



Littlehampton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 4, 2010

Diary Dates

Governing Council Meeting
Monday 25th October 7pm



Toy Museum Excursion for all reception classes and Sara's class.
Wednesday 27th October

Assembly **10.20am Thursday 28th October.**
In the gym

Shoe box of Love last day
29th October. (Student Fundraising Forum)



Pizza & Iceblock day
9th November



Scarecrow Day Sunday November 14th 3pm

Our School Report NAPLAN 2010

There has been a big improvement in our NAPLAN results this year. Those scores marked in yellow show where our school mean (average) was above the National mean score. Those scores marked with an asterisk* show where our scores were only marginally below.

Highlights 2010

- 100% of our students sat the NAPLAN tests.
- *we're lifting the bar for our students.* We're reporting against the Australian mean (average) scores, not South Australian scores as was done in previous years. The SA scores were lower than the Australian mean scores.

How did we go?

- We are above the National mean in 11 of the 15 areas tested.
- Marginally below the National mean in 2 areas (Year 3 Grammar & Punc & Year 7 Numeracy)
- Below the national average in Year 5 Numeracy & Spelling.

What are the areas in which we performed the best?

- Year 5 & Year 7 Grammar & Punctuation are more than 10 points above the National Mean.
- Year 3 Numeracy scores are almost 10 points above the national mean.

Improvements: 2009 and 2010 Compared

What are the areas in which we have improved the most?

- Year 3 Numeracy improved by 10.5% & all other areas improved also;
- Year 5 Writing and Grammar & Punctuation improved;
- Year 7 Writing improved by 8.2% and Grammar & Punctuation by 7.2%;

Some declines: There is a decline in our Year 5 spelling and reading results since 2009.

What are the reasons for the improvements?

Note that when children sit the NAPLAN tests in May, they are being tested on 18 months of learning. Improvements in our 2010 tests reflect changes to curriculum begun at the beginning of 2009. From this time teachers:

- worked hard on teaching writing from Year 1 – Year 3 (Site Learning Plan 2009-2011)
- began to work on improvements to our Maths/Numeracy. While many changes have only been introduced this year, the big change from 2008 has been increased time spent teaching Maths/Numeracy. Prior to 2009 we taught approx 3 hours a week at Junior Primary Level, and 4 hours a week from Years 3 – 7.

From 2009 we aim to increase this to 5 hours a week.

	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7
	Mean	Mean	Mean
Numeracy			
Australian Mean	395.3	488.7	547.7
Numeracy			
School Score	405	469.4	545.7*
Reading			
Australian Mean	418.6	487.3	546.0
Reading			
School Score	420.3	498.2	555.9
Spelling			
Australian Mean	399.2	487.1	544.6
Spelling			
School Score	403.2	464	548.1
Grammar & Punc.			
Australian Mean	416.9	499.7	535.1
Grammar & Punc.			
School Score	415.7*	515.7	570.8
Writing			
Australian Mean	418.6	485.2	533.4
Writing			
School Score	420.3	490	563.9

NAPLAN continued

We cannot ignore the possibility of a cohort of students (eg. Year 3) being especially capable, or another cohort in another year having more than the usual number of strugglers.

High Achievers

There are two ways of measuring high achievement. We celebrate with those students who have made the most progress since they sat the previous NAPLAN. We also congratulate those students who were in the top band of achievement.

High Progress Congratulations to students who achieved the top level for progress in Reading, Numeracy or both since their last NAPLAN test:

High Progress Year 3 – 5	High Progress Year 5 – 7
Zak Barnes Hayden Brock Noah Collingwood Anthony Coltman Kira Daniel Tyson Daniel Seth Gardner William Gourlay Elly Gregory Joshua Johnson Abbey Kerr Manon Le Deunff Cooper Nykamp Martin Pollard Cai Rees Oscar Sarre Louella Selby Riley Wilson	Izaac Harrold Aaron Hesse Jennifer Hogg Ashleigh Jocks Alex Keast Natasha Lancaster Benjamin Lucas Amy Mackay Paige Moulton Isabel Sarre Lewis Semmens <i>These students will be given Principal's Awards for Progress at our Week 3 Assembly, Thursday 28th October</i>

Year 3 Improvements:

Our highest % improvement was Numeracy at 10.5% and average improvement for Year 3 was 5.3%

Year 5 improvements

Our highest improvement was for Grammar and Punctuation of 2.1%. We actually averaged a slight decline from 2009 of 0.3%. Our spelling results went backwards by 3.8%.

Year 7 Improvements

Our highest improvement was in Writing 8.4% Our average improvement was 4.9%.

Our Improvements for Year 3 are Impressive!

If we can sustain this level of achievement, we will be giving our Year 3 students a good base on which to build from Year 4 onwards.

With sustained focus in Year 4 & 5, the improvements for Year 3 should follow through to improved Numeracy results from 2012 onwards.

High Achievers Congratulations to the following students who achieved in the top band of achievement for their year level in one or more areas:

Year 3 Riley Banks Darcie Bills Hunter Boudet-Wilson Jessica Forbes India Gautier Baileigh Gill Carla Gore Cooper Hough Lillie Kavanagh Riley McCune Georgia Mitchell Joel Parker-Boers Caitlyn Payne Lachlan Warhurst Charles Wotton <i>These students will be given Principal's Awards for Achievement at our Week 3 Assembly, Thursday 28th October</i>	Year 5 Hayden Brock Seth Gardner Jessica Gore Leah Hockin Joshua Johnson Abbey Kerr Caitlin Melville Martin Pollard Louella Selby Eliza Stafford Ayden Westcott
	Year 7 Sheridan Achurch Jade Bradey Aaron Hesse Ashleigh Jocks Alex Keast Natasha Lancaster Benjamin Lucas Isabel Sarre Lewis Semmens Michael Stafford Darcy Watson

Additional PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Achievement—Aedden Rees, Ethan Neale, Gavin Barrett

Thankyou to Community

Thankyou to our school families who contributed \$302.00 for a farewell gift for Chris Bourne. We are working with the family to find an appropriate gift, and will inform you when the presentation is made.

Scarecrow Day

Scarecrow Day: Sunday 14th November at 3pm.
 A family fun day at the school. Come along and design a scarecrow. All materials supplied by the Governing Council.

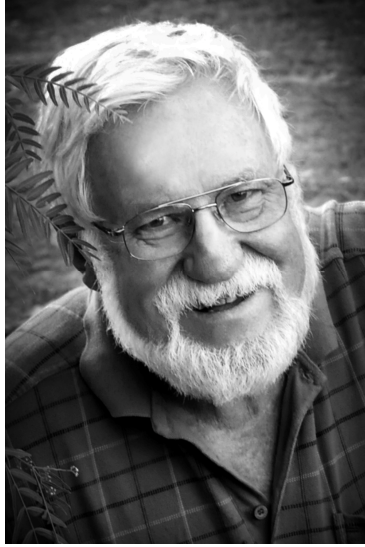
New Students

We would like to welcome new students and their families to the Littlehampton School community.
 Caitlin Anderson-Nulty, Sophia Dvork, Cameron Fuss, Maya and Simone Harnett, Jorja Heinicke, Abbey Hutchinson, Asha Marshall, Riley Parr, Emmy Roach, Taleisha Rowe, Alex Vignera, Browyn Whyte and Georgie Wotton.

Group Photos

If you would like to order group photos they are available for viewing and ordering at the front office. Photos available are Student Forum Leaders, OSHC, Choir, Chess and Band. **THESE MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER.**

**A tribute to Robert Burford,
Principal, Littlehampton Primary School
From 1983—1990**



If you attended Littlehampton Primary School from 1983—1990, you will remember Robert Burford.

Robert Burford was principal of Littlehampton during this time. He passed away suddenly on 4th October while doing what he loved: camping with his extended family in the Flinders Ranges. We would like to offer our condolences to Robert's wife Lesby, daughters Toni, Kerin & Katrina and Robert's grandchildren. Rob's daughter Toni is a teacher at our school.

Rob could be seen often at school events, such as the recent *Music Showcase* as grandchildren Darcie and Jack Bills also attend our school. Some highlights of his time at Littlehampton were:

Overseeing the building redevelopment, which saw the original 1900 school building integrated into the main administration block. The first year Rob began at the school, major building works began. The school at that time consisted only of the main stone hall and transportable classrooms. The oval was a boggy mess, a far cry from the red dusty oval of his previous school in the remote outback town of Tarcoola. The planning had been done in the previous year by Rob's predecessor- Rob Simmonds. Rob enjoyed the building process and formed many lasting friendships with local tradespeople and the site manager, Chris.

Rob was the last principal to lived in the headmaster's house... now our OSHC building. It was cramped living for the family of five but the oval and tennis court was used daily by his daughters to practise tennis and netball. Rob and his family loved the life Littlehampton offered them so they decided to build their family home in Littlehampton in 1986-87. Since then, Rob has been a long term resident of our township and committed to working in the community.

Shortly after moving from the school house, the Governing Council members and Rob lobbied the Education Department about the need for a local CPC or preschool to operate from the former home. They were successful and the first year of operation was 1987.

The Coppins Bushland had been set aside by the Mt Barker Council prior to Rob starting at the school. Rob was passionate about the importance of this piece of land and strengthened the school's links and responsibility for the care of the flora and fauna. Students made

regular visits and Rob remained an active member of Friends of Coppins Bush until his death.

Rob was thrilled to see the expansion of the Music programme at our school in recent years. Rob had a deep appreciation of classical music. As a Principal in schools, he worked hard to offer a quality Music programme for all students. A highlight of his time at Littlehampton PS was the founding of a school choir with help from Laura Beckwith, a young and enthusiastic Music teacher from USA. It was during Rob's time as Principal that Littlehampton's choir was invited to perform at the Festival of Music for the first time, a great honour for both Rob and the school. The instrumental music programme was also expanded to include a wider range of instruments for students to learn.

When his appointment at Littlehampton ended, Rob went on to be Principal of Macclesfield until his retirement in 1994. Rob's interest in Littlehampton continued. He has been a long term member of many community organisations, including Mt Barker Rotary, Littlehampton Uniting Church, Mt Barker High School, and Hungry No More. He was Justice of the Peace and was convenor of Friends of Coppins Bush, a group which meets at Littlehampton Primary School once a term. Rob enjoyed his role as his 'alter ego' at Christmas time, which involved visiting school children on the back of the CFS truck on Gala Night, arriving at special school assemblies and joining in with the end of year celebrations at Platform 1 with the pre-schoolers from Littlehampton CPC.

Rob was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2005 for his continued service to the many communities he had lived in over the years. He received the medal for his service and support through fundraising activities supporting aged care, health and youth groups.

Many past students and parents recognise Rob because after his retirement he worked as a school bus driver for Magor's Bus Service, then later Lofty Coaches. He took many local students to school, on excursions and camps and swimming lessons. He always had a smile and friendly wave to those he knew and took the time to make new friends.

Rob lived by the Rotary motto "service above self" in its fullest sense, and we value his contribution to our school and community.



Robert Burford, the principal of Littlehampton Primary School in 1983, when the building redevelopment was taking place.

Shoeboxes of Love

Our student fundraising group has organised for us to support the Shoeboxes of love project, which provides gifts for children in developing countries.. For those of you who would like to contribute, please send:

- Something to wear
- Something to love
- Some things for school
- Something to play with
- Something special
- Something for personal hygiene

For those who are unable to organise a gift, the organisers tell us that \$8.00 is needed to send each box, so we are also accepting cash donations.

We ask that all contributions are sent by Wednesday 27th October so we can organise checking, and packing before the deadline.

LAP and Co-ordination Meeting

Please come to an afternoon tea meeting on Wednesday 27th October to discuss the program and end of year celebrations. This will be the last meeting for this year. Wednesday 27th October at 2pm in the staffroom. Thankyou for your commitment to the children this year it has been greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you there.

Pauline Bolto

Lunchtime Activities

In Term 3 Week 8 the lunchtime activities forum group had organised a lunchtime activity called Mummie competition. We got into teams of 3 and wrapped someone up from ankles to neck only using 1 toilet paper. There were no gaps and the whole roll had to be used. It was quite funny to watch. Everyone was a winner

Reminder- Class Placement Process

A reminder that the last newsletter contained detailed information about our class placement process for 2011, and advice about how parents can contribute to the process. This is a reminder that if you have important information that you would like to be considered in the placement process, to please address your concerns in writing, in an envelope marked confidential and addressed "to the principal, Jenny Lewis". Letters must be received by Friday October 29th.

Lost Property

Non uniform clothing in the lost property outside of the PACA room will be sent to a charity on Friday 22nd October if not claimed. Please have a look and see if there is anything of yours there.

Music Showcase

Thanks to all who attended the music showcase. \$360 was raised and this will go towards a Marimba.

New World Vision Sponsor Child

We recently received information that Chanra, who our school has been sponsoring for many years, is now 18. She no longer needs sponsoring, and the World Vision project in her village is complete. The fundraising forum has decided to sponsor another child. Makara, a boy, who is 9 years old and lives in Cambodia.

Congratulations to OSHC

Our OSHC is now accredited! For our first accreditation report we achieved a High Quality Achievement in 28 out of the 30 areas assessed. This is a remarkable achievement, and we congratulate Kathryn Shultz and team. We are proud that to be able to provide such high quality care for our school families.

OSHC NEWS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER VACATION CARE

This school holidays we celebrated our first holidays in our new home by spending a lot of time in our backyard enjoying the sunshine. We painted our fort and picked out some plants from the nursery and planted them in the garden. Highlight of the holidays included the excursions to the Gorge Wildlife Park and the Brickworks Market, where the children enjoyed playing mini-golf, bumper boats and Cam-am cars. We also had a mad hatters tea party, a mosaic workshop and lots of other craft and cooking experiences.

