it to Maree in the Front Office by **Friday, 29 October**. Please address your concerns in terms of educational needs of your children. We value our quality teachers in this school, and requests for or against specific teachers will not be favorably received. Due to the complexity of the process, it is also school policy that verbal requests given to teachers will not be considered.

### Who makes the decision?

It is the responsibility of the Principal to make the final decision on classes and placement of students.

***Due to the "domino effect" of making changes after classes have been organised, no changes can be made after classes are released. Please ensure that you provide us with any relevant information now.***

### When will parents know about 2011 class placement?

Class placement information will be sent home with student reports on **Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## LIKELY CLASS STRUCTURE 2011

Class 1, Reception  
Class 2 Year R/1  
Class 3 Year 1/2

Class 4 Year 1/2  
Class 5 Year 2/3  
Class 6 Year 3  
Class 7 Year 4  
Class 8 Year 4/5  
Class 9 Year 5/6  
Class 10 Year 6/7  
Class 11 Year 6/7  
Class 12 Year 6/7

We anticipate a second reception class will start in Term 2, and a third in Term 4. We have not yet made decisions about teachers for these classes, as our staff for 2011 has not yet been finalized.

In order to form classes it is important that we estimate our 2011 student numbers as accurately as possible.

***If your child will not be attending our school next year, please let us know ASAP. Alternatively, if you have a child due to start school next year, please enrol them now!***

## Parent & Friends

Next Parents and Friends Meeting Week 2.

20th October 9am in the staffroom.

**It is not too late to book in for your family portrait photos for Saturday 23rd October. Only \$10.**

**Call into the office to make a booking.**

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

**A Positive Attitude**-Ben Barrow, Christian Bald, Joshua Ascott, Jordn Hunter, Peta Clements, Georgina Calderwood, Emily Bishop, Rhys Westcott, all of Room 2, Amy Swann, Tarkyn Little, Thomas Roberts, Cameron Moults-Smith, Rory Peterson

**Respect** - Bailey McKenny, Dhiren Karunanithi, Amber Barrow, Caleb Griggs, Charlie Wotton, Madame Sarre's Year 6/7 Class

**Kindness**- Harmony Conlay, Eliza Green

**Valuing Others**- Jacob Banks

## MAJOR SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Will be held at school  
tomorrow Friday 24th

Sept. after assembly at 2:15 courtesy of  
Parents & Friends.

Many good value, slightly used uniforms at  
reasonable prices.

## Community Notices

We have been asked to advertise. If you would like more information it is available at the front office.

Yoga in Nairne. Contact Loretta on 0421 824 397.

2 cockatiels. One is a grey female one a grey male. Phone 8391 5225 or 0411 249 717 or 0432 105 237 if you find them.

Littlehampton Tennis Club information. Ph Sue Hutson 8391 1069 or 0421 705 302 .