



Littlehampton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 4, 2010

Diary Dates



Swimming Fun Day
Monday 6th December.



Christmas Stall
Tuesday 7th Dec,
Wednesday 8th Dec and
Thursday 9th Dec.
Recess and Lunch time
in the Mollie Miels
Building.



Wednesday 8th
December
Casual Day
Gold coin donation

Governing Council
AGM and first meeting
14/02/11

First Finance
Committee
09/02/11

Last day for the 2010
Friday 10th Dec.
Dismissal 2.15pm

Term Dates for 2011
Term 1
31/01/11—15/04/11
Term 2
02/05/11—08/07/11
Term 3
25/07/11—30/09/11
Term 4
17/10/11—16/12/11

Reports and Classes for 2011

On Friday your children will take home their school reports. The teachers have put many hours into writing reports that give parents a true picture of children's learning, and also recognise each child as an individual. Parents, please take the time to discuss the reports with your children, look at the effort as well as the achievement, and talk to them about what they enjoyed and learnt from the year.

Class Structure 2011

We had intended to include with the reports a letter about the class your child will be in for 2011. However, there have been several late notifications of children enrolling in some year levels, and withdrawing from the school in other year levels, which make it impossible to make a decision on the class structure now. We are now considering two possible class structures:

Class 1 Reception	Lesley Hutten	Class 1 Reception	Lesley Hutten
Class 2 Year R/1	New Teacher D.S.	Class 2 Year R/1	New (Danielle Stone)
Class 3 Year 1/2	New Teacher B.M.	Class 3 Year 1/2	New (Brigitte Meyer)
Class 4 Year 1/2	Julie Burchell	Class 4 Year 1/2	Julie Burchell
Class 5 Year 2/3	Toni Burford/Helen K	Class 5 Year 2/3	Toni Burford/Helen K
Class 6 Year 3	Sara Weston	Class 6 Year 3/4	Sara Weston
Class 7 Year 4	Simon Munt/New	Class 7 Year 3/4	Simon Munt/New teacher
Class 8 Year 4/5	New Teacher AB.	Class 8 Year 4/5	New (Alison Bishop)
Class 9 Year 5/6	Phil Douglas	Class 9 Year 5	Phil Douglas
Class 10 Year 6/7	New Teacher	Class 10 Year 6/7	New Teacher
Class 11 Year 6/7	Debbie Taylor	Class 11 Year 6/7	Debbie Taylor
Class 12 Year 6/7	Margie/ New	Class 12 Year 6/7	Margie/ New teacher

The second class structure allows for smaller classes from Reception to Year 6, with additional spaces if new children enrol from Year 1—Year 6. We will not be in a position to choose which of these structures we use until the week before school returns and we see how many last minute students enrol or transfer from our school and at what year levels. ***If you are considering enrolling your child in another school for 2011, please ring the front office and inform us now!***

Jan 27 We will make a decision on class structure

Jan 28: Class lists will be posted on the front door of the office, the Molly Miels door, and the JP entrance door.

Jan 31 First day of school, the children will meet in the Gym for assembly at 8:45 and to meet their new teacher.

Farewells

Thankyou and farewell to the following teachers who we will be leaving us and have made an outstanding contribution to our school in 2010. We wish you all the best for the future.

Valerie Kearton— Teacher Librarian

Alison Saunders who taught our Year 3/4 class for three terms

Katherine Fazakerley, who has been appointed to Nairne school permanently.

Sue Schmidt-Deputy Principal

You will notice that a number of classes are marked New Teacher, with initials next to them. We are hoping to re-employ some of our long standing contract staff members for these positions. However, please note the staffing exercise is not complete yet.



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New Building Celebrations a Big Success!
Jay Weatherill, (Minister for Education, Minister for Early Childhood Development, opens our new \$4.1 million building Redevelopment)



Can you believe our new facilities?
3 years ago, would you have guessed?



I'm 100% certain, that we've got exactly the facilities we need.

Preschool



Garth Boomer Resource Centre



Double Classroom



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen & Office Refurbishment



Thankyou

A BIG thankyou to all who have helped remove the "Harmony Day" people from the front fence of the school. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Stall



A little reminder that the Christmas Stall is opening on **Tuesday 7th Dec, Wednesday 8th Dec and Thursday 9th Dec** in the Mollie Miels building at recess and lunch times. We have a wide selection of craft items ranging from 50cents to \$5.00 so something to suit every pocket..... We look forward to your support. Thanks, The Craft Girls.

S.A Dental Service at Mt. Barker

The School Dental Clinic at Mt. Barker, Dumas Street will be closed from 24/12/10 to 14/01/11 inclusive. Patients of the School Dental Service who require EMERGENCY CARE during the period that the clinic is closed should call Somerton Park Clinic from 24/12/10-31/12/10 on 8294 4433 and Murray Bridge North Clinic from 04/01/11-14/01/11 inclusive on 8532 1910. AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY ADVICE NUMBER IS 8232 2651.

Congratulations to Jacob Banks



Congratulations to Jacob Banks for making the Adelaide Eastern Hills Under 12's Country Cup Cricket Team. Jacob will be playing in Adelaide in December. Well done Jacob.

BULLY AUDIT

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

	YARD		
	<i>Not at all</i>	<i>1 - 3 times</i>	<i>4+ times</i>
Term 1	82%	10%	8%
Term 2	81%	6%	13%
Term 3	81%	14%	3%
Term 4	81%	13%	3.6%

	CLASSROOM		
	<i>Not at all</i>	<i>1 - 3 times</i>	<i>4+ times</i>
Term 1	89%	7%	4%
Term 2	81%	6%	3%
Term 3	87%	12%	0.4%
Term 4	91%	6%	1%

Data throughout the year has remained constant and appears to show that there are always going to be some moments when children feel bothered or bullied by other students. The process "IT STOPS", which we had in place over a few years now is understood and followed well by our students.

Christmas Celebration

You are invited to our Christmas Celebration Service at Littlehampton Uniting Church on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm. Our Christmas Eve Service is becoming a Littlehampton tradition, with -carols, songs and poems, a Christmas message, children's talk with gifts for children & lots more.

Bushfire Alert- Update Contact Details

Please don't forget to send back your permission forms for 2011 and update your contact details. It is especially important that we have updated details for phone and mobile phone contacts, as our staff have been instructed to ring parents to inform them if there is a school closure due to a Code Red Fire Danger Day. Please return your permission forms to **your child's class teacher** NOW.

Note that from now on we will **not** send a permission form home each year. We will provide you with a print out of what is on record for you to correct if you would like changes to be made at the end of each year.

Last week a test message was sent from school to all parents' mobile phones. Please check your mobile for that message if you have not done so already, and notify us if **YOU DID NOT receive the message**. This is the only way that we can know if our system is not working for you.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

A Positive Attitude– Izaac Harold, Patrick Sroka, Luke Squillace, Maria Henke, Bailey Hough
Kindness– Ashley Crossfield, Chloe Caire, Raschelle Payne
Including others– Scott Porter, Alex Keast
Achievement-Ben Hughes
Respect-Matthew Scroby

Piano, Keyboard and Guitar Lessons

Parents who would like their child to receive piano, keyboard or guitar lessons in 2011 should contact Peter Beeby on 0431 151 104. The cost is \$22 for a 30 minute lesson. These are conducted during school hours. These lessons have been very popular over the past few years and vacancies will fill very quickly.

Community Notices

We have been asked to advertise the following. If you would like more information it is available at the front office.
 *VACSWIM enrolment forms available at the front office.
 * School Holiday Soccer Clinic at Woodside. 17th Jan-21st Jan. Boys and girls aged 7-15. PH 0411797227
 * Tennis for Juniors at Mt Barker High School. 13th Feb.
 *YMCA Summer Camp PH 8528 2250.
 *Kids Taekwondo at Littlehampton Primary School or Mt. Barker Town Hall PH 0412 909 500 or 0400 833 979.
 *Sports Clinics PH 1300 134 154.

Swimming Fun Day - Monday 6th December

Once again, our school will be travelling to Mt Barker Pool for a Swimming picnic day on Monday, 6th of December. This day is a celebration for our Littlehampton students. Parents are welcome to join us. Please note, while it is appropriate for parents to bring their toddlers, it is not appropriate for school age children to be there who are not enrolled at our school. This includes older brothers and sisters who may be at high school, and primary school students who are enrolled at another school. Last year there were some issues with sunburn. Students will be required to wear a t-shirt at all times, including in the pool. Staff are looking at other strategies to ensure sun safety.

Congratulations- SAPPS Choir

Well done to Georgia Malchow, Elise Moults-Smith, Caitlin Melville and Tiandra Carlotti for being accepted into the South Australian Public Primary School Choir.

Casual Day Wednesday- run by Parents & Friends—Gold Coin Donation please!

Did you know that most of our whole school excursions and performances this year were paid for on your behalf by the school from Drought Relief money? There will be no drought relief money this year, Parents and Friends are running a casual day on Wednesday, 8 December. Children can come in casual clothes, and all money received will be put towards a whole school excursion next year, probably end of year swimming.

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE Your \$100 gym donation can be made now.

Have you missed your \$100 Tax deductible donation towards our Gymnasium fund yet this year? If so, it is not too late to donate. Please make your contribution so that we can make our final payment for the year.

We thank all parents who have donated for your contribution, which enables a facility which can be enjoyed by all our community.

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

We'd like to thank all our school families for their support this year. Its been a great year for learning, and an amazing year for building and updating our facilities. For those who celebrate Christmas, we wish you a happy festive season. To all our families, we wish you a happy holiday a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Children from Inverbrackie at our School?

Parents in our community are aware that there will be children living at Inverbrackie, near Woodside, which will be used to house Asylum Seekers while their claims for refugee status are being processed. These children and their families will be there for short term periods, approximately 3—6 months. When they leave, other children and families will come. It is possible that some of these children will be educated in local schools in our region, and in fact many schools, both public and private have expressed a willingness to have some children attend. Our school will have an extra classroom space next year. At our recent Governing Council Meeting on Monday 29 November, Governing Council expressed in principle support to have 15—20 children from Inverbrackie attend Littlehampton Primary School. It is our understanding that these children would attend some part of the day in mainstream classrooms, and some part of the day receiving intensive ESL lessons in their own classroom. It is by no means certain that we will be asked to take these children, however Governing Council has expressed willingness to take these students should we be asked, and should proper resources and other support be provided.

If any parents have questions or concerns please leave your name and contact details, and one of the following three Council members will ring you or contact you in person to discuss your concerns.:

Mark Lucas Governing Council Chairperson
Karen Gill Governing Council Secretary
Pip Williams Governing Council Member
We will provide updates of information as we are able.

Welcome Packs for Children at Inverbrackie

Would your family like to make a welcome shoebox for a child who will come to Inverbrackie over the break? This project being organised by the local Hills Region Schools. The Welcome packs will be exactly like the “Shoebboxes of Love” or Samaritan’s purse. We are unable to coordinate this activity due to the shortness of time, so families wishing to participate will need to get together with another family and organise their own box with:

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

We ask that all contributions are brought to the school, clearly labelled with the donating children’s names. They will be checked at school, and passed on to the Regional Coordinator to be given to a child when they arrive.

Soul Factor Gospel Choir



Thankyou to the 16 students who performed at the Soul Factor Gospel Choir concert on Saturday 27th December.