



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 3, 2011

Diary Dates

Last day of term 3
**Friday 30th
September.**
2:15pm dismissal

School resumes
**Monday 17th
October** at 8.45am



Family Maths
Morning **25 October**



Lab on Legs
**31st October and
1st November**

Family Life Program
**Monday 7th
November**
6:30pm
How we began
Years 2-4
7:20pm Intermission
7:40pm Puberty clues
Years 5-7

**LOST
PROPERTY
CHECK THE
LOST PROPERTY
OUTSIDE OF THE
PACA ROOM.
REMEMBER
TO NAME YOUR
CLOTHES.**

Celebrating our Achievements



Did you know?

Our School band performed a 1/2 hour foyer concert at the Festival Centre on Sunday, 18 September,

Our school choir performed magnificently on Friday, 16 September.

*Our 2 soloists, Caitlin Melville and Georgia Malchow were impressive, as was Josephine Calderwood the compere for the Saturday afternoon concert and Alex Bakker in the dance troupe. **We are so proud!***

Our School Report Card - NAPLAN 2011

Highlights 2011

100% sat the test in Year 3 and Year 5. Almost 100% of students sat the test in Year 7 with one student absent for each part of the test in Year 7, and two absent for maths.

We've continued with the practice of encouraging all students, even those with disabilities and learning difficulties to sit the tests, so growth can be measured from year to year. Only one student was exempted.

Impressive Progress in Maths and Numeracy

Our results show our students have worked especially hard in maths over the past two years, with a very high level of progress for students since they last sat the test. A huge 59% of students in Year 5 were in the top band for progress when their Year 3 and Year 5 results were compared, And in Year 7, 37% of students were in the top band for progress when their Year 5 and Year 7 results were compared.

This level of progress is the same as is achieved by the top 25% of students nationally.

Our results were not good in all areas, however. Over the page you will see all our NAPLAN results for this year (alongside the state means, national means and our last year achievement.)



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How Did We Go?

	Yr 3 Mean	Last year	Yr 5 Mean	Last Year	Yr 7 Mean	Last Year
<i>Numeracy state</i> Australian Mean Score	379.6 398.4		471.4 488.0		535.3 544.9	
<i>Numeracy</i> School Score	370	405	492	469.4	542.6	545.7
<i>Reading state</i> Australian Mean Score	402.8 416.2		478.5 488.4		534.0 540.2	
<i>Reading</i> School Score	387	420.3	486	498.2	541.5	555
<i>Spelling state</i> Australian Mean Score	392.4 406.3		474.4 484.3		533.6 537.8	
<i>Spelling</i> School Score	383	403.2	476	464	537.1	548.1
<i>Grammar & Punc.</i> Australian Mean Score	404.1 421.6		486.2 499.7		529.3 533.0	
<i>Grammar & Punc.</i> School Score	388	415.7	504	515.7	548.2	570.8
<i>Writing state</i> Australian Mean Score	399.3 415.5		469.4 482.5		529 529.3	
<i>Writing</i> School Score	375	420.3	449	490	518.7	563.9

Our scores are above the national mean in those areas marked in yellow.

Celebrating Our High Achievers

There are two ways of measuring high achievement. We celebrate with those students who have made the most progress since they sat the previous NAPLAN. We also congratulate those students who were in the top band of achievement.

High Progress;

Congratulations to students who achieved a high level of progress in Reading, Numeracy or both:

High Progress Year 3-5	High Progress Year 5-7
Numeracy & Reading	Numeracy & Reading
McKenzie Adcock	Jacob Banks
Jesse Amos	Chelsea Benfield
Sebastian Bald	Olivia Cecil
Amber Barrow	Tiandra Colotti
Georgina Calderwood	Alanah Conlay
Madison Cribb	Eliza Green
Claire Fries	Brayden Hopgood
Alayna Hawke	Ryan Hutson
Hamish Knowles	Mollie Jarman
Ella Lawson	Louis Kavanagh
Brayden Little	Rachelle Merchant-Reid
Liam Lucas	Carly Mitchell
Caleb Miels	Amie Pike
Katelyn Scroby	Imogene Scott
Joshua Thompson	Renee Ward x 2
Ethan Timms	Elise Moults-Smith
Ayden Willmott	Chloe Kupczynski
	Aaron Bruce
	Mahala Benjamin
	Madison Bartholomeus

Areas for Improvement

What areas were our weak areas for 2011?

- Year 3 results across the board
- Writing from Years 3—7

It is fair to say that we did not do as well at Year 3 level in any area as we did last year. We have a lot of students with learning difficulties and disabilities at this year level, and our teachers work very hard to assist all students; the capable and the less capable, to take the next steps in their learning. We will be working very hard so that our Year 3s achieve very good progress when they next sit the NAPLAN in 2013 as Year 5 students.

And, it is also fair to say that we didn't do as well in writing From Year 3 to Year 7 this year. Writing was an area that we achieved so well in last year— as the table on the left shows.

Last year the writing task was a narrative text, this year's task was persuasive

writing, a text type our students are less familiar with. Our teachers attended workshops specifically in persuasive writing, modified our marking rubrics and taught lessons accordingly, so they thought they had prepared their classes well. Our teachers will be looking at the tasks, and the marking rubrics, and using the next two terms to assist all students from Year 2—7 to become more confident with persuasive writing.

Top Band Achievement

High Achievers: Congratulations to the following students who achieved in the top band of achievement for their year level in one or more areas. These students will all be presented with certificates at our end of term assembly on Friday 30 September at 1:45 p.m.

Year 5	Year 3
Jesse Amos	Ben Barrow
Amber Barrow	Max Galettis
Claire Fries	Darcy Hutchinson
Maya Harnett	Justin Margetson
Alayna Hawke	Zabien Parker-Boers
Ella Lawson	Brittany Proeve
Brayden Little	
Liam Lucas	
	Year 7
	Jacob Banks
	Chelsea Benfield
	David Cecil
	Alanah Conlay
	Elise Moults-Smith
	Amie Pike

South Australian Literacy & Numeracy Results in Perspective

In the Advertiser 10 September there was the statement "in 14 of the 20 categories, SA students performed worse this year than they did last year." The fact is that in 15/16 categories they are the same as last year.

In the Advertiser 20 September, "the results were the worst posted since NAPLAN began in 2008 with more students in SA failing to reach the national minimum standards." In fact, the 2011 results were best in three aspects, second in four aspects and third in five aspects and worst in four aspects.

The results for SA are consistent with previous years in that they confirm that more than 90% of South Australian students continue to achieve at or above the national minimum standards for literacy and numeracy. (For our school this is higher). When compared to national other state averages, the averages for South Australian students are similar to those for Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania. South Australian results have remained stable over the four years of testing. (Our school scores are better than 2009, but not as good as 2010.)

Working Bee Heroes

We would like to thank SO VERY MUCH the families who came to help at our combined school garden and OSHC working bee last Sunday.

In the garden we were able to paint the timber palings for a chook house we are planning to build next term, construct two new garden beds, mulch paths, turn over the library garden and weed and mulch flower beds around the school.

At the OSHC we were able to replace the sand in the sandpit, clean out the shed, clean out a clogged ag drain, cut down 2 small trees, weed garden beds and build a new veggie garden where the old rabbit hutch was.

What a difference all of this makes to our school. We all enjoyed our time together at the BBQ afterwards too.

So thank you to all of our *wonderful*

WORKING BEE HEROES:

Kerry, Matthew and Bailey Camp; Chris and Sophie Medlan and Sally Fisher; Pip Williams, Shannon, Aidan and Riley McCune; Richard Gautier; Rachel, Peter, Max, Megan and James Galettis; Sara Weston; Margie, Greg, Maddie, Issy and Oscar Sarre; Karen Gill and Hannah Gaborit; Brigitte, Jason, Lachlan and Isaac Warhurst; Sam Bartsch, Arielle Marks, and Michael Parr; Skye McLellan, Nyah and Asher Gaff; Ian and Brittany Proeve; Lisa, Steve and Owen Hart; Leah Waye, Bella and Tilly Denton.

You too can be a WORKING BEE HERO! Stay tuned for information about our term 4 working bee in the school garden.



The kitchen garden forum update

We have quite a few compost buckets around our school- the older students use the tumblers and the younger students use the black bins.

A very exciting announcement was made at an assembly ... the winners for the apron designs were announced, our winners were

1. Jago Le Deunff and Myah Harnett
2. Georgina Calderwood
3. Chelsea Benfield

We congratulate those winners

Last newsletter you may have read about the mosaic project taking shape in our garden lessons. The table is now complete and looks magnificent! Congratulations to Lucy and Tania and all of the students who participated. Well done!



Our new mosaic table in the garden

EMERGENCY ALERT

Have you changed your mobile phone number recently?

Have you provided Maree, our school secretary with your changed number?

In week 1 of next term, mobile phone emergency contact numbers for all our students will be uploaded onto the ZAPITS system we will use to alert parents if the school is to be closed on a day of Catastrophic weather conditions.

Just a reminder, our school is of Moderate (Level 3) risk of bushfire, and as such remains open on days of Catastrophic weather conditions, unless directed to close by the CFS or regional office.

Hence the importance of being able to contact you in case the school is closed at the last minute.

Littlehampton Community Association

Parents at LPS are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Littlehampton Community Association
Tuesday, 4th October, 7pm at the Littlehampton Hall, Meeting Room

Family Life SA Program

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ACCESS TO TELEVISION, DVD OR VIDEO, RADIO, MAGAZINES, INTERNET OR FRIENDS?

If the answer is YES to any of these, then your child is receiving an education in Sexuality.

BUT IS IT THE TYPE OF EDUCATION or INFORMATION that you want them to have?

Parent/caregivers are the best source of information for our young people because they are a constant presence. Have your children told you, recently, what they've learnt at school and from other sources about sexuality? Would you like an opportunity to share with your children and promote open communication about reproduction and personal development?

Family Life S.A. provides educational and entertaining sessions that create an environment for you to be involved in your child's learning experience, and to open up communication. Our sensitive educators promote healthy discussion and provide interesting information in a relaxed setting that promotes positive-attitudes toward sexuality, the miracle of life and their own changing bodies.

Family Life S.A. will be visiting your school on Monday 7th November 2011.

6:30pm How We Began –Years 2-4

7:20 Intermission

7:40pm Puberty Clues—Years 5-7

There are lots of opportunities for discussion throughout the session.

Pay admission at the door.

Full program (2 sessions)

\$18 per family (\$14 School Card Holders)

GST included

Part Program (1 session)

\$12 per family (\$9 School Card Holders)

GST included.

BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

Term 3 Bully Audit results

Every term in week 7 we conduct our 'bully audit' by asking students to complete a questionnaire to let us know if they've been bullied in the yard or in the class, and to name students who bully them. Students who are named by 4 children or more have counselling and lessons to support them on how to treat others better. This term 90% of students reported no bullying in the classroom, 86% reported no bullying in the yard, and only 3 students were named by 4 or more others for bullying other students. We take any instances of bullying very seriously, so please let us know if you think your child may be being bullied at any time.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Kindness-Georgina Doddridge, Chermia Elston, Josh Hogben, Alayna Hawke, Sarah Porter, Deven West, William Forbes, Bri Plachy

Fairness-Caitlin Marshall, Jonathan Liebelt

Being Trustworthy-Chloe Kupczynski, Marni Banks, Oliver Fuss

Respect-Aidan McCune, Mitchell Kolhagen, Ethan Timms, Charlotte McAvaney

A Positive Attitude-Sophie Ball, Noah Mialaret, Matthew Davis, Madeline Scudds, Charli Symons, Brooke Badenoch, Cameron Fuss, Matilda Caire, Caleb Selby, Oscar Schmidt, Sophie Hughes, Tijana DeLacy, Zack Simmons, Ashley Hussey, Denis Henke, Charley Thomas

Valuing Others-Aleesha Proeve, Luke Squillace, Nicola Davis, Llewellyn Jordaan, Taylah Collingwood, Claire Fries, Hailey Fowler, Nick Sroka

Including Others-Caleb Rowan

Multit Progress-Thomas Roberts, Hunter Collingwood, James Melville, Emily Thompson, Peta Clements.

Multit Achievement-William Forbes, Josh Ascott, Oliver Fuss

Parent Survey

Thanks to all the Parents for sending back the Parent Survey forms. We have received 50% back. Please feel free to send them back before Friday 14th October.

Community Notices

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

**Wistow Cricket Club are looking for junior players. Ph Michael Paech 0457 202 994

**Mt Barker Cricket Club In2 Cricket-5-10year olds.

**Kids Taekwondo Enquiries Ph 0412797341 or 0412909500 www.worldtaekwondo.com.au

**CFS Region 1 Operations Brigade are recruiting new members Phone Chris 0410 413 616.

**Milo in2Cricket. Starting Nov 3rd at 4pm.at Nairne Oval. Reception, Years 1 & 2 Boys and girls.

**Hills Little Athletics starting 9th October. Ph 0458 002 75.

**2011 Summer Sports Showcase. Tuesday 11th Oct. 10am -12pm Adelaide Hills Rec Centre. Ph 0437 700 416 or 8391 0222.

**YMCA bush adventure camp 10th -14th October. Ph 85282250 for more information



Traditional values, discipline and modern coaching techniques

Monday & Thursday Nights 6 -7pm in the School Gym
Shannon Barton Sensei 0403574614