



Littlehampton Primary School NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 2, 2011



Diary Dates

Governing Council
meeting
16 May 2011
7pm

Finance Committee
Wednesday 11th May
6pm

Assembly
in the gym
2.25pm
Thursday 19th May



National Walk to School
Day
Friday 20th May



Working Bee in the
school garden
Sunday May 29th,
2-5 pm followed by
free BBQ

Choir assessment is
Tuesday 31st May NOT
1st June as stated on the
calendar



Hot Dog Day
Wednesday 1st June
\$2.50 each

Parents and Friends
Meeting 9 am
Wednesday 15th June

Casual clothes day
Friday 1st July
\$1.00 donation

Kitchen Garden Program off to a Great Start



It has been just wonderful to be a part of the launch of the new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program these past two weeks. A highlight of the program has been the community spirit evidenced in so many ways: volunteers willing to give up their own



time for the children, mums with toddlers helping in the garden, families dropping by the kitchen to deliver goods to stock the pantry, letters pledging donations arriving at the front office. What an exciting time here at LPS! And now introducing Lucy and Sam:



My name is Lucy Cahill and I am the new Garden Specialist for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. I live on several acres just outside the township of Lobethal where with my partner Bert and two children, have been growing our own fruit and vegetables, including preserving and drying for over 10 years. As you are probably now well aware, garden classes started last week and the students, staff, volunteer parents and myself all had such fun exploring, planting, harvesting, watering, digging and weeding. We can't wait to start our next adventures, growing and learning together in the kitchen garden.

It is with a warm heart that I say thank you to the families and members of the broader community who have recently donated cash and many goods to the SAKG. Some garden products include:

- Almost a \$1000 donation of Garden tools, wheel barrows, compost bin, secateurs and much more from Mitre 10 Mount Barker
- Several dozen punnets of seedlings, including asparagus and artichoke from Lasscocks Mount Barker Garden Centre and the Rose Family which has helped kick start this season's plantings
- Compost Bin from the Elliot Family
- Eggshells, horse manure and seed trays

Children have been asked to remember **raincoats** and a **change of shoes or wellington boots** for their garden class on those drizzly days and to bring along dry egg shells and shredded paper/newspapers for the garden.

As the garden is still growing and changing a **working bee** is planned for Sunday **May 29th** which could include such jobs as installing additional garden beds, trellising to fences, installing a hot house and mulching garden paths. More details will be provided closer to the date. You are welcome to come and join us in our garden adventures. Classes run from 10.20am - 1.00pm on Mondays and 12.15pm - 1.00pm Thursdays. Cheers, Lucy



My name is Samantha Butcher and I am the new Kitchen Specialist for the Kitchen Garden Program. I live on a small property at Mylor (complete with veggie garden, chooks, fruit trees and bees) with my partner Steve and our two beautiful daughters. I love creating simple, delicious meals from the produce we have grown to share with family and friends.

I have been cooking with my children and their friends since they were very young. When my eldest began school I became actively involved in her school community, taking on the coordination of the school veggie garden and cooking with the children in their school cooking program. (Continued next page...)



Kitchen garden, continued

This led to running kitchen garden sessions for school-children at the Duck Flat Community Garden, and offering hands-on food and nutrition sessions with a seasonal, garden focus for children and young people via local community centres and the Adelaide Hills Community Health Service.

I am passionate about the connections between food, health and the environment, and strive to inspire in children a love of good food that they can carry with them to adulthood.

News from the kitchen

Firstly, I would like to say a HUGE THANK-YOU to all of you who have donated equipment for the kitchen – the quantity and quality of your contribution is just fabulous!

I am currently sorting through donations and purchasing remaining equipment, so if you still have pledged items to deliver to the kitchen, could you please drop them in to the kitchen ASAP.

There are still some items that would be great to receive (secondhand in good condition is fine) so please check your cupboards and see if you can spare any of the following:

- **Small and medium sized serving bowls/dishes,**
- **Wooden bread boards,**
- **Large serving platters,**
- **Electric kettles,**
- **Small flower vases,**
- **Wicker/cane baskets in a variety of sizes,**
- **Cutlery and Crockery – bowls, dinner plates, bread plates,**
- **Electric blender,**
- **Electric food processor,**
- **Glass storage jars for dry pantry goods (with a good seal),**
- **Any old, interesting or quirky kitchen equipment for display i.e. hand beaters, butter pats, sieves etc**

Please leave all donations in the kitchen along with a post-it note with your name and phone number, and state whether or not you would like items returned to you should we receive lots of the same item.

Kitchen classes are due to begin in Week 4, so if you would like to be involved please leave your name and preferred times with Margie Sarre at the front office.

And finally, if your child has any allergies or serious food intolerances I would like to have a chat with you to make sure our sessions are as safe and inclusive as possible. I am available to meet with you on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please call me on 0407 701 334 to arrange a time or leave a message with the school and I will get back to you.



***We are still needing more **volunteers** to help in the kitchen and garden with small groups of students on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays. If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen or the garden, please let Maree know at the front office. ***

Thank you to Bauldy's

We would like to thank Bauldy's who have kindly distributed letters to all local residents about our kitchen garden program. We have received many offers of help and donations as a result. Thanks for helping us to involve the local community in our school venture! :-)

Walk Safely to School Day Friday 20th May



Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school if they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop.
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

We are hoping to have as many students and staff from Littlehampton Primary School as possible walk to school next Friday. Students who walk will get a sticker to wear once they get to school. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2011!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

SA Public Teaching Awards

Nominations are now open for the inaugural SA Public Teaching Awards.

Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional of the South Australian public education system. The SA Public Teaching Awards aim to recognise and reward dedicated teachers, education leaders and support staff who have made an inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

To nominate a member of your school go to: www.decs.sa.gov.au/teacherawards

Nominations close 5.00pm Friday 3rd June 2011.

For further information contact Virginia Barter on 8226 3079 or email virginia.barter@sa.gov.au

Blood Donations

The blood service will be visiting Mt Barker Bowling Club on the following dates.

Tuesday 24th May 12:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday 25th May 12:30pm—7:30pm

Thursday 26th May 2:15pm-7:30pm

Friday 27th May 8:30am—3:30pm

For further information or to make an appointment please call 13 14 95.

SAPSASA News



On Tuesday 12th April, 43 students travelled to Oakbank to compete in the Hills District Athletic carnival. They all performed well and I was very proud of them all. Special mention to the following athletes who gained places in their events.

- Sebastian Bald—3rd in the 100metres, 2nd 10yr relay.
- Joel Parker Boers— 1st in the shot put, 2nd 10yr relay.
- Ella Lawson— 1st long jump, 3rd 100mts
- Troy Parker Boers—1st shot put and discus
- Eliza Green— 1st High Jump, 2nd shot put & discus.

These 5 students will represent the Hills as part of the Hills District Team at the Metro Athletics carnival at Santos Stadium on May 17th. The following students also received ribbons for their efforts—

- Daniel Kupczynski and Cooper Hough-2nd in 10 year relay.
- Cai Rees, Liam Doecke, Riley Stone— 3rd in the 12 year relay.
- Claire Fries-3rd in the long jump.

Congratulations to all the students who represented Littlehampton Primary School. Well done you did your school proud.

Liz Murphy

Mother's Day Breakfast



Last week we had a very successful Mother's Day breakfast here at school for our wonderful mums. 80 mums and many babies and toddlers enjoyed croissants,

muffins, cake, fresh fruit, coffee/tea and juice.

We would like to thank the dads from Governing Council (and Gov Council member husbands) who cut fruit, prepared and served food, and cleaned up after the event: Glenn Liebelt, Sam Gray,

Wheels for musical instruments



If you have any old roller blade, scooter, skateboard or roller skate wheels or anything similar that you don't need please drop them into Danielle Stone's class (Room 2). We would like to make musical instruments. We do not want bike wheels. Many thanks, everyone in room 2

Music News



Congratulations to :-

Alex Bakker who has won a position in the dance troupe for the Primary Schools Music Festival and Amie Pike, Sophie Ball and Alanah Conlay who are reserves.



Congratulations also for Ruby Washington who performed as part of a 70 voice choir with the State Opera of South Australia in "Stari Mast" as part of the Come Out Festival.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS FROM TERM 1

Fairness— Riley Stone, Jayden Clark

Kindness— Hannah Gaborit, Emma McLean, Georgie Wotton

Being Trustworthy— Jessica Gore, Carly Mitchell, Riley Lucas, Annelise Griggs, Emily Bishop, Hannah Squillace, Sarah Westerholm, Georgia Mitchell, Denis Henke, Jade Marshall, Darcie Bills, Zachary Hart

A Positive Attitude— Zach Bell, Emmy Roach, Claire Fries, Max Galettis, Darcy Hutchinson, Noah Rose, Jake Knowles

Respect— Aaron Bruce

Inquiry - Year 6/7

Last week my friend and colleague, Mrs Janet Munt, gave a photo presentation to the Year 6/7 classes, on the life of a child in Cambodia. This complimented the research work that the students had completed last Term. Janet and her husband Graham, do voluntary work for a month each year in one of the poorest areas of Cambodia, for an organisation called "New Hope". Janet teaches English while Graham puts in water pumps/wells and organises the building and repair of houses.

Some of the students expressed a desire to know more and this can be found at www.newhopeCambodia.com. If anyone wishes to donate to the work being done by this organisation, you can donate on the website or I would be happy to collect any donations and pass them on to the Munts, who will be journeying to Cambodia again in November.

Jenny Crossley

Dingo Digger wanted!

Do you or anyone you know have a 'dingo digger' we could use at our upcoming Working Bee on May 29th for the Kitchen Garden program? Please let Margie Sarre know by leaving a message at the front office; we would be most grateful.

Celebrations Forum Group



This Forum Group, led by Eliza Stafford, Eliza Green & Matthew Scroby, made this Easter egg tree for the Library in the last week of Term. It looked fantastic and all the students were proud of their efforts.

Bully Audit

The table below shows the results of the recent school Bully Audit for Term 1.

Students in R-Year 7 are encouraged to name any students they have been bullied by, or have seen bullying others. The surveys are anonymous, so students feel safe in being honest and open about what is happening. Students who are named on 4 or more students' sheets are supported with counselling to help them to realise how their behaviour is affecting others, and ultimately themselves. We have found this program to be very effective in reducing incidents of bullying at this school.

This term the figures are very low for bullying in comparison to other years, particularly in the classroom. I have included the data from Term 1 last year as a comparison. It is fantastic to see that the vast majority of students are feeling so safe here at school.

	YARD		
	Not at all	1 - 3 times	4+ times
Term 1 2011	85%	7%	8%
Term 1 2010	82%	10%	8%

	CLASSROOM		
	Not at all	1 - 3 times	4+ times
Term 1 2011	97%	2%	1%
Term 1 2010	89%	7%	4%

Welcome to staff and students

We would like to welcome the following new **staff** members who have started at the school this term:
Deahnn Copeland is relieving for Sam Stamos for the first 4 weeks. *Paris Huffman* and *Cheryl Huff* are taking *Lesley Hutten's* class for the first 2 weeks. *Kiri Van Maden* will look after *Julie Burchell's* class on Monday to Wednesday while Julie is acting Deputy Principal for the first 3 weeks and then will teach *Naomi Smyth's* class on Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of the year. *Suzanne Conboy* is taking *Margie Sarre's* class on Thursdays and Fridays for the first 3 weeks while *Jenny Lewis* is away. *Sandra Ferber* has joined the SSO team along with *Kerry Marshall* and *Nicole Kohlhaugen*. *Samantha Butcher* has started in the Kitchen as the Kitchen Specialist and *Lucy Cahill* has started as the Garden Specialist. We also welcome *Paula McCullough* as one of our cleaners who has replaced *Vivien* as she has happily retired.

Welcome also to the following **students** who have joined us at the school this term.-

Georgia Hopkins, Harry Taplin-Bartin, Sam Coppock, Annika Hall, Lucy Hong, Mikaela Jones, Alexander Lynch, Dakota Mason, Charlotte McAvaney, Braedyn Murray, Brittany Murray, Hannah Mussett, Xavier Ormandy, Dylan Riddle, Isla Scandrett, Jack Scudds, Jasper Szilassy, Katie Waters, Lily Whitburn, Chelsea Wood, Lily Brown and Matilda Caire.

Parents and Friends

Thankyou to everyone that supported our bulb fundraiser. We raised \$382.00. Hopefully your gardens will be looking colourful soon.

Thankyou also to the families who supported the family portraits. We had 25 families participate on Sunday 27th March. We hope your portraits will be treasured for many years to come. The families that participated received a 10"x 13" framed portrait and a key ring.

Craft Group looking for new members

Are you 'crafty'? If so, our Parent Craft group would like to meet you! : Shelley and Bev make all of the crafts that are sold at the Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas stalls, and now they are looking for more helpers.

It brings such joy to the children to be able to choose their own special gifts for others, at a price they can afford. It is also a great way to raise money for the school; recently the Craft group donated \$1000 to the orchard and chicken coop, planned for the school garden!

This is a wonderful way to contribute to the school, and it is enjoyable too. You don't need to have any special skills; Bev and Shelley can show you all you need to know to assemble and create craft gifts.

Crafting sessions are Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 in the Molly Miels art room. Everyone is very welcome to come along. If you are interested, please ring Shelley on 0424 410 351.