



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 3, 2011

Diary Dates

SAKG

Spring

Working Bee -
Sunday

September 25th
2-5 pm at school
followed by a BBQ

LAP and Fun &
Games in the SSO
room,
Friday 23rd
September at
2.30pm

Festival of Music
Our Choir performs,
Friday 16th
September at
7.30pm.



Music Showcase
Wednesday 28th
Sept 6.30pm-8pm

**LOST
PROPERTY
CHECK THE
LOST PROPERTY
OUTSIDE OF THE
PACA ROOM.
WILL BE ON
DISPLAY AT THE
LAST ASSEMBLY**

In Our Community #1– Tania Kunze local artist

One of the indicators that our school is a true community school, is the many volunteers who are prepared to contribute to all aspects of our program. Tania is an artist in our local area, who has volunteered her time at our school.



Tania says “I used to work in Brisbane as a community artist, and was president of a community pottery club. When I moved to Littlehampton I was keen to become involved in community projects again.”

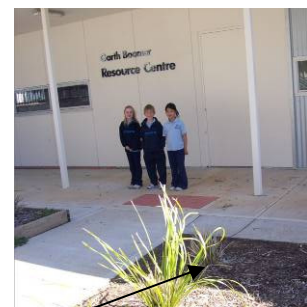
Tania found out about our school and our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program when we did a letter box drop with information through the local post office agency at Bauldys. She contacted the school to volunteer 20 hours of her time to make a mosaic potting table for the garden. She states “I was keen to get my hand in again with my local community, and since I live so close to the school, this is the school that my 2 1/2 year old daughter will most likely attend.”

The project has involved working with all students from Year 2 to 7 who work in the Kitchen Garden classes. The students made tiles in three big custom made circles. The Year 2/3 students made tiles representing salads, the Year 4 students circles represent dessert, and the Year 5's representing pizza– all foods made from produce in our garden. The Year 6/7 classes have been completing the project with broken tile mosaics, and are pictured above with Tania.

Tania says, “Its been great to see the kids so excited about the project. They come up and see where we're up to, and are keen to see the part that they made.” The project will be complete this Thursday, when the table top will be attached to the base of the potting table. There has also been a spin off for Tania too. As she worked with the students, she met volunteers and parents, who were interested in her work and her Saturday afternoon mosaic classes starting in early October quickly booked up.

Did You Know?

Our school community and Governing Council were keen to honour old scholar, Garth Boomer, the educator for whom our resource centre is named. Last year, we put together a submission to DECS requesting that money be given to fund a sculpture in front of our resource centre in honour of Garth Boomer. Following our recent visit by Keith Bartley, Chief Executive of DECS, we received a letter from him offering up to \$20,000 from DECS toward this sculpture.



Imagine a sculpture here!

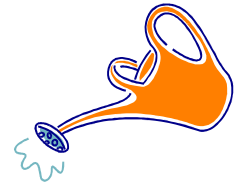


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Giant Spring Working Bee -
 Sunday **September 25th**
 2-5 pm at school followed by
 sausage sizzle. All welcome!



The school garden and the Out of School Hours Care are joining together for a Giant Spring Working Bee, and we would love your help!

A note from Lucy:

Come along in your old clothes and help mulch the school gardens and kitchen garden paths. Help start preparation works for our chook house, yard and orchard as part of stage two of our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Do you have excess manure, bring along a trailer load or two so the children can continue their no dig garden beds during gardening classes?

We can provide some tools but if you have some at home please bring along, large paint brushes, wheel barrows, shovels, post hole diggers, and loads of enthusiasm to help improve the school environment and learning opportunities with your children.

There will be a prize for the class with the most students at the working bee— so come and support your class!

A note from Kathryn at OSHC:

Can you please help with the jobs listed below

- Removal of plants near fence behind lizard/sandpit.
- Removal of ivy and lattice between shed and sandpit, and replacing sand in sandpit
- Digging out dirt from gutter by back veranda
- Removing rubbish and general shed clean up
- Preparing area where rabbit hutch is to become a vegetable garden.

We will also require families to bring in equipment such as spades, wheel barrows, shovels, pruning tools etc.

If you cannot help on the day but would like to help by doing some work on an other day or have suggestions as to what else can be done please let Kathryn know.



We are also looking to make a fairy garden and are looking for our families to each donate a small garden gnome, fairy, wind chime or other garden ornaments to put throughout the garden (one that will not be easily broken)

Garden and Kitchen

A big THANK YOU to Russell Botten who has been donating and delivering mulch to our garden this year. We have been able to cover all of the paths and mulch also mulch some of the flower beds. Russell, your kindness is very much appreciated!



We would also like to thank Tiffany Knight and her children Oscar and Lucy Hong who came along and helped out at our Working Bee in May, and somehow got left off the list.

Thank you to Michelle Thomas for donating jams to be sold at the Father 's Day stall.

Tania Kunz has been kindly volunteering her time to help the students in the program to design and create a mosaic table top for the garden. She has also donated strawberries for the garden.

Michael Parr has been volunteering his horticultural expertise and help in the garden as well. This has enabled us to set up new irrigation system. He has also helped at the OSHC. To these people and all of our wonderful regular volunteers, we thank you!

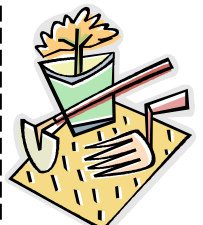
More Garden News

Putting your best foot forward:

Do you have old boots or enclosed shoes cluttering your wardrobe or becoming a trip hazard at the door?? Bring them to school and we will make good use of them in the garden, by filling them with soil and planting seeds and seedling in them!

The Kitchen garden Forum group will be holding a **garden produce stall** on Thursday afternoons. Please bring along your loose change and grab a bargain for your home garden or for dinner! Seedlings 50c each Produce \$1 bag/bunch

The best part of Working Bees is the sense of contributing to our school community. There is always such a 'buzz' at the BBQ afterwards. Kids love being at school and helping out of school hours too, and feeling that they can help. Come along and be a part of the fun!



Committee to Review Uniforms

Since writing the last newsletter, Margie Sarre and I have been visiting classrooms to check out students wearing the uniform. Notes have gone home to parents of children who we consider are wearing non-uniform items. Thankyou to the parents who have contacted us with return slips and queries about our uniform policy. What we note is that there has been varying interpretation of our policy, and this has been caused by a variety of factors. Thanks to you, we know some of the issues which parents are facing.

- being offered non-uniform items at the uniform shop;
- buying non-uniform items from 2nd hand supplies;
- finding it difficult to access good quality low cost uniforms,
- serviceability of uniforms

We know too that some of the children, especially younger children, have been deeply concerned about wearing the right uniform, and have felt embarrassed when we talked to them in front of the class. We are sorry about this, this was not our intention.

For those parents who responded with questions or comments, we have been ringing them to talk about options.

Time to Review our Uniform

Governing Council has decided to establish a Uniform Committee that will meet in Term 4 to review the uniform policy, last reviewed in 2004. While we anticipate that most of the items of our school uniform will remain, it is likely that one or two items will be added, and one or two items deleted from our uniform list. Then there will be a 6 months phase in period for students to be wearing the new uniform. To avoid confusion, our new policy will include a list of what is, as well as what isn't acceptable, and have photos to illustrate each item. We are seeking members for our committee from the following groups:

- Governing Council members: 2 (already nominated)
- Parents and Friends Committee members 2
- Parents from our school community (not on committees) 2
- Staff members: 2
- Students (currently in Year 5) 2

If you would like to nominate for this committee phone the office and leave your name.

Jenny Lewis
Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Kindness-Georgina Doddridge, Abbey Kerr, Ella Scott, Jesse Maczkowiack, Ava Roach, Madeline Little, Xavier Ormandy, Taleisha Rowe

Fairness-Caitlin Marshall, Isaac Warhurst

Being Trustworthy-Georgia Hopkins, Katie Waters

Including Others-Harry Thomas, Cooper Nykamp, Carmen Bubner, Harry Taplin-Barton, Chloe Caire, Emma Thomas, Amber Barrow, Eliza Green

Valuing Others-Aaron Bruce, Jack Wilson

A Positive Attitude-Noah Mialaret, Arielle Marks, Oscar Hong, Bailey Camp, Patrick Sroka, Alana MacDonald, Sara's Class, Georgia Amos,

Thomas Roberts, Bryce Colotti, Leah Hockin

Respect-David Cecil

School Band

The School Band will be performing in the foyer at the Festival Theatre near the Coopers bar on Sunday 18th September at 6.30pm. It will be a free performance and everyone is welcome to come and listen.

Premier's Reading Challenge



The challenge is now finished. Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Oscar Sarre, Manon Le Deunff, Elise Moults-Smith, Ryder Taylor, Aisling Stack, Jago Le Deunff, Daniel Fimmano, Matthew Camp, Caitlin Marshall, Hunter Collingwood, Darcy Hutchinson, Charley Thomas, Marni Banks, Ciara Stack, Jacob Banks, Anika Hall, Katie Waters, Lucy Hong, Alex Lynch, Mikaela Jones, Brayden Hopgood, Riley Stone, Eddie Pike, Caleb Griggs, Sarah Westerholm, Conrad Jeitner, David Cecil, Troy Parker-Boers, Tom Harvey, Liam Doecke, Annelise Griggs, Jessica Forbes, Liam Lucas, Charlotte McAvaney, Lily Brown, Thomas Wilmott and Olivia Stone.

Well done to all the students who completed the Challenge this year; your official awards will be presented in November.

Library Staff – *Valerie Kearton and Paula Simmons.*

Community Notices

**Hahndorf Junior Cricket Club Ph. Mark Trafford-Walker on 0437 834300 or 8388 7974.

** Mt. Barker & Districts Little Athletics Come 'n' Try day. Ph Glenys 8538 5207.



Musical Showcase
Wednesday 28th September 2011
6.30pm—8pm

In the School Gymnasium
Gold coin entry will go towards
payment of the Marimba.

The purpose of this night is to showcase the different aspects of music that happens at our school.

We are presently preparing a number of items.
These include

- 🎵 Choir (Year 5,6,7)
- 🎵 Band
- 🎵 Room 4 dance item
- 🎵 Room 13 chime bar band
- 🎵 Room 14 singing item
- 🎵 Room 16 percussion band
- 🎵 Room 5 ukulele item
- 🎵 Room 7 percussion band
- 🎵 Room 10 recorder item
- 🎵 Year 6/7 "Dynamite" dance item
- 🎵 Instrumental ensemble & solo items

We ask that children wear school uniforms and sit in their classes for the evening.
All pre-school & toddlers will need to be with their parents.

