



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1, 2012

Diary Dates

Governing Council Annual General Meeting

Monday 13th February
in the library at 7pm

Acquaintance Night Including Chaplains information session 5:45

Classroom meetings
6:00—6:45

Preschool information
session 7:00 p.m.



Swimming

Week 5 morning— Mrs
Forrest , Danielle, Mrs
Burchell and Ms Bishop's
classes.

Week 5 afternoon session.
Mrs Hutten, Miss Meyer,
Mrs Kupczynski and Mrs
Thomas' classes.

Week 6 morning session
Mrs Smyth, Sara and Mr
Douglas' classes.

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival 1st March



Clean up Australia Day 2nd March



Acquatics Camp 15th & 16th March for Year 6/7s

To Our Year 7 Graduates

This year we welcomed a new group of students to our preschool, as we do every term. Parents bring their little children along to our Preschool at the age of 4, and many years later they finish Year 7 as young people. What can parents expect their children will become during their years at Littlehampton?

We are proud of our Year 7 graduates. There is no finer example of what we want our Year 7 graduates to become than the group that left our school at the end of 2011. The following is taken from the Speech I gave at Year 7 graduation in December last year.

*Josephine Calderwood, winner of the
Garth Boomer Literacy Award 2011*

When I consider the year we have had with our Year 7 class, I'd have to say that this is a group which has made the school proud.

You have been a shining example of all that is best about having Year 7 in primary school and not part of high school as happens in some states. If you had not been in our school this year, you would not have been the excellent role model you were to other students.

You might not realise it, but you have been the group that set the best example to our school of good behaviour.

- A simple check of the counselling book shows only a few entries for Year 7s for the entire year. This is less than any other year level across the school.

At recess and lunch, Year 7s were to be seen talking with younger students, helping them solve problems, enjoying each others company, playing sport, and being active.

- One of the new reception teachers had quite a number of young students who found it hard settling into school and obeying the rules. This teacher commented on how fantastic some of the Year 7s were with these students, how they cared about them, talked to them, showed them what to do and took an interest.
- You demonstrated the values of respect, kindness and a positive attitude.
- You don't know how much the younger students admire you, looked up to you and want to be like you.

Your teachers enjoy working with you, and this is not just your classroom teachers.

- All the teachers enjoy working with you, as Liz Murphy, Katherine Ellery and Alison Saunders testify.
- The relief teachers that come to our school enjoy working with you. Many relief teachers reported "Your 6/7s are fabulous"

You are the group that has shown leadership across the school in a 100 ways.

- You have been great leaders at Sports Day, as sports captains, or vice captains or just helping out.
- You have been great forum leaders— organised, with good ideas and with a good manner with the younger children.
- You have helped out in community service through the school as literacy mentors in younger classrooms, maths buddies, front office volunteers, library assistants.
- Your positive attitude, your responsibility and good way you have carried out your tasks makes you valued and respected by staff.

You have made a wonderful contribution at Littlehampton and more than that you will take a lot away with you:

- You have developed organisation and leadership skills.
- You know the benefits of hard work.



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To our Year 7 graduates, cont.

- You have seen your creative ideas blossom and know how to make them a reality
- You have real life skills and have had the satisfaction of knowing you can take action and make a difference
- You have already experience what it is like to be respected by the adults in your community and admired and looked up to by the younger ones in your community.

My advice to you as you move to high school is to work hard to have the same impact in your new school that you have had at Littlehampton. Your contribution here is something you can be proud of and I believe that you will look back on your time here with pride.

Are you interested in nominating as a Governing Council member?

Interested in finding out more about how our school and Preschool operate?
Would you like to contribute to major decisions about the directions of our school?

- It is likely that there will be a few vacancies on our Governing Council for 2012
- Ring Jenny Lewis on 83911194 if you are interested in nominating.
- Preschool parents are reminded that they are eligible to nominate too.

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7:00 p.m. Monday 13 February
In Library All Welcome

Do you know what will happen on a day of Code Red Catastrophic Conditions?

We have been lucky to have mild weather for the start of the school year.

- Last week we uploaded all school and preschool families' mobile phone contacts onto the Zapits text messaging system.
- A complete outline of our school policy can be found on the school website <http://www.littlehaps.sa.edu.au/Documents/2011/Newsletters.htm> Week 2 Term 4
- All families new to the school will be sent a copy of this information in the next week;
- Need another copy? Collect a flier from the front office.

Parents invited to join us at Assemblies
Thursdays Weeks 3,6 & 9
at 2:25pm in the gym.



A copy of
Kids Around Town
is on display in our front office.
LAST CHANCE TO ORDER.
Save yourself \$\$\$ all year round with
this family friendly Adelaide guide.

Cost of Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program \$2 per session (or \$1.00 per week)

The Kitchen Garden program will commence for 2012 next week, in Week 3 of term. That means that all students from Year 2 to Year 7 will have a kitchen and garden lesson in the next two weeks. The Kitchen Garden Program will operate for 36 weeks this year. In making up our budget for 2012 we consider we will need to continue the \$1 a week parent charge for our Kitchen Garden Program.

But wait: This year we will **not** be asking students to bring money every week.

Parent responses to the survey in the Week 6 Term 4 newsletters were overwhelmingly in favour of a once a term charge for the Kitchen Garden Program.

- You will be invoiced \$12 for the first twelve weeks of the program.
- We are considering invoicing parents in Week 8 after parents have paid for the swimming classes.
- Each term students enjoy one parent cost activity (This term it will be a Anti-Bullying Performance) we are thinking of adding this charge to the invoice.

The Art Program
in conjunction
with the SAKG is
AWESOME!

I'm thrilled that
the SAKG has
come to fruition!

Loving the
SAKG
Program Our
children are
privileged to be
given this
amazing
opportunity.

Jolly Phonics

Last week the parents of the primary students met and talked about Jolly Phonics. We have a handwriting chart available in the front office if you would like a copy. This will help your child/ren with their hand writing. Call in and see Maree for your copy or ask the teacher.

Community Notices

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

Hahndorf / Littlehampton Junior Football Club Registration Days. Hahndorf Oval Friday 24th February 3:30 –6:pm or Littlehampton Primary School Wednesday 22nd February 3:pm—4:30pm. This is for U8, U9, U10, U11, U12.

MILO in2CRICKET program for Rec -year 2 flyers Available at the office.

Hahndorf Soccer Club— registration day Sunday 12th Feb. 9am—11am at Hahndorf oval.

Bank SA is offering a \$10 deposit into NEWLY opened bank accounts for term 1.