



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER



Diary Dates



*Thankyou morning Tea
Friday 9th December at
10.45am in the gym*



*Whole School
Swimming Fun Day
Monday December 12th*

*Tuesday 13th December
End of year electives
4/5-7*

*Please note
NO Assembly Thursday
15th
December*

****CHANGE OF TIME****
*End of Year assembly
Friday 16th December
1:15 in the gym*



HOLIDAYS !
*School finishes on
16th December at
2:15pm
Have a good break.
School resumes on
Monday 30th January
at 8.45am in the
gym for an assembly*

Our students – how active are they?

In Term 2, most of our Year 6/7 students participated in action research for a PhD study to identify the factors that influence lunchtime and after school activity. This involved wearing an 'accelerometer' to measure physical activity levels at different times of the day, and completing 3 questionnaires about physical activity.

We think you will agree that the results were very interesting:

- Girls and boys were much more physically active at school during lunchtime compared to after school.
- Approximately half of the children monitored were not meeting the daily recommended 60 minutes of physical activity. As a group they obtained 42% (girls) - 58% (boys) of the recommended levels.
- Boys were more physically active than girls, both at lunch (35% boys, 21% girls) and after school (14% boys, 11% girls). The 3 most common activities for boys at lunch (in order) were running, 'mucking around outdoors' and walking around. The most common activities for girls were sitting (talking, reading, writing), walking around and mucking around outdoors.
- The most common activities after school for boys were watching TV, Computer console games and running/jogging, whereas the three most common activities for girls were studying / homework, watching TV and sitting (talking/eating / reading).
- Compared to 9 other schools in the study, our students were **more** active at lunchtime at school than other schools, and **less** active after school.

Overall, the children said they preferred being active rather than sedentary and would like to take part in more organised sports and activities after school.


The students said the main reasons they were not more active after school were:

- Homework and household chores stop them from being active.
- They are more likely to be active if they have a friend with them.
- Rain can limit their activity.
- Parents are supportive of them being active, but are generally too busy to play with them.

Interestingly, students felt they had adequate play space and equipment both at school and at home, and cost or distance (from parks, ovals, etc) were not factors in determining how active they were. Although students did not list TV or Computers as an issue, clearly the time they are spending on these activities is impacting on their physical activity as well.

As a staff we are committed to encouraging as much physical activity as possible. The difference in activity choices between girls and boys is of particular interest, and we will attempt to address this next year. Students stated that they play sport at school to improve their skills and to be considered 'cool' by their peers. Peers support was identified as being very important to them. So one challenge for us will be to try to make physical activity more 'cool' for girls!

Another challenge as a community would be to get more of our students walking and riding their bikes to school. We are beginning a new program next year called Way2Go, which teaches traffic and pedestrian safety and encourages children to be more active before and after school. Stay tuned for activity sheets to come with your newsletter next year.

In the mean time, we hope you all get out and enjoy the fine weather with your children. Tennis anyone? 



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Reports and Classes for 2011

Today your children will bring home their school reports. The teachers have put many hours into writing reports that give parents a true picture of children's learning, and also recognise each child as an individual. Parents, please take the time to discuss the reports with your children, look at the effort as well as the achievement, and talk to them about what they enjoyed and learnt from the year.

Classes 2012

We had intended to include with the reports a letter about the class your child will be in for 2012. However, there have been several late notifications of children enrolling in some year levels, and withdrawing from the school in other year levels, which make it impossible to make a decision on the class structure now. As happened last year, we are now considering two possible classes. At this stage it looks most likely that we will be going with class structure 2, in which we start the Term 2 reception class a term early, beginning the year with 14 classes, not 13.

Class Structure 2

Class 1	Yr 6/7	Debbie Taylor
Class 2	Yr 6/7	Leonie Chatfield
Class 3	Yr 6/7	Julie Claridge
Class 4	Yr 5	Phil Douglas
Class 5	Yr 4/5	Alison Bishop
Class 6	Yr 4	Narelle Thomas 4 days Simon Munt 1 day
Class 7	Yr 3	Sara Weston
Class 8	Yr 2/3	Toni Burford/ HK
Class 9	Yr 2	Julie Burchell
Class 10	Yr 1	Brigittte Meyer
Class 11	Yr 1	New Teacher DS
Class 12	REC	Lesley Hutten
Class 13	REC	New Teacher
Class 14	REC	New Teacher NS

First Class Structure as advertised in newsletter:

Class 1	Yr 6/7	Debbie Taylor
Class 2	Yr 6/7	Leonie Chatfield
Class 3	Yr 5/6	Julie Claridge
Class 4	Yr 4/5	Phil Douglas
Class 5	Yr 4/5	Alison Bishop
Class 6	Yr 3/4	Narelle Thomas, Simon Munt 1 day
Class 7	Yr 3	Sara Weston
Class 8	Yr 2	Toni Burford/ HK
Class 9	Yr 1/2	Julie Burchell
Class 10	Yr 1	Brigittte Meyer
Class 11	Yr R/ 1	New Teacher DS
Class 12	REC	Lesley Hutten
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The second class structure allows for three 6/7

classes and it also means our reception classes all begin with lower numbers. It is definitely a better class structure, considering our current numbers. We will not be in a position to choose which of these structures we use until the week before school returns and we see how many last minute students enrol or transfer from our school and at what year levels. ***If you are considering enrolling your child in another school for 2012, please ring the front office and inform us now!***

Jan 25 We will make a decision on class structure

Jan 27: Class lists will be posted on the front door of the office, the Molly Miels door and the JP entrance door.

Jan 30 First day of school, the children will meet in the Gym for assembly at 8:45 to meet their new teacher.

Farewells

Thankyou and farewell to the following teachers who we will be leaving us and have made an outstanding contribution to our school in 2011. We wish you all the best for the future.

Liga Miles- who has been sharing a Year 4 class with Simon Munt this year.

Helen Forrest, who started our Term 3 Reception class.

Katherine Ellery who has done such a fantastic job of teaching French for the last 3 years.

Kiri Van Manen who has impressed us all with the wonderful job she's done in her first year of teaching. She will be moving to W.A and we wish her all the best in her career.

Deahnn Copeland, who stepped into a Year 6/7 class in Term 2 when the teacher couldn't return.

You will notice that a number of classes are marked New Teacher, with initials next to them. We are hoping to re-employ some of our long standing contract staff members (such as Naomi Smythe, Danielle Stone and Helen Kupczynski) for next year. However, please note the staffing exercise is not yet complete.

A Chaplain For Our School

Have you filled in your response sheet about a chaplain for our school provided in the last newsletter? If you did not respond, it is not too late. Response sheets are available from the front office.

The latest tally of responses shows 29 in favour and 4 opposed.

Information about the Chaplain program:

- Their role is about wellbeing, and fostering community
- They will be a special support person for many programs across the school
- They won't work individually with all children, they will work with some who need support and parents will be informed

- The chaplain is specifically forbidden to proselytise they do not talk about doctrine, and they do not recruit parents or children to a specific belief.
- They might answer a parent question about local churches in the community if asked.
- The teachers would like a chaplain... even those teachers with no specific religious belief; because they consider it would be an extra person to listen to and support students.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Maree, who will put you in touch with one of several Governing Council members who have had experience with chaplains in other schools. An information session with input from nearby schools on how the chaplain program works will be held next year.

Thankyou morning tea



The staff of Littlehampton Primary School appreciates the many ways in which parents/ caregivers of our school provide assistance to us and the children.

We would like to say **THANKYOU** by inviting you to **MORNING TEA** on **FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2011**, 10:45in the gym.

Unley High School

Unley High School has introduced a specialist rowing programme with our first Yr 8 class beginning in 2012. Interested parents of students in Yr 7 in 2012, both from outside the Unley High School zone, and within the zone, are encouraged to apply for selection in this programme for 2013. Details of the selection procedures and an overview of the course are available now. Rowing 'Come and Try' sessions will be held early in Term 1, 2012, for interested students. Please email Helen Jones to register interest and to request an information pack at helen.jones@uhs.sa.edu.au.

UnleyHighSchool-Special Entry Rowing

- Special Entry at Year 8 in 2013 to students within or outside the Unley High School zone
- Opportunities to develop skills as rowers, coxes and coaches
- Access to fitness facilities
- Spring and summer rowing camps on the Murray River
- A comprehensive curriculum including on water training, fitness training, goal setting, sports nutrition and physiology
- Competition in regular regattas including Head of the River, and in senior years, the Australian Rowing Championships



Talent identification process for specialist entry includes physical testing, come and try sessions, written application and an interview.

To register your interest, email helen.jones@uhs.sa.edu.au



Natural Resource Management



NRM Education survey for parents
Please take a few minutes to fill out the online survey to have your say on the kinds of sustainability services and support we offer to your school.

<http://tinyurl.com/chsdfde> <<http://tinyurl.com/chsdfde>>

Every entry will go into the running to win one of two family passes to Monarto Zoo worth \$85 each. Complete this survey by the December 9th. The winners will be drawn on December 12th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Pippa Cattanach
NRM Education Coordinator (Lower Murray)
Email: pippa@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au

Kids Around Town Voucher Book



The Adelaide Edition of **Kids Around Town** Family Voucher Book is now available through Littlehampton Primary School. Save yourself \$\$\$ all year round with this family friendly Adelaide guide which includes:

- 200+ offers valued at over \$5000
- Interesting articles and handy information
- Valid to December 2012
- Only \$20 per book, with \$7.50 per book staying with the Parents & Friends team.

A copy of **Kids Around Town** is on display in our front office.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Being Trustworthy-Alexis Knowles, Chloe Caire, Brayden Hopgood
A Positive Attitude-Katie Thompson, Anders Hall, Darcy Bald, Alex Bakker, Eliza Stafford, Josh Ascott, Eliza Green, Dylan Menadue, Ashley Hussey
Respect-Ayden Wilmott
Fairness-Katelyn Scroby, Sophie Hughes, Taehyun Elston
Valuing others-Liam Lucas, Carly Mitchell, Peta Clements
Kindness- Troy Parker-Boers
Including Others-Liam Doeke
Achievement-Hunter Collingwood, James Melville, Emily Thompson

Music Lessons

Instrumental Tuition for 2012

Is your child interested in learning an instrument?



We have 2 instrumental teachers who come to our school. Lessons are conducted during school hours.

Ray Sadler teaches **brass and woodwind instruments**.

(trumpet, trombone, saxophone, flute, clarinet)

Ray can arrange for instrument hire. Ray also conducts our school band.

If interested please contact

Ray on 0412034930 .

Peter Beeby teaches **guitar and piano**.

If interested please contact **Peter on 0431151104**

Peter & Ray welcome enquiries about appropriate ages for students to begin learning an instrument & also will inform you of tuition costs.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge official Awards were presented by class teachers to students in Week 6 just prior to at the assembly. At the assembly the 238 students who completed the Reading Challenge were recognised, and Mrs Lewis presented awards to our 3 students who were among the first in the state to receive the **Readers for Life Award**.



Congratulations to Samuel Callins, Louise Grzybala and Caitlin Marshall for completing the Reading Challenge for 8 years. A fantastic effort!

Well done to all students who participated and a big thank you to parents and teachers who assisted their children in achieving the challenge.

Library News

The younger children, and even some of the older ones, have been very excited by the arrival of Tommy, our reading turtle, Tommy complements the furniture in our reading area, and is brightly coloured and fully washable. Next time you visit the Library with your child, ask them how they use the Reading Turtle.



DID You Know?

Big Changes in the Preschool Starting Term 2 Next Year!

No more Pre-entry Playgroup moves to OSHC
15 hours of Preschool Program for all children, with Preschool operating every day of the week.

- A basic model of provision has been approved by Governing Council, and we are now ready to consult with parents.
- An information sheet has been provided for every Preschool family, and notices will be posted out to Term 2 & 3 starters with the opportunity to provide feedback.
- An information evening will be provided in the first four weeks next year.
- If you have toddlers or preschoolers, make sure you collect an information sheet from the preschool or from the front office.

Parents and Friends



The season of peace, joy and sharing is here again. The Parents and Friends Team would like to send best wishes to all of the families and staff for a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Next meeting term 1 week 2 2012
in the staffroom at 9am.

All welcome.

Yard Savours' Bird-Feeders



Last week, the Yard Savours forum made bird-feeders. We used the donated cartons to be the feeder, then cut a hole in them all, put a



straw through as a perch, and put string on it for hanging. Thank you to all the people who donated some cartons for us and keep a look out for them around the school.

Change in our Bushfire Policy

Approved by Governing Council in the Meeting on 5th December 2011.

Our previous Bushfire policy read "all excursions will be cancelled on days of Total Fire Ban". This is now no longer a requirement of DECD. The policy now reads, "On Days of Total Fire Ban, excursions are cancelled at the Principal's discretion." Note, this is talking about Days of Total Fire Ban, NOT Days of Code Red Catastrophic Weather Conditions. On Code Red Catastrophic Days, all excursions will be cancelled.

Total Fire Ban days occur reasonably frequently, and we have already had one such day this year. Under the previous policy swimming lessons at Woodside pool were cancelled. Under the new policy this is unlikely to happen unless there is a fire in the vicinity.

Change in our Uniform Policy

Please find included with this newsletter the **new uniform policy**, which has been approved by the Governing Council. Please note that students can still wear their current logo items (eg school jumpers) next year, as there will be a long 'phase in' period'. The Uniform Shop will be preparing the new items (eg polar fleece jackets) to be ready early in Term 1 2012. Please note particularly the **change in footwear**, to be in place from the beginning of 2012.

We would like to thank all the parents who emailed or handed in their contributions, and also the members of the Uniform Committee: Mark Lucas, Rachele Samwell, Lisa Davis, Bridgette Warhurst, Nicole Roberts, Sara Weston, Helen Kupczynski, Margie Sarre, Ella Scott and Brayden Little.