



Student Forums

Diary Dates

27th February
Swimming starts for
Rec to Year 5.



01/03/12
SAPSASA
Courier Cup
Swimming carnival



Friday 02/03/12
Clean up Australia Day



Tuesday 06/03/12
Choir cluster visiting
Littlehampton Primary
School.

Thursday 08/03
Assembly 2:25-3:10

12/03/12
Adelaide Cup
Public Holiday



15/16 March
Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp

Families visiting our school often comment on the range of wonderful programs we offer to students at our school. One program we are very proud of is our "Student Forums", which provide community service to our school and allow students to contribute their ideas through student voice. All students in years 2-7 are involved in choosing one area of co-curricular school life they are interested in. They are then grouped accordingly and are led by **Student Forum Leaders**, along with an adult mentor.

The Forum Leaders are students in year 6 and 7 who provide evidence of leadership ability and experience, and also are positive role models in our Super Seven school values. This year the Year 6s and 7s in each group have worked together to choose the best leaders, with the support of the Year 6/7 teachers.

Once chosen the Forum Leaders are trained in how to lead, organise and motivate a group. There is also a regular meeting time every week for these students to prepare for their Forum sessions, which are held Thursdays from 2:25-3:10 on weeks when there is no assembly. Student Forum Leaders call on the interests and opinions of their group of students to decide the directions the group will take. It is also an excellent opportunity for students to get to know students and teachers from other year levels, which strengthens the community feel of the school.

Forum leaders regularly speak at whole school assemblies to advertise activities that are coming up around the school. They also advertise by posters and in the school newsletter.

The Student Forum program provides an opportunity for all students to make a positive contribution to school life. They can directly see their own ideas put into practice and the results of their work. We have seen a positive change from our previous SRC system which only involved a small number of students and focussed primarily on events and playground issues, to a thriving student-led and managed program which involves and benefits all in many different areas. The Forums change from year to year, according to the needs of the school and the interests of the students and the adult mentors. See page 2 for our 2012 Forum Groups.

Because we believe it is very important for our older students to feel they are helping their our school community, Year 6 and 7 students who do not become Forum Leaders take on other important leadership and community service roles around the school, such as literacy and numeracy helpers in younger classes, front office assistants, recycling helpers, sports shed monitors, etc.

The Forum Program is a great way for Year 6/7s to step up and take part in leadership, and also for all students to help their school to be an even better place.

It's a good opportunity for year 6 and 7 students to show leadership!

Forums are a great way to get to know other kids in the school!



Leah Hockin and Manon LeDeunff both enjoyed being Forum Leaders in year 6 last year.



Student Forums, continued

Here are our 12 Student Forums for 2012:

Yard Saviours	Beautification of the yard, ie mulching / weeding / planting
Cool Fun for Young Ones	Buddy class with Reception classes, plan activities and then play with buddies
Fundraising	Plan and manage fundraising activities for our sponsor child and other worthy causes
Celebrations & Competitions	Create displays and competitions to be done by students in the library at lunchtimes
Be Active	Learn new fitness /lunchtime games to take back to classes, so that all students benefit (train the trainer model)
Maths Challenges	Family Maths ideas and challenges for the whole school
Knitting for Charity	Teaching knitting and making blankets from squares for charity
Kitchen Garden Team	Manage garden stall, make seed packets and pack, various activities to support the kitchen garden program
Creative Problem Solving/ Drama	Mini challenges - a bit like Tournament of the Minds. (Will include some team work, some drama, some creativity.)
School Newspaper	Publish a student newspaper and /or newsletter promotion/ school website (in Computing suite)
Super Savers	Saving Energy and water/ saving the planet / climate change
Wipe Out Waste	Litter free lunch / Recycling / Money Tree / Yard litter free bin award, etc

If you have a child in Year 2-7, you might like to ask which forum they are in and find out about their work throughout the year.

If you are interested in helping out with a particular Forum program, and would be available to come along on Thursdays from 2:25-3:05, we would love to have your help and input! Please ring Margie if you would like to contribute to the school in this way.

Changes in the Preschool

Thankyou to the large number of parents who attended the Preschool information session on Wednesday 15th February. With an estimated attendance of between 45 and 60 people, this is the largest number of parents who have attended a Preschool information night, or any classroom event! We were packed to the rafters! After Jill had outlined information about the way teachers work with children and curriculum, information was provided on the changes that will take place next term due to the 15 hours Universal access provision. Under Universal Access, all Preschools and Kindergartens will now offer 15 hours a week of Preschool program, rather than the 10—12 hours which is currently provided. Some basic changes are that we will need to provide a preschool program on 5 days a week instead of 4 to fit in the required hours, and that means that Playgroup will need to relocate to the OSHC building, and we will no longer be able to offer pre-entry sessions. Further changes and the impact on families were discussed for the two different models of Preschool restructure that are being considered. Parents had the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues. Information has been sent home to preschool parents in case some parents missed the meeting. We have invited parent feedback on the two models, and we ask that feedback be sent in to the school or preschool by Thursday 23rd February. Governing Council will be taking into consideration this feedback when making a decision.

We've been listening...
Littlehampton
Primary School
Reporting Process

"Parent Teacher interview held in the second half of the year would be good to track the progress or concerns with a child."
"parent survey"

Last year our parent survey was posted out to all school families, and over 100 families responded. We know you like our school reports, many parents responded that they are informative and show a detailed knowledge of your students.

Seven parents responded that they would like the offer of a second interview later in the year. Previously we offered one interview in Term 1.

This year, a second round of interviews will be offered. With your child's Term 2 written report, parents and teachers will be given the opportunity to request an interview. Any parents who responds requesting an interview will be contacted by the class teacher early in Term 3 for an appointment.

We remind parents that they are free to contact a teacher requesting an appointment to discuss their child's progress at any time.

Reporting Timeline:

Term 1 Week 3	15 February, Acquaintance Night
Term 1 Week 9	Parent Teacher Interviews
Term 2 Week 10	Written Reports
Term 3 Weeks 1—3	Parent Teacher Interviews on request.
Term 4 Week 9	Final Written Report

School Uniform

Thank you to all families for conforming to our new uniform policy. The kids are looking really terrific! In particular, most students now have the proper shoes for fitness, which we are really happy about. Please remember shoes need to be sneakers in predominantly school colours (no bright colours), and that canvas shoes are not part of our uniform.

Please also note that although it is fine to purchase items such as tops and bottoms elsewhere, the only polar fleece jacket suitable for school is the logo embroidered jacket from the Uniform Shop.

We will be having a closer look at student uniforms in the coming weeks, and will let parents know if there are any changes needed. In the meantime, feel free to drop in and pick up another copy of the uniform policy from the front office, or ask Margie if you have any questions.

Congratulations to Sophie Ball who won the Year 7 jumper design competition! Jumpers should be ready before the end of term...hopefully before the very cold weather starts!

Maths

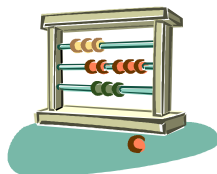
Mathletics at home

All students from years 1-7 have been subscribed to Mathletics. Mathletics is an on-line mathematics programme. We have chosen to use Mathletics at Littlehampton PS as it helps to engage students and improve their mathematical understandings and results. This year the programme is based on the new Australian National Mathematics Curriculum.

Your child has been given their password by their teacher. This password provides access 24/7 for teachers and students at home and school. We encourage all students to use Mathletics at home if they have computer access. In addition to their class access, students can also go to the computer room at lunchtimes to use Mathletics.

Each week students need to aim to achieve 1000 points by working at both home and school. Each time they reach 1000 points, students receive a certificate. The more certificates they achieve means they can access more maths games. Teachers use Mathletics to set tasks that match your child's ability in Maths. Teachers can monitor your child's progress each week and provide extra challenges. Live Mathletics is an exciting option children can choose which builds their automaticity in number facts in a fun and engaging way.

Make sure you try Mathletics at home with your child. Go to www.mathletics.com.au and have some fun.



Toni Burford
Coordinator,
Maths Teaching & Learning

School Hours



Please remember that students should not arrive at school before 8:30 am. We have a large number of students arriving much earlier, and since there is no adult supervising in the yard at this time, it is unsafe. Also mornings are a really important time for class teachers to prepare for the school day ahead. Often they have to stop what they are doing to talk to students, which takes away from the learning program. We began our Before School Care to cater for the needs of parents who work early. If you need to drop off your child/ren before 8:30 am, please arrange Before School Care either through the OSHC program or with a friend or neighbour. Thank you for your cooperation!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Respect– Tyler Baugh, Liam Lucas, Riley Lucas, Alyssa Mumford, Alicia Ward

Kindness– Megan Galettis, Sophia Jeitner

A positive attitude– Nicola Davis, Caiden Metcalfe, Matilda Schmidt, Caitlin Melville, Isaac Formston-Crilly, Eddie Wallace, Miah Bowels, Joel Parker-Boers, Seth Ormandy, Kayla Riddle, Caitlin Gore, Tye West, Izaak Benfield, Riley Wilson

Valuing others– Ruby Washington, Charlotte Hockin

Being trustworthy– Hannah Squillace, Josh Norris

Including others– Matthew Davis, Cooper Hough

School Fees

A decorative border consisting of a grid of 48 small, identical line drawings of money bags. Each bag is tied at the top and has a small pile of coins or bills spilling out. The bags are arranged in 8 rows and 6 columns, framing the central text.

A reminder that:

- School fees are due in full by 28/02/12 unless you have made arrangements to pay by instalments.
- Choir information has gone out to year 5 to 7 students requiring payment of \$25 by 01/03/12.
- Pre-school accounts for term 1 are now due and payment can be made at the school office.
- School Card application forms for 2012 are available from the front office and are required by 14/03/12.

Thank you!



Lunch orders

There have been some additions to the Bauldy's lunch list.

Please add them onto your list at home.

Hot foods.—Macaroni cheese and ham	\$4.60
Fish burger	\$6.50
Pasty	\$3.80
Vegetarian pasty	\$3.80

Raising Healthy Teenagers

A free course consisting of four sessions designed for parents of adolescents and pre-adolescents who wish to raise them to be healthy and happy teenagers. The sessions consider how to best promote good behaviour, manage difficult behaviour and respond to issues such as depression and substance abuse.

Tuesday 6th March 1pm-3pm **or** 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 13th March 1pm-3pm **or** 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 20th March 1pm-3pm **or** 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 27th March 1pm-3pm **or** 7pm-9pm

Held at the Adelaide Hills Regional Office

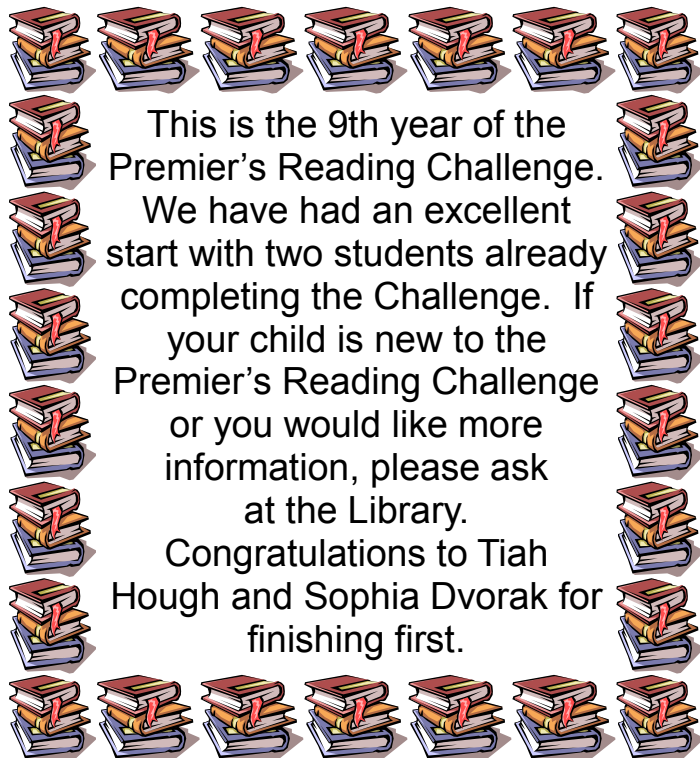
6 Dutton Road, Mt Barker

(The Homemaker Centre, next to Harvey Norman)

Presenters from a variety of local services and primarily from the Mt Barker Child Adolescent Mental Health Service

Enquiries and Registration:
CAMHS 8391 3922

Premier's Reading Challenge



This is the 9th year of the Premier's Reading Challenge.

We have had an excellent start with two students already completing the Challenge. If your child is new to the Premier's Reading Challenge or you would like more information, please ask at the Library.

Congratulations to Tiah Hough and Sophia Dvorak for finishing first.

Car Parking



Please be aware that the car parks outside the gymnasium are not for parent parking. These car parks are for staff use.

We consider it unsafe for cars to use the gym driveway while students are entering and leaving the school.

Thanks so much for your understanding!

Library News

Students are welcome to return and borrow books on any day.

However, every class does have a time in which they come to the Library to select books for their own reading. This is helpful to the younger students in the school, as then you can assist by reminding your child about their books. Please share books with your children, we all want children to be reading, so if there is a problem with a mislaid book, please don't hesitate to see us.

Jenny and Paula



Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property. Please come and have a look; it is kept outside of Room 1

(Mrs Hutten's classroom).

Please remember to name your clothing as soon as it is purchased. It is so frustrating to buy a new jumper and have it disappear within days!

I'm so glad I put my name in my new book, and someone returned it to me!



Community Notices

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

**Mt Barker Football Club Registration Day for under 8's to Under 15's Sunday 26th February. 11am until 2pm at the clubrooms.

**Kids Taekwondo. Mt Barker Town Hall. Monday & Wednesdays 6pm. Ph 0412 909 500 or 0412 797 341.

**Irish dancing classes in Littlehampton Ph.8250 5333 or 0405 244 181.

**Mums and friends netball competition in Mt Barker. Ph 8391 0880 or 0410 480 172.

** Nairne Football Club Junior Registration Day March 4th. 10.30am at Nairne Oval. Ph 0430 710 201