



Littlehampton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 1, 2011



Diary Dates

*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*

*Aquatics Camp
March 17-18*

*Assemblies will be at the new
time of Thursday
afternoon at 2:30 p.m.*

*In the Gymnasium
Parents are invited to join us.
Assembly dates:
For term 1 only
Weeks 4,6 (Thursdays) & 9
(Friday 2:30 pm)*

*Clean up Australia Day
4th March 2011*



*Bulb Fundraiser forms to be
returned to the office
Tuesday 15th March*

*P & F meeting
Wed 16th March
In the staffroom 9am*

*Family Photos
Sunday 27th March.
See front office for
Bookings.*



*Sports Day
7th April 2011
Sausage Sizzle will not be
available this year*

*Student Free Day
8th April 2011*



It was wonderful to see so many of you visiting the new kitchen on Acquaintance Night last week. Thank you to the people who have expressed an interest in volunteering in the kitchen or the garden when the program gets up and running. I have kept your details and I will be in touch once we have employed the kitchen and garden specialists and begun to schedule classes.

I was so thrilled to come into work on Thursday morning and see the table in my office covered with items for the new kitchen! Thank you to Joshua Ascott, Skye McClelland, Dianne Wooley, Lisa Davis, Darlene Hall and the Amos family for their kind donations. Thank you also to the many others who signed the 'Pledge Board' on the kitchen wall and have promised to donate items for the kitchen in the coming weeks. It is wonderful to see the community rallying together to support this exciting project for our school.

If you missed Acquaintance Night and would like to express an interest in volunteering some of your time, please leave your name and contact details with Maree at the front office. If you would be willing to donate an item or two to help outfit our kitchen, please drop into the kitchen in the next week or two and sign our Pledge Board... we are looking for donations of anything from a humble wooden spoon to saucepans and food processors!

There will be a working bee this Sunday, February 27th 3 - 6pm in the garden for anyone who is interested in lending a hand. Some jobs will be: harvesting produce, weeding, mulching, planting and building compost bays. If you can bring gardening gloves and tools from home they would be useful. Bring the kids and stay for sausage sizzle at 6 pm!



If anyone is able to donate a load of manure before Sunday, the garden would be extremely grateful! Please ring me at school if you are able to help in this way. Margie Sarre

Kitchen and Garden Specialists

Littlehampton Primary School is looking for a passionate gardener and a passionate cook to deliver the innovative Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and open our students' eyes to the possibilities of fresh, home-grown food. Candidates must have the proven ability to relate to young children, show initiative and have excellent planning skills. Both positions are part-time casual. Phone Littlehampton Primary School 8391 1194 for details and/or Job and Person Specifications. Applications close 5 pm March 15th. Additional information about the Program can be found at www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au

Urgent- Staff Car Park Danger

This week we had a serious incident in the staff car park on Baker Street. A student leaving school at the end of the day rode his bike along the disabled path in the school grounds and then into the staff car park, and was hit by a car entering the staff car park. Fortunately he was not seriously hurt, but this is an important reminder to us all how important it is to address the safety of the students. Staff and parents have observed many 'near-misses' in the car park. Here are some examples of what has been observed:

- A toddler ran ahead of her mum, into the path of a reversing car .
- A student running unaccompanied through the car park to get to his parent's car (parked on Baker street) was almost hit by a car leaving the car park.
- Two children on bikes taking a short cut through the car park were almost hit by a car.
- Children walking through the car park after school were too short to be seen by the driver reversing, and were almost hit.

Could any of these reported near-misses apply to you or your child?

As parents and teachers we need to be so mindful that even the most sensible children will sometimes act impulsively. Please take the time to reflect on your child's entry and exit to and from the school.

The safest entrance to the school from Baker Street is through the pedestrian gates directly in front of the front office.

We are not able to block off access through the staff car park, but we consider this unsafe for parent and student access to the school. **Students riding bikes must exit the school through the gate near the Friendship Seat.** Please also remember that the staff car park is only for staff to use even if there are spaces available, as we have staff coming and going throughout the day.

Thank you for working together with staff to ensure the safety of all children at school. Margie Sarre



Thankyou for your donation

We would like to say thankyou to all the generous people who donated money towards the Queensland Flood Appeal. By participating in our school casual day we managed to raise \$369.00, it was very successful.

Thankyou again,

Louise Grzybala and Mahala Benjamin. (Year 7 class.)

Kiss and Drop Zone

We will be making it a focus this term to gently remind drivers that the Kiss and Drop zone is for pulling in for a maximum of **two minutes**, to drop off children, or pick up children who are already standing near the exit on Baker Street. **Please do not use this space to pull in and wait for your child to arrive.** If your child is not present when you first pull up, please go around the block and pull in again a few minutes later. If you would like to have a place to park and wait, we suggest arranging another pick-up point with your child, such as on Darnley or William Street. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMMES 2011

Would you like your child to learn an instrument?

The following instruments are currently being offered. Please contact the providers to enroll or for further information.

PIANO or GUITAR

Peter Beeby teaches at our school on Mondays & Fridays Peter is a registered music teacher with 25years experience. Peter can be contacted on **8178 0731 or 0431 151 104**

ALL BRASS Instruments plus, SAXOPHONE, CLARINET & FLUTE

Ray Sadler is new to our school this year. Ray is replacing Bob Size. Ray comes highly recommended. Ray is a talented musician who has been conducting bands and teaching overseas. We are extremely fortunate to have Ray as our new conductor of our school band.

Ray can be contacted on **0412034930**.

Parents and Friends



***Parents and Friends have organised a **bulb fundraiser** for term 1. You will find order forms attached. The completed form with your details and payment must be returned to the school by Tuesday 15th March 2011(Week 7). Bulbs will then be distributed to you before the end of term 1 for planting in the holiday.

***If you have any 2nd hand uniforms you no longer need please drop them into the office for the Parents and Friends Team to sort out for sale.

Thanks P & F Team

Community Notices

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 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.