



Littlehampton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 1, 2011

Diary Dates

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)



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

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



Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp March 17-18



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



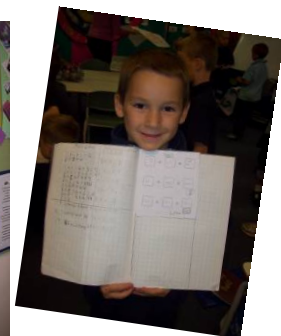
Sports Day Thursday 7th April 2011 Sausage Sizzle will not be available this year

Student Free Day 8th April 2011

Our Students... Off to a Settled Start Learning and Loving it!

It's Week 6, and students and staff are to be congratulated for wasting no time in settling back into learning. Here is a sample of what our classes are doing.

- All our students from Year 3—Year 7 have sat the PAT maths test, which gives our teachers additional data on student achievement. Our maths coordinator Toni Burford is helping teachers use the data to tailor appropriate programs to student needs, and this includes selecting students for Quicksmart maths intervention.
- Our SSOs and parent volunteers have made a start with all student support programs.
- Our Year 6/7 teachers have been pleased with the way their routines support students to settle to work and be engaged in their learning. All three classes are focusing on number in maths, and students are investigating “Our Changing World” by interviewing grandparents about the changes they have seen. Students have been supported in their inquiries by our new teacher librarian, Mrs. Crossley.
- Mr Douglas and Ms Bishop’s Year 4/5 classes have already been on a walking tour of Mt Barker, and learnt about how railways and the recent Heysen tunnels affect the development of a community in their unit “Clickity Clack”.
- Danielle’s Reception and Year 1 students have done some great work in writing recounts— you can read in the hallway outside her class.
- Ms Hutten’s Reception class are excited about their reading.
- Our junior primary classes have been working hard in maths with Ms Myer’s class making great strides in addition; Mrs Burchell’s class working on pattern; and Sara’s class taking off with place value and numerals to 1000. Ms Burford & Mrs K’s class have been excited about their think boards in number.
- Ms Miles & Mr Munt’s class has been doing some great work in perimeter for maths.
- All our classes from reception to Year 5 have had a week of swimming lessons, and our Year 6/7 classes will have a 2 day Aquatics camp next week.
- Preschool children have been excited to learn about clocks. A few simple rhymes rapidly turned into making clocks, writing numerals and maths work.





Kitchen Garden Working Bee

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers who came along to help whip our new garden into shape. The progress in one afternoon was incredible and very rewarding! We all enjoyed socialising during a BBQ near our new kitchen at the end of the day.

We would like to thank our hard-working team:

- * Pip Williams, Shannon, Riley and Aidan McCune
- * Richard Gautier, Lee and James Gautier
- * Hannah Gaborit and Karen Gill
- * Danny and Conrad Jeitner
- * The Galettis family – Rachel, Peter, Max, James and Megan
- * Darlene Hall
- * Mika Kemppainen
- * The Sarre family— Greg, Maddie, Isabel, Oscar and Margie
- * Deb and Sarah Westerholm

Thanks also to the Liebelts, The McCune / Williams family and our wonderful cleaner Vivien for manure for our garden, and a huge thank you to Russell Botten for donating and delivering a truck full of bark chips for our paths. Thank you also to Karen Gill for a much-appreciated iceblock break!



If you would like to contribute to our garden, we will soon be needing donations of seedlings for autumn and winter vegetables. Please email me at margie.sarre@littlehaps.sa.edu.au or let Maree know at the front office if you are able to help in this way. Thank you to Peta Clements for the donation of two lovely capsicum plants! If you would like to sign up to volunteer with cooking or gardening classes, there is a sign up sheet on the front desk of the school. I will be in touch with anyone who has offered help once we have appointed our kitchen and garden specialists later this term. Stay tuned for our next Working Bee in term 2!



Margie Sarre and the Kitchen Garden Committee



Parents and Friends



***Parents and Friends have organised a **bulb fundraiser** for term 1. 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 lost your order form come into the office to get another one.
***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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our former student, Jordan Colotti, currently at the special volley ball program at Heathfield has been selected to represent Australia in the Australian Youth Team and will be attending the Thailand Junior Championships in Bangkok in April 2011. Well done Jordan.

Traffic issues

Thank you everyone for your understanding and cooperation with the changes to traffic during the road works on William Street. So far it has all gone smoothly.

Just to recap:

- The traffic will be only one-way on this section of the road for some time (travelling from West to East).
- Parents can travel along this road and stop in the middle of the road next to the school steps to let children in or out. Please make sure they enter and exit the vehicle from the doors on the school side (ie front passenger door and back left). There will be a traffic officer from Camco to supervise this process.
- There may be some parking available on one side of the road while they work on the other side, although this will change on a daily basis.

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.

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At Littlehampton Primary School we are lucky to have the opportunity to offer many specialised programs to give support to our children. Some of these programs include:

- LAP (Learning Assistance Program)
- FUN & GAMES (Co-ordination Program)
- Multilit (Making up for Lost time in Literacy)

All these programs are co-ordinated by Pauline Bolto and need parent volunteers to make sure the programs run efficiently.

We are in need of more parents help in all Programs!

The job description for these programs is:

- **A caring person**
- **No previous on job experience**
- **A love of children**
- **A spare hour in your day**
- **Must enjoy having fun!**

Please come and join Pauline for an informal chat and learn more about these programs. YOU may be able to HELP!!!!

WHEN: Wednesday March 16th

WHERE: Staffroom

TIME: 2:15pm

It would be a great to see you there. Please come and just learn about what this school has to offer.

Thanks,

Pauline Bolto

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Fun and Games—Jimmy Lynch, Cameo Selby, Dylan Kohlhagen

Achievement— Harmony Conlay

Including Others— Kai Banks, Amber Bakhuis-Smith

Respect— Charlotte Hockin, Charlotte Botten

Valuing Others— Dylan Hopgood, Maria Henke

A Positive Attitude— Caitlyn Payne, Julian Jones, Rachel Odwell, Isaiah Pollifrone, Annie Krop, Caitlyn Payne, Caleb Miels, Madison Cribb, Mahala Benjamin, Chelsea Benfield, Noah Collingwood

Being Trustworthy—Jemma Lawson, Megan Galettis, Holly Winkler, Louise Grzybala

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.

**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

Shady Grove Unitarian Church
Established 1858

On Friday 28th January, our entire school staff went on a History Tour of Littlehampton, to better appreciate our heritage and community. One of the places we visited was the Shady Grove Unitarian Church, which was built in 1858 by Mr John Monks with the help of his son. It first opened as a school house. Unitarian services have been held since the early beginning, and they continue to this day, with some from the original families attending. Nowadays monthly vespers services are held there. Our school staff found this charming building, set in bushland setting well worth a visit. Our school families might also enjoy a visit to this historic place. To arrange a visit, or to find out more about Unitarian belief, you might wish to contact: The Rev. Jo Lane by phoning 8332 2803 or email unitariansa@bigpond.com You can also visit the web site www.adelaideunitarians.org.au



Clean Up Australia Day

Last Friday from our students participated in Clean Up Australia Day, to raise awareness of the impact on rubbish on our natural environment, and to help clean up our local area. An estimated 62,511 volunteers were involved in Clean Up Australia Day this year across the country. Armed with gloves and bags, our students removed some of the country's most frequently dropped items – including cigarette butts and recyclables such as glass, plastics and paper – in the streets close to the school and at Anembo park. Here are some photos of the Year 6 and 7 students clearing rubbish from Anembo park.



E-mail communication from school

Do you sometime lose newsletters? Would you like to be reminded of key school events?
Do you use e-mail?

Last year, our school improvement team recommended that we sent out a short e-mail to families in every week when there is not a newsletter. This e-mail will have brief information only on the 5 most pressing events or issues for the next week. For example, the e-mail next week might read:

1. **17th & 18th March** Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp for Rooms 8, 11 & 12
2. **25th March** Come Out Performance for Students in Reception—Year 3, Cost \$20
3. **Interview Week, beginning Week 8** (24th March) Notices back by Tuesday 15th March
4. **31st March** Come Out Performance for Students in Years 4—7, Cost \$20
5. **Friday, 1st April 2:25** Assembly in Gymnasium, parents welcome, Jamie Briggs will be our guest.

If you would like to receive an e-mail notice from school every fortnight, please complete the slip below and return to the front office by Tuesday 15th March.

Oldest Child's Name _____

Room Number _____

I would like to receive the e-mail **Top Five notice every fortnight.**

E-mail address: _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Caregiver)