



## Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

# NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 4, 2011



**Heather with her granddaughter Holly.**

### Diary Dates



**Littlehampton's  
Got Talent,  
lunchtimes  
during  
Week 7**

**Year 6/7 visit to  
Mt Barker High School.**

**16th November  
LAP Fun & Games  
Meeting 2pm in the  
staffroom**



**Parent's and Friends  
Casual Clothes day  
25th November.  
\$1 donation to go  
towards whole school  
swimming day.**

**Governing Council  
5th Dec 2012  
7pm**



**Whole School  
Swimming Fun Day  
Monday December 12th**

## In our Community #2- Heather Little - recently retired cleaning supervisor

When I first came to Littlehampton in 2008 I was impressed by the standard of clean, which was far superior to any other school I had worked in. I soon realised that this had a lot to do with Heather Little, the cleaning supervisor, whose connection and loyalty to our school goes way beyond what one would usually expect.

Heather's connection with our school goes back 45 years, when she was a parent in Littlehampton, and the school principal approached her and asked if she would start her daughter Cheryl at the school at age 4. The school numbers were desperately low, and they were in danger of losing their second class. To avoid dropping back to a one teacher school, they creatively invited local children to begin school early— a practice which would be unheard of today.

So, Heather began her association with our school. From 1969, Heather joined the Welfare Committee. This group's role was that of Parents and Friends today— and more! Heather, as treasurer of this group collected the voluntary contributions to the school. In lieu of materials and services charges, parents were asked to give voluntary contributions of whatever they could afford, and as treasurer, Heather's unpaid role was to keep the financial records and make sure the books balanced.

Heather's three daughters, Cheryl, Julie and Kathryn attended Littlehampton over a 17 year period, and Heather has many happy memories of that time:

- going to Murray Bridge swimming pool and Milang for school picnics.
- a joint school camp for Julie with Littlehampton and Mt Barker College (St Francis) joining together to make up the numbers.
- the small school fostered close friendships. Heather's daughter Julie is still close friends with old school mates Anthony Myatt (son of former headmaster, Mr Myatt) and "Pom" David Pomery, husband of Maree, our school secretary.

Heather began working for Mary & Allan Smith cleaning contractors at Mt Barker High School 35 years ago. There was no OSHC in those days, so her three daughters got themselves home, and cooked tea for their mum. Heather has worked for 6 cleaning companies since.

Heather began cleaning Littlehampton Primary School in 1991— just after her last daughter Kathryn left. She cleaned Littlehampton School for 20 years. She reports:

- finding it very odd to clean the Preschool— the former headmaster's house. It just didn't feel right;
- becoming suspicious about the relationship between deputy principal, Chris Bourne, and a teacher Joy Purling. She said to her supervisor, "I think something is going on here, Joy is always around!" She was right— Chris and Joy eventually married.
- Heather had hoped that her granddaughter would attend Littlehampton Preschool and School, but it didn't work out.
- forming many friendships with teachers, which have continued to this day.



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## Heather Little cont.

A cleaner sees the school and people from a different perspective. Heather remembers

- Deidre Amsberg, who she called “Mrs Glitter” because her junior primary classroom in our current Kitchen Dining Room, was always covered in glitter;
- Marcia Bungey (Now Deputy Principal at Woodside P.S.) kept chickens in her classroom;
- When Simon Munt first joined the school, he set up a goldmine in his class. Students mined for gold in sand strategically placed in the classroom;
- Phil Douglas, she says is a “cleaner’s bonus” as his classroom is always left so neat.

With new cleaning contractors taking over from Spotlight and changed conditions, Heather made the decision to retire from Littlehampton earlier this year, though she is still doing a small number of hours with Millenium, and Chamika.

Parents and teachers have noticed that the school has lost that “sparkle” which Heather ensured it had while she was working here; regularly putting in extra hours to keep it just so.

*Heather states:*

*“I always put in extra because I love this school. It has been a key part of my life for 45 years.”*

In her retirement Heather plans to:

- volunteer in her granddaughter’s school;
- spend time in her garden which has won awards in the past, and she is hoping to get it back to that standard.

We would like to thank Heather for her contribution to our school over so many years, and wish her all the best in her retirement.

*We are planning a special farewell function for Heather, and if you would like to attend because of your connection with her, please ring and ask Maree to be included.*

## Classes and Teachers for 2012

We are now in a position to let parents know most of our teachers for 2012. Parents will notice that we have had some new appointments. Some teachers who have had one year positions in our school have been appointed permanently. These are:

Alison Bishop (Year 4/5)  
Leonie Chatfield (Year 6/7)  
Brigitte Myers Year 1/2  
Lisa Wiedenbach Preschool

We have had some new appointments:

Narelle Thomas, Year 3/4  
Julie Claridge (Year 5/6)  
Sarah Slee (French)

And some of our wonderful staff are not on the list for 2012:

Katherine Ellery , Danielle Stone, Liga Miles, Naomi Smythe, Kiri Van Manen, Helen Forrest, Helen Kupczynski, Alison Saunders, and Deahnn Copeland.

You will notice that there are a number of 1 year vacancies for 2012, and hopefully we will see some of the above staff back in these positions next year.

Year Level	Teacher
6/7	Leonie Chatfield 5 days
6/7	Debbie Taylor
5/6	Julie Claridge
4/5	Alison Bishop
4/5	Phil Douglas
3/4	Narelle Thomas 4 days Simon Munt 1 day
3	Sara Weston
2	Toni Burford 2 days New teacher 3 days
1/2	Julie Burchell
1	Brigitte Meyer
R/1	New Teacher-
Recep	New Teacher
Recep	Lesley Hutten
Term 2 Rec	10 students, class grows to 26 in Term 3
Term 4	Possible 15 <sup>th</sup> class 10 students

### Other Teachers

Jenny Crossley Teacher Librarian  
Sue Lohmeyer Music  
Liz Murphy PE  
Sarah Slee (French)  
0.3 Art teacher

Margie Sarre, our Deputy Principal will have a 1 day teaching role next year, and this will be to release teachers for planning, as will a number of other staff.

Next week staff will begin to allocate students to classes for 2012. In line with our Class Placement policy (see last newsletter), parents have the opportunity to provide information pertinent to their children’s placement. This must be done in writing, addressed to the principal and marked confidential. This must be done Monday 14th November.

*Due to the “domino effect” of making changes after classes have been organised, no changes can be made after classes are released. Please ensure that you provide us with any relevant information or opinions now.*

## SAKG Forum



News from the kitchen/garden forum...

We have been very busy, firstly we would like to congratulate Madame Sarre and Mrs Chatfield's class on having the most people at the working bee a couple of weeks ago,

their prize will be a potted golden boot!

We also have a garden stall that is usually held at the bottom lunch shed, but on the days of assembly it is held outside the gym. We also managed to retrieve all of the winners (except one) and create a new design which is currently on the aprons now! From the Student Forum Leaders.

## Kitchen News

### New Aprons for the Kitchen

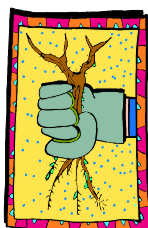
A big thank you to Deb Westerholm for screen-printing our new apron design. Next time you are in the kitchen, you will see that the students from each colour kitchen bay are now wearing matching colour aprons. The design for the aprons was made from the combined ideas and artwork some of the students who won the Apron Competition run by the Kitchen Garden Forum: Jago LeDeunff, Mayah Harnett and Georgina Calderwood Well done!



New aprons for the kids

## Thankyou to the Quiet Workers!

Thankyou to the family who volunteered to come in during the holidays to weed the front gardens. They had noticed the front garden beds needed attention, They teed up a time when staff were working in the school, organised for Wally our groundsman to collect and dispose of the weeds, and spread mulch around to finish off. This is the reason the front of our grounds looks so good.



## Littlehampton's Got Talent

As the last fundraiser for the year, the Fundraising Student Forum has planned a "Littlehampton's got talent" event. In every lunchtime over Week 7, there will be a "heat" planned in the gym, with 5 or six students or groups competing. The winners from each of the daily heats will compete in a grand final on Friday. How is this a fundraiser? There will be a fee to enter the competition of \$2 per individual or \$5 per group. We will also charge entrance to students to watch at lunch time, of 50c per day.

We know that many students have special skills and may learn dance, music, calisthenics, and are sure it will just take a little bit of practice to be ready to perform.

**So, Littlehampton, get ready, there are 3 weeks to prepare!**

From Mrs Lewis & Fundraising Forum

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

**A Positive Attitude-** Eddie Pike, Jack Bills, Emily Bands, Georgia Grant, Riley Parr, Daniel Collins, Mitchell Kohlhagen, Lauren Crossfield, Matthew Camp, Ryan Hutson, Katie McSporran, Jasper Szilassy, Marni Banks, Daniel Kupczynski, Keaton Riddle, Izaac Benfield, Justin Margetson, Georgia Bannister Carmello Pollifrone, Jed Geary, Madison Bartholomaeus

**Respect-** Lucas Jordaan, Jack Scudds, Samuel Callins

**Including Others-**Amber Barrow, Paris Samwell, Cameo Selby

**Being Trustworthy-**Alayna Hawke, Jordan Hunter, Daniel Fimmano

**Fairness-**Rylea Wilmott

**Kindness-**Jayde Reddy

## Remembrance Day



On Friday, 11th of November, our three Year 6/7 classes and their teachers, together with Year 5 students in the choir will walk to Miels Park, and participate in the Remembrance Day Ceremony. The choir will sing the National Anthem, and our school leaders will lay a wreath. At school, the teachers will be talking to their classes about the meaning of remembrance day, and many classes will be observing a minute of silence at 11:00 a.m.

## Community Notices

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

\*\*Australian Red Cross Blood Service will be in Mt Barker at the Bowling Club 28th Nov. to 2nd Dec. Ph 131495 for further information or to make an appointment.

\*\*Mountain Pool Amateur Swimming Club. Free Come & Try for new swimmers. Ph Annie 0433 109 684 or Alison



## Christian Performances November 21

Each year school ministries funds a Christian based performance for our students based around values, and situations of relevance for children and young people today. The performance this year will be on the theme Heroes, and will take place on November 21 with two sessions, for R-3 at 12:00—1:00 and 4-7s from 1:45—2:45. We are asking parents to notify the school if they **DO NOT WISH** their children to attend these sessions.

## OSHC Enrolment for 2012

If you require to use the OSHC service in 2012 and are not currently enrolled please contact Kathryn on 8391 4742.

Enrolment forms can be collected at OSHC, front office or they can be downloaded from the web site.

## Invitation for School Families to attend Governing Council, School Fees for 2012 \$270.00

Our school families will find attached to this newsletter the proposed Materials and Service Charges for 2012. Finance Committee has recommended that the fees be increased next year by \$5.00. This is less than the CPI, which for 2011 was 3.9%, (\$10.00). The proposed fee increase will be discussed and voted on during the first 15 minutes of our next Governing Council meeting, on Monday, 5 December at 7:00 p.m. and interested parents are welcome to attend the early part of this meeting, or may address their opinion to the Governing Council in writing. Any queries about the charge can be directed to Judi Daniel, Finance Officer on 83911194.

## Uniform Policy Review

The Governing Council is undertaking a Uniform Policy review. Thank you to Lisa Davis, Rochelle Samwell, Bridgette Warhurst and Nicole Roberts who have volunteered to be part of a committee to look at changes to the current policy. Two of our Year 5 students, Ella Scott and Brayden Little, will also participate, along with Mark Lucas who will represent the Governing Council. Sara Weston, Helen Kupczynski are staff representatives and Margie Sarre will chair the committee. Do you have any uniform suggestions for the committee? If so, please write them down and leave them with Maree at the front office addressed to Margie Sarre, or email your ideas to [margie.sarre@littlehaps.sa.edu.au](mailto:margie.sarre@littlehaps.sa.edu.au) before our first meeting next Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>. You could also speak to a member of the committee who will be able to pass on your views. This is your chance to have a say, and we welcome your suggestions!



## Special Photos



If you would like to order a group photo of the band, Tournament of the mind, Choir or the Forum Leaders please pick up an envelope from Maree in the front office. The photos cost \$15.

## Garden Stall

Come and buy some plants or seedlings from our garden to take home. Thursdays 2:45- 3:15 in the bottom lunch shed. Seedlings 50cents and other produce



## Knitting For Charity Forum

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, Kira Daniel, Seth Gardner and Imogene Scott who are the forum leaders for Knitting For Charity, drove with Ms Bishop to the Hahndorf Interim Animal Shelter.

The purpose of the visit was to hand over the blankets the students in the forum had made. Some mothers and grandmothers helped sew the knitted squares which were a range of sizes, together to make lovely colourful blankets.

Earlier this year Jenny Mc Mullen from the Hahndorf Animal Shelter visited the group and said that the cats and kittens especially, would enjoy the blankets. Last Friday was a great chance to be able to see how the animals will benefit from the efforts of the knitting forum students. A photo of this visit is going to appear in the Animal Shelter's next newsletter.



## Nut Awareness Policy

In the last newsletter, we informed parents that our Nut Awareness Policy was being revised, and that a complete copy of the revised policy would be sent out with this newsletter. Staff and Governing Council have revised the policy, and this was approved in our Governing Council meeting on Monday 31st October. The main changes are as follows:

- The preschool section has been updated to reflect changed conditions since full day sessions have been introduced;
- We have added the sentence "Staff will send home a reminder note to parents with reference to this Nut Aware Policy when nuts are brought to school." Teachers have been given a proforma to send home in the diary if students bring nuts to school.

We consider that this policy will ensure students safety, and will include reminders to parents in the newsletter from time to time.