



Littlehampton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 2, 2011

Diary Dates

**Governing Council,
Monday, 20 June
(Student Free Day)
7:00 p.m.**

**Finance Committee
Wednesday, 15 June
6:30 p.m.**

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



**Hot Dog Day
Wednesday 1st June
\$2.50 each
(Last chance to order
hotdogs is
Friday 27th May)**



**Sara, Mrs Kupczynski &
Ms Burford and
Danielle's class to bring
cakes to sell at Hot Dog
day for 50cents each.**

**Parents and Friends
Meeting 9 am
Wednesday 15th June**

**STUDENT FREE DAY
MONDAY JUNE 20TH**

**Casual clothes day
Friday 1st July
\$1.00 donation
P&F**

The First Four Weeks of Term

Some parents may be aware that I've been on leave for three weeks, caring for my mother who lives interstate. There has been a lot of busy activity while I've been away.

Anzac Day Dawn Service

On Anzac day 32 choir members rose early to sing at the Dawn Service at Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall. We are proud that so many of our students and their parents braved the early start in the middle of the school holidays, to participate in this valued community event. Our students sang beautifully. Thank you to Sara Weston, who supervised.

New Class in Room 3

Three weeks ago 16 new Reception students started school in Room 3. Here is a photo of them with their teachers, Naomi Smyth and Kiri Van Manen. I asked the children what they've been learning at school.

Dylan– learning lots of letters, a,b,d,o;
Lucy– to play nicely with the children
in my class;
Alex– reading lots of readers;
Mikaela– portrait painting;
Lily B– I like sport in the gym and
the tennis court;
Xavier– going to the computer room;
Annika– numbers– finger-print
counting.



Kitchen Garden Program up and running

On Monday the office was filled with delightful cooking aromas. A peep in our Kitchen Dining Room revealed a harvest table filled with pumpkins, potato, zucchinis and parsley – all freshly picked by Lucy, our Garden Specialist; new tables with vases of flowers and bottles of water; students clustered around Sam, our Kitchen Specialist, who was demonstrating how to use knives safely; volunteers helping, and everyone with big smiles.



Thank you to Margie Sarre, and Julie Burchell, who did a marvellous job of running the school during the first three weeks of term. Margie was Acting Principal, and Julie acting DP while I was away.



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News from the Garden

Garden classes are in full swing with children identifying herbs, assembling wheelbarrows, constructing a path and planting the sensory garden, planting seeds in trays and directly into garden beds, debugging seedlings, harvesting and much more, rain, hail or shine! Please keep the eggshells, shredded paper and manure coming.

To kick start Stage 2 of the garden, a **working bee** will be held this Sunday 29th May in the afternoon from 2.00—5.00pm.

Please come and join us to:

- Build a poly tunnel
- Build a new garden shed
- Move, line and add additional compost bays
- Install an open drain adjacent the concrete path to classrooms
- Level and mulch path areas, and
- Create new garden beds behind class rooms

As you can see, there is a lot to do! :-) Any help would be most appreciated. We will finish off with a sausage sizzle after 5. Families are welcome.

We have some tools, but if you can bring any of the following, that would help us out too:

- Wheelbarrows,
- Shovels,
- Spades,
- Mattocks
- Picks
- Post hole diggers
- Manure, hay



The first day in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.



Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:-

Harmony Conlay Room 10
Emily Thompson Room 4
Harry Thomas Room 4
Holly Winkler Room 1
Aidan McCune Room 11
Emma Thomas Room 5
Maya Harnett Room 5
Ben Margetson Room 2
Annie Krop Room 14
Jordan Hunter Room 14
Marlee Curnow-Harrold Room 13
Charlotte Hockin Room 13
Alayna Hawke Room 7
Sophie Barrow Room 16
Hailey Fowler Room 12
Tiandra Colotti Room 12
Caitlin Melville Room 12
Natalia Prokopowicz Room 4
Darcy Bald Room 4
Martin Pollard Room 8
Josephine Calderwood Room 11
Samuel Callins Room 12
Lauren Crossfield Room 7
Isabella Pollifrone Room 7
Hannah Squillace Room 14
Charlie Wotton Room 7
Sophie Hughes Room 10
Izaak Benfield Room 16

Well done.

Jenny Crossley and Paula Simmons

Out Of School Hours Care

Monday afternoons are booked out!

For the last 3 weeks we have had 30 children booked into After School Hours Care, and we've had to turn children away. Make sure you book well in advance for Mondays or you might be disappointed.

Parents and Friends



Just a reminder that **Hot Dog day** is Wednesday 1st June. All payment are to be into the front office by Friday 27th May.

Thanks to Danielle, Sara and Mrs K and Ms Burford's class for donating some cakes that will be sold on the day for 50cents.



Casual Day is on Friday 1st July.

The proceeds will go towards subsidizing the end of year swimming event.



MOUNT BARKER HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S TOUR AND MORNING TEA

Wednesday, June 8th
9am-11am

Meet the Principal,
Mr Warren Symonds
Tour the school on a
normal school day.

Visit our state of the art new
facilities, including
Electrotechnology and Furniture
Construction

Visit other classroom and practical areas
including the Gymnasium, Music, Art
and the Year 8 area

Morning tea at the conclusion of the tour

Bookings essential
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School Fees Now Overdue

Have you overlooked paying your school fees? School Fees were due on 28th February and two reminder notices have since been sent out. Please ensure your school fees are paid as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties, an option is to contact Judi, who can arrange for you to pay by instalments.

Community Noticeboards

You may have noticed we have had three new noticeboards installed around the school, in an attempt to keep everyone informed of all of the fantastic things that are happening at our school and in the local community. One side of each board is for school news, and the other side is for community news. If you have a notice you would like displayed, please give 3 copies to Maree at the front office. Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends committee who paid for one of the boards, and to Anna Bell who has offered to display the information and keep the boards up-to-date.

Welcome New students

Thea Canham, Codie Canham & Taylah Wallace

Music Congratulations



Congratulations to Georgina Doddridge for being chosen to perform and teach the choreography at the Festival Of Music conference. She also is on the choreography DVD.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Respect– Oscar Sarre, Hunter Collingwood & Aaron Bruce
Including Others– Zack Simmons & Rachelle Reid
Valuing Others– Emily Thompson, Harmony Conlay, Jarrah Taylor, Jesse Amos, Ayden Westcott & Lilee Nykamp
A Positive Attitude– Benjamin Hughes, Lily Brown, Seth Ormandy, Kira Daniel x 2, Britt Proeve, Llewellyn Jordaan, Poppy Samwell, Jake Knowles, Tom Harvey, Ashley Crossfield & Imogen Millard
Kindness– Annika Hall, Christian Bald, Saxon Eades & Matt Scroby
Being Trustworthy—Jago LeDenuff, Eric Mussett & Jayde Reddy

News from the Kitchen



Just a quick note this week to let you know that kitchen classes got off to a fabulous start this week. The students were happily engaged making some delicious dishes - hopefully they will try out the recipes at home to share with you!

Our kitchen is looking especially beautiful now, thanks to the gorgeous artwork of Maddie Sarre, (thanks Maddie!) and the harvest table is looking lovely adorned with pumpkins, potatoes, rosemary and parsley.

Now that cooking is underway, any donations of excess produce from your home gardens would be much appreciated. Just leave a message at the office to let me know what you have available (along with your phone number) and I can incorporate it into one of our menus.

And finally, a big thank-you to all the volunteers who helped out with classes this week. Without you it just wouldn't be possible. We are still looking for some helpers next Monday with Helen Kupczynski's 2/3 class from 11:30-1, so if you are available we would love to see you.

Sam

Australian Schools Competitions

The competitions are conducted through the University of New South Wales Educational Testing Centre, and are for Primary students from Years 3 to Year 7 in Science, Writing, Spelling, Mathematics and English. The competitions provide opportunities for students to be assessed in an external testing situation and are also used to recognise and reward achievement. Students can enter any number of competitions, however, entry fees must be lodged by the due date (see below). If your child is interested in an extra challenge, then this is a great opportunity. The dates for the competitions are:

Competition	Sitting Date	Year Level	Entry Fee
Science	Wednesday 8th June	3-7	\$7.70 GST free
Mathematics	Tuesday 16th August	3-7	\$7.70 GST free
Spelling	Tuesday 21st June	3-7	\$11.00 GST free
Writing	Tuesday 21st June	3-7	\$16.50 GST free
English	Tuesday 2nd August	3-7	\$7.70 GST free

Aims of the Australian Schools Competitions

- Provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their achievement in an external assessment
- Monitor individual progress
- Recognise and reward achievement
- Provide students, parents and teachers with a comprehensive analysis of student performance.

Writing

The writing competition is hand marked and assesses the use of pronouns, conjunctions and tense, sentence structure, syntax, spelling and punctuation.

Science

Skills covered include observation, reading and interpreting information, prediction, conclusion, experimental design, reasoning and critical thinking.

English

Includes questions of vocabulary, language usage, reading comprehension and document and data analysis.

Spelling

Is a hand marked test, and aims to provide detailed diagnostic information on student performance in spelling.

Mathematics

Test the skills of estimation, calculation, investigation and interpretation analysis & comparison.

If you would like further information, please see your child's teacher or Jenny Lewis (Principal). Please complete the reply slip and return it, with the entry fee per competition by the due date. Cheques should be made payable to Littlehampton Primary School.

NB. Entries Close: Wednesday, 1 June, 2011 *Late payments will not be accepted*

Schools Competitions Payment due Wednesday 1 June – At Front Office

Student's Name _____ Year Level _____ Class _____

Competitions: (Please tick)

Science \$7.70 Writing \$16.50 Spelling \$11.00 Mathematics \$7.70 English \$7.70

All entry fees are GST free.

Please find \$ _____ enclosed- Cheques made payable to Littlehampton Primary School.

Signature: _____