



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 1, 2012

Diary Dates



**Sports Day Wednesday
4th April.**

**Sausage sizzle, drinks
and iceblocks
available for sale
on the day.
NO NEED
TO PREORDER**



**Last day of school
Thursday 5th April
Early Dismissal at
2:15pm**



**ANZAC Day
25/04/12
NO SCHOOL**

**Garage Sale at school
Sunday 29th April
8am start.
(more information
to follow)**

**P & F Meeting
Wednesday 2nd May in
the staffroom at 9am.**

**School photos
8th May & 9th May**

**11th May
2012
PUPIL FREE
DAY**

Welcome to our new staff member, Piero Barazin.

'Monsieur Piero' joined our staff last week to replace Sarah Slee, our French teacher who is on maternity leave and will return in Term 3 next year. This photo was taken of his French class in action.

Harmony Day Visitors, "Congo's Children"

Did your children tell you about our visit from Congo's Children? This group of children and adults from the HOPE orphanage in Democratic Republic of Congo spoke to class groups, played soccer with our students in the school yard and sang, danced and played drums at



assembly. Our hearts were moved as the children told their stories about how they lost their parents to war. Some parents have enquired about donating to this organisation. The website www.ahi.org.au provides information about Aid & Development projects, tax deductibility, and the percentage of donations that go to projects, and to administration.

Mt Barker High School

Our Year 6/7 students have had the benefit of two recent visits to Mt Barker High School.

All 6/7 students visited for a day to get a taste of high school.

The highlights for the students were the facilities and the lessons.

"We enjoyed visiting all the rooms. I was impressed by the laser cutter in the tech room which cuts plastic and metals." Others listed the up to date IT equipment, the electronics and robotics room, the drama room with the black walls and special lighting, the home ec room with demonstration mirror and the Art room with computers for graphic design. Students enjoyed the specialist

Lessons; Agriculture with the animals; Home Economics— edible art using edible paper decoupage, and science experiments in the science lab; drama, performing their own play and European Handball for PE. Our 6/7 teachers enjoyed seeing their former students, and one stated:

"I definitely get the impression that Mt Barker High is on the up!"

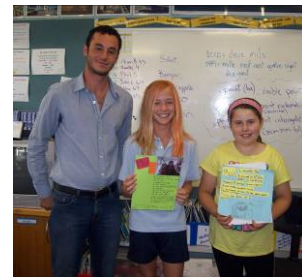
45 Forum leaders spent last Friday at MBHS for leadership development activities.

We thank Mt Barker High School staff for supporting our students.

Feedback from Interviews Thankyou to all the parents who made time to visit teachers during our Parent- Teacher Interview week. From teacher reports we know that fewer than 20 parents across the school did not make a time to meet with teachers. Thankyou to the teachers for their many additional hours of work during this time. For those teachers who had "3 way interviews", where the students themselves were involved in discussions, you will receive a feedback sheet early next term. We are seeking parents' opinions about the effectiveness of the interviews from your point of view. Helen Forrest passed on this feedback, gleaned during interviews with parents new to the school:

Mrs Forrest: I've had parents express on 3 separate occasions that they are overwhelmed by the sense of community at LPS. Not just from the school as a whole but the way teachers interact with each other and are so caring. One parent said that when he chose Littlehampton Primary School he was expecting his child to get an education but not for the whole family to feel so welcomed and a part of the school.

We hope that this has been your experience too. Building our community is one of the priorities on our Site Improvement Plan this year, and this is what we aim for.



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ANZAC Day Service and
Gunfire
Breakfast
Miels Park,
Littlehampton

Wednesday, 25th April at
6.30am followed by Gunfire Breakfast in
the Hall.

Organised by the Littlehampton Com-
munity Association.
All are very welcome.

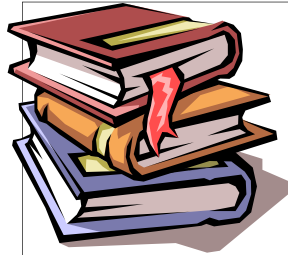
Money Tree

Unfortunately we wish to advise you
the newspaper recycling program will
no longer be happening at
Littlehampton Primary School from 1st
April 2012. Due to increasing costs and
the diminished value of
newspapers it is impossible
for Cleanaway to continue
this service.



Library News

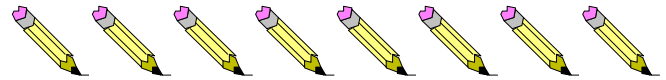
Congratulations to the following students who have
recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.



Matthew Davis, Georgie
Wotton, Imogen Cherry,
Oliver Christensen, Bella
Denton, Harry Eades, Alex
Fielding, Toby Graham,
Georgia Grant, Madeleine
Little, Arielle Marks, Takoda

Meerbach, Caiden Metcalfe, Jaxon Scholz, Clint
Van Eck-Braine, Austin Watts, Ashton White, Nyah
Gaff, Abbey Hutchinson, Daniel Fimmano, Lily
Brown, Asha Marshall, Zachary Hart, Jessica Luxon,
Theo Bell, Lucy Hong, Hannah Gray, Holly Winkler,
Emmy Roach, Mikaela Jones, Megan Galettis,
Taleisha Rowe, Brooke Badenoch, Zoe Marshall,
Llewellyn Jordaan, Jarred Riddell, Amber Barrow,
Sanujaya Hewage, Ciara Stack, Oscar Hong, Niamh
Montague, Cooper Hough, Isaac Warhurst, Chloe
Caire, Darcie Bills, Eric Mussett, Brayden Little,
Jon Thomas, Lachlan Warhurst, Eddie Wallace &
Claudia Lee.

Congo Children's visit



Preschool enrolment

**If you have a 3 year
old turning 4 before
1st May, please enrol
them now.**

**We need firm
numbers for the 2013
start of preschool**



School Photos

School Photos are on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th May.
School photo envelopes went home Friday 30th March.
If you misplace your envelope we have spare ones in the front
office. Family photo envelopes and credit card payment slips
are also available in the office.

Knitting for Charity

The knitting for charity forum is looking for volunteers to
come in and show the children how to knit. This session will
take place on the 26th April at 2.25pm and ends at 3.10pm.
If you are able to help please contact the front office.
We would greatly appreciate your help to support our forum.
Many thanks, Eliza, Kira, Peta and Cooper.



Good News Stories from Mt Barker High School

1. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

During the Christmas Holidays significant work occurred to improve the physical environment to the inside and outside of the school. These improvements included re-carpeting the upstairs areas, carpeting the Hall, placing glass partitions into a number of classrooms, replacing student lockers in the Middle School areas and painting lockers in the Senior School areas. Visitors to the school will also notice new signage, painting of the breezeway, paving of walkways and the construction of a new Bus/Outdoor Education Shed. Over the last two weeks much of the exterior of the school has begun to be painted and this has seen a huge improvement with the brightness when entering the school premises.

2. POSITIVE EDUCATION

Thinkers in Residence: Dr Martin Seligman

It is with pleasure that I am able to announce that Mount Barker High School has been selected as the only Government school to work with the Thinkers in Residence Program. This is an outstanding accolade for the school and the work that we do with young people. As the focus school, we will be working in partnership with St Peters College and explore how we, as a school community, can work together to ensure that the young people who attend Mount Barker High School develop the skills needed to flourish in their studies and in all other aspects of their lives.

3. YEAR 8 CAMP

All Year 8 students were offered the opportunity to participate in a two day camp to Glenhaven Park from March 23-24. The main purpose of the camp was for the students to get to know each other better, and participate and achieve in numerous educational, physical and personal outcomes.

Glenhaven Park is a YMCA camp located in Stockport. It covers 6.15ha of natural valley and bush land and is approximately 90 minutes north of Adelaide. A diverse range of activities were undertaken which provided focus, fun and challenges for each participant. Students who attended the camp had lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed their two days away. *Warren Symonds, principal Mount Barker High School*

Student Leaders at Mt Barker High School



Parent Complaint Policy

Parent guide to raising a concern or complaint:

We all expect quality and expert care and teaching for your child in order that they achieve their potential. Working together will give us the best chance of solving a problem that may arise during your child's years in preschool and school. We also recognise that at times things may go wrong. If you have a concern or a complaint, we want you to let us know. It's important to learn from mistakes or misunderstandings so that we can improve your child's experience and learning, and also improve processes where possible.

The first step

Talk to your child's teacher, and then the principal or deputy principal if you still are not happy.

Ask at the front office for a copy of the school & preschool's *Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint* brochure. Steps guiding how complaints should be made are explained in the brochure.

Use this guide to help you think through what you are concerned about and how to resolve the matter respectfully and effectively.

About complaints or concerns

This information may be helpful in explaining what a complaint is: A complaint may be made by a parent if they think that the school has, for example:

- done something wrong
- failed to do something it should have done
- acted unfairly or impolitely.

Your concern or complaint may be about:

- the type, level or quality of services
- the behaviour and decisions of staff
- a policy, procedure or practice.

Sometimes a complaint is about something we have to do because of State or federal law. In such cases we are able to talk to you about the matter and help you understand the requirements and why they exist.

If you'd like more information give me a call on 83911194 Jenny Lewis or visit the department's website at

www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentcomplaint or email DECD.parentcomplaint@sa.gov.au.

There is also a Free call number 1800 677 435.

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 6th June	3-7	\$7.70 GST free
Mathematics	Tuesday 14th August	3-7	\$7.70 GST free
Spelling	Tuesday 19th June	3-7	\$11.00 GST free
Writing	Monday 18th June	3-7	\$16.50 GST free
English	Tuesday 31st July	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: Friday, 1st June, 2012 *Late payments will not be accepted*

Schools Competitions Payment due Friday 1st 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: _____