



# Littlehampton Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Week 2 Term 1, 2011

## Diary Dates

MULTLIT

Parent information  
11th Feb 2011 9.00 am

Annual General  
Meeting  
Monday 14th Feb 7pm

Preschool Health Checks  
Wed. 16th Feb. at  
Preschool  
See Jill at Preschool for  
appointment

Acquaintance Night  
Wednesday 16th Feb from  
6pm

Parents and Friends  
Meeting  
Wednesday 16th March at  
9am

Casual Day  
Friday 18th Feb.  
Gold coin donation for  
flood victims.

Working Bee for the  
Stephanie Alexander  
Kitchen Garden  
Sunday 27th Feb 3-6pm  
followed by a sausage  
sizzle  
All welcome!

Swimming Week  
Starts week beginning  
28th Feb Rec –Yr5

Assemblies will be at the new  
time of Thursday  
afternoon at 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Gymnasium  
Parents are invited to join us.  
Assemblies are usually held  
in Week 3, 6 and 9 of each  
term.  
However there is a change  
for this term.  
Assembly dates:  
For term 1 only  
Weeks 4,6 (Thursdays)& 9  
(Friday 2:30 pm)

## Are You Prepared for Bushfire?

Watching news reports about the devastating West Australian Bushfires last week. Our hearts went out to those families whose homes were destroyed. The good news was that there was no loss of life, and families just left their homes quickly, despite little warning. Watching this event reported, emphasised the need for each family to have a bushfire plan. Despite the fact that our school will usually be open on days of catastrophic weather conditions, family's plans may be to take their children out of school to keep the family together.

### 1. Level of Bushfire Risk for Our School

Our school has been identified as at **Moderate** risk of bushfire. It is not on the list of schools that close on Code Red Catastrophic Days because this applies to schools at High, Very High or Extreme risk of bushfire. However, there could be days when we will be directed to close.

### 2. How will parents know if the school will be closed?

Even on days when the radio reports that it is a day of Code Red Catastrophic weather conditions, our school will remain open, unless you hear a message from the school. The school will give you a message in three ways:

1. If we know with advance warning we will send you a letter with your children the day before (realistically, it is unlikely that we will be given sufficient notice to do this.)

You will be sent a text message to your mobile phone. The school has installed a ZAPITS text messaging system which enables us to send a message from any on-line computer. You will receive a message which reads:

1. "We have been notified by DECS and by the CFS to close the school on (day and date). No student is to attend school. Parents please activate your family bushfire plans".

2. A message will be left on the school answering machine which gives the same information as above. (There may be situations where we are unable to record the message on the answering machine, due to difficulty in staff accessing school in the event of a fire.)

3. The Red school closed signs will be placed on the fence at the front of the school and the preschool (see photos).

4. As the fire season starts, DECS places a list of schools to be closed on their web-site: [www.decs.sa.gov.au](http://www.decs.sa.gov.au) .

It is parent's responsibility to provide up to date information on mobile phone numbers. If your mobile phone number has changed over the school holidays please let us know.

**In the unlikely event that the school closes: What happens if I drop my child at school, and the school is closed?**

Staff will not be at school on days when the school is closed. It is my duty as principal to ensure that a staff member who lives locally comes to the school if it is safe to do so. They will bring any children into the school, ring their parents or emergency contacts and ask that their children be collected. Children and staff cannot remain at school.

**What happens about OSHC—Like the school, OSHC will remain open on days of catastrophic days.** Before School hours care and After School Hours Care will not operate on a day when the school has been directed to close because of Code Red Catastrophic

conditions. Vacation Care will operate unless we have been directed to close the OSHC service on a day of Code Red Catastrophic Fire conditions. I have asked Kathryn Schultz to ensure that there are two staff members on site at all times when we are open on Code Red Catastrophic Days.

### **3. What will I do with my kids if the school is closed on Code Red Catastrophic Fire Days?**

Many families in the Adelaide Hills have bushfire action plans. It is essential all families who live in bushfire prone areas have a bushfire action plan and that part of the plan needs to address what action will be taken when children's school or preschool is closed. This needs to be decided now. There is an obvious range of possibilities including staying with a parent at home or at work; local arrangements with neighbours or friends; or taking the child for a day trip to the city, where there is a low fire risk are possibilities.

## **4. BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PLAN**

Bushfires also happen on days which are not of Code Red Catastrophic Risk. What is our School's Bushfire Plan? (Note a day of total fire ban is not the same thing as a Code Red Catastrophic day).

Our first day of school was a total fire ban day for the Adelaide Hills, so we followed the level 1 procedures outlined here.

**Level 1 On a total fire ban day**, staff are reminded of our bushfire plan. Excursions are cancelled. Classroom rolls are kept ready, and front office personnel are given the task of listening to the radio, to monitor for fire alerts. At all levels of alert, teachers' primary responsibility is to keep children calm.

**Level 2 If a fire threatens our immediate area.** At this stage, we keep children in their classrooms, cancel any specialist lessons and ensure the children have drink bottles filled with water. The teacher checks that all windows and doors are closed, and removes flammable materials (eg paintings hung on walls and on wires around the room.) At this stage we would expect that it would be smoky and unpleasant outside, and parents may begin to come and collect children (Parents must sign children out at the front office, so we can keep a record of who has left.

**Level 3 If the fire front is threatening the school.** At this stage children take their drink bottles, and move to their bushfire ready building. We have two, the main administration building, and Molly Meils building (Preschool and Rms 13 – 16 children move to the main building). When the fire front passes, they lie on the floor. After the fire front passes we would wait to be advised by police/CFS of the next steps to follow, and ring the DECS Hills district office (In Mt Barker) to update them on our situation, and gain instructions.. Often the school is the safest place in a community, and parents are invited to come in and shelter with teachers and children if they would like to do so.

The safety of our students is out top priority. We feel confident that the procedures outlined in this newsletter will keep all of our students safe in the event of a bushfire, or threatened bushfire.



### **Are you using our Kiss and Drop Zone properly?**

The area running along the front of our school on Baker Street, on the school side is designed as a kiss and drop area. It is marked with no Parking signs. This means parents are not to stop and leave their cars, but can pull in briefly to collect their children. This means that when collecting children, parents using the kiss and drop must arrange for their children to meet them out the front. As they drive past, if their children are there, they can briefly pull in, if not they must continue around the block again. We know our kiss and drop has not been working while building has been taking place. Now that buildings are complete there will be added supervision to ensure it works.

### **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**

Some of you may have noticed our veggie garden taking shape behind the library, in preparation for our new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation program this year. A big 'Thank you' to Richard Gautier for watering the garden and keeping the veggies alive throughout the summer break!

Students in Years 2/3-4/5 will begin working in the garden some time in Term 2, with cooking classes to follow soon after. Students in other classes can expect to have some involvement as well throughout the year. We are all so excited about this new opportunity for our school.



Now we are looking to build a community of volunteers. If you love gardening or cooking and have a little time to spare, we would love to hear from you! If you are interested in helping in any way, or just want to find out more about the program, please leave your name, phone number, and email address (if you have one) for Margie Sarre at the front office. There will also be more information about the program in the new kitchen (near the office) during Acquaintance Night next Wednesday evening from 6pm. The first working bee for the new garden is on Sunday February 27 from 3-6pm. Bring the kids and stay for a sausage sizzle after! See <http://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/> for more information about the program Australia-wide.

## Parents & Friends

### Family Photos

Advance Life Photography will take family photos on Sunday 27th March. \$10 per family. One fundraising portrait per family. There must be a minimum of two generations in every framed fundraising portrait. Children in the family portrait must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The sitting fee is NON refundable should you miss your appointment. An adult member appearing in the portrait must be present to collect and view their family portraits or the offer is void. The contact person is Maree Pomey at the school office.

## OSHC News



Government of South Australia  
Department of Education and  
Children's Services

### Out Of School Hours Care

#### Littlehampton Primary School

2 Positions: CSE L4.1 (Qualified Assistant)  
CSE L1.1 (Assistant)

Littlehampton Primary School OSHC is seeking to employ two enthusiastic, suitably qualified and caring people to support the Director in the day to day management of our OSHC service.

We require a Qualified Assistant (up to 10 hours per week for After School Care and up to 30 hours per week in Vacation Care). Approved qualifications required.

We also require an Assistant (Certificate 3 qualification or willingness to study for Certificate 3 required) for up to 6 hours per week in After School Care and 15-20 hours per week in Vacation Care)

Please contact Kathryn Schultz by 5 p.m. Friday 18th for a copy of Job and Person Specifications.

Written applications to be received by 5pm on Friday 4th March 2011, including names and phone numbers of 2 referees and a copy of qualifications to:

The Director

Littlehampton Primary School OSHC

16-36 Baker Street

Littlehampton SA 5250

For a copy of Job & Person Specifications, please phone Kathryn Schultz on 8391 4742

### OSHC Advisory Committee

Please contact Kathryn if you are interested in joining our OSHC Advisory Committee. We meet twice a term (weeks 2 and 6) at 6pm on Tuesdays.

### Goodbye Hayley

It is with much sadness that our OSHC will soon be saying Goodbye to Hayley as she will be leaving us to find more regular employment.

Hayley has been working for us for the last 2 years as an assistant while she finished her teaching degree and she will be much missed by both children and staff as she has been a valuable member of our OSHC family.

We wish her all the best for her future and hope that her time here has been enjoyable.

## Preschool Health check

Preschool Health checks Wednesday 16th February at the Preschool. Please see Jill Revilla for an appointment time and consent form. Checks take 30 minutes with specialist Child Health Nurse.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been fantastic to see our students looking so smart in their school uniforms. 'Seniors' polo tops are able to be ordered for year 6 and 7 students from The Uniform Shop in Mount Barker. Fittings for Year 7 jumpers will take place this Friday at school, and an order form will be sent home with students. The Year 7s are currently competing to see which student will win the jumper design for this year.

Just a reminder to families that students need to wear running shoes to school every day for daily fitness and sport lessons. Please remember that jumpers with hoods or non-school logos are not suitable for school, even if they are in school colours. Most students have been very cooperative in remembering to leave jewellery at home, and making sure hair bands, etc are in hair tones or school colours only. We really appreciate your support with the uniform! Margie Sarre

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS from 2010

**Fairness**— Mackenzie Adcock

**Including Others**—Denis Henke

**Respect**— Luke Bradey

**Kindness**— Ella Scott

**Being Trustworthy**—Brittany Rowe

**Achievement**—Harmony Conlay, Oliver Fuss, Tye West

**Valuing Others**—Jake Knowles

**A Positive Attitude**—Caitlin Marshall, Tamzin Bellamy, Jaiden Timms, Izaac Harold

**Successfully completed the Co-Ordination Program**—

Jago LeDeunff, Dylan Kohlhagen, Jimmy Lynch, Cameo Selby.

## IGNITE Assessment

This information is for all Year 6 & 7 parents.

The IGNITE Program Is a selected entry program designed to cater for the needs of very bright students. Each year the school selects up to 100 students through the ACER assessment process. The IGNITE assessment which will be held on Saturday 26th February 2011. The assessment test is for students who will be in Years 6 or 7 in 2011.

Nomination forms are available from the front office or from the website. [www.gihs.sa.edu.au](http://www.gihs.sa.edu.au)

## Community News

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

\*Hook in2 Hockey Ph Catherine Christian 0435061245.

\*Registration day Hahndorf Football Club Friday 4th March .

\*Registration day Mt Barker Football Club Sunday 27th Feb.








\*Registration day Nairne Football Club Sunday 6th March.

\*Instrumental music Programmes Ph Peter Beeby 0431 151 104.

\* Pottery Class at Nairne. Ph 0405 104 311. Adults & Children.

\*Kids Taekwondo Enquiries Ph 0412 909 500 or 0417 802 186.

## 2011 Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	31/01	01/02	02/02	03/02	04/02
<b>Week 2</b>	07/02	08/02 OSHC Advisory Committee 6pm	09/02 Finance Committee 6pm P & F 9am	10/02	11/02 6/7 Lawn Bowls  Multi-Lit info session
<b>Week 3</b>	14/02 AGM at 7pm	15/02	16/02 Acquaintance Night at 6pm <b>Preschool Health Checks see Jill at Preschool for time.</b>	17/02 Choir cluster at LPS	18/02 Casual day for flood victims. Gold coin donation. 6/7 Lawn Bowls 
<b>Week 4</b>	21/02	22/02	23/02	24/02 Assembly at 2.30pm in the gym	25/02 6/7 Lawn Bowls 
<b>Week 5</b> Swimming starts Rec-Y5 	28/02	01/03	02/03 Lap Meeting 2.15pm	03/03	04/03 6/7 Lawn Bowls  <b>Clean Up Australia Day</b>
<b>Week 6</b> Swimming starts Rec -Y5 	07/03	08/03 Principal's Tour 9.30am	09/03	10/03 Assembly at 2.30pm in the gym	11/03 6/7 Lawn Bowls 
<b>Week 7</b> <b>BULLY AUDIT THIS WEEK</b>	14/03 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	15/03	16/03 Parents & Friends Meeting 9am	17/03 Aquatics year 6/7	18/03 Aquatics year 6/7
<b>Week 8</b>	21/03	22/03	23 / 03	24/03	25/03 "Come Out" Performance for all students R-3
<b>Week 9</b> Family Portrait Sunday 27th March. Book at office	28/03 Interview week	29/03 Interview week	30/03 Interview week	31/03 "Come Out" Performance for all students 4-7 Interview week	01/04 Assembly at 2.30pm in the gym Interview week
<b>Week 10</b>	04/04	05/04	06/04	07/04 Sports Day Sausage Sizzle	08/04 Pupil Free Day
<b>Week 11</b>	11/04 LAP Meeting 2.30 pm	12/04	13/04	14/04	15/04 Last day of term 1. 2:15 dismissal