



# Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

## NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 1, 2012

### Diary Dates



**Adelaide Cup  
Public Holiday  
12th March**

**Parents and Friends  
Meeting.  
9am in the staffroom  
Wednesday 14th March**

**Year 6 & 7  
Aquatics camp**



**15th & 16th March**

**Governing Council  
Meeting  
Monday 19th March**



**Police Band visiting  
the school.  
Thursday 22nd March**

**Wellbeing Performance  
Friday 23rd March**

**Harmony Day  
Celebration March 29th**

**Sports Day  
Wednesday April 4th**

### Student safety.

We have a wonderful school community and we rely on many parents to volunteer with our school programs, so there are lots of parent volunteers in the school on any given day. For children's safety, we need to know what parents are at school and why. Here is a reminder about our processes. We are sure all parents and volunteers want to do the right thing so we can ensure the safety of all.

**Parents who volunteer to help in classrooms**, we need you! There is no need to sign in at the front office and no need to wear a visitors badge. Parents who help in their own child's class can contact the class teacher, and carry out duties as instructed by the teacher, largely under the teachers eye (ie not working a distance from the teacher). We currently don't require police checks for parents in this situation. Teachers are responsible for ensuring any contact with students is appropriate, and will talk to the parent and Principal in the rare cases where there could be inappropriate contact. This would also apply for parents working in the library.

**Parents or others who volunteer for LAP, Multilit, or Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** will need to have police checks if working with students without direct supervision of a teacher. (Non-parents for SAKG need to have police checks.) All parents in this category to sign in at the front office as visitors.

### Parents contacting or collecting their children during school time

While coming to school to talk to your children during the school day for personal reasons is discouraged, (after all we do not wish to interrupt the learning program); we recognise that this is unavoidable sometimes.

- Our system is that parents must call in at the front office, not go directly to classrooms.
- Children are never sent home from the classroom. They are sent to the front office to meet parents there and to be signed out by a parent in the front office.
- Please go to the front office if you are collecting children early or need to see your children for any other reason. Maree will then ring the class teacher to send your children down or will give parents a pass to be taken to the classroom if contact is necessary.
- This pass will be left with the classroom teacher.

There have been a few instances which have caused difficulty for teachers when parents or other adults have gone directly to the classroom and sought contact with children. We want to make sure our processes ensure children's safety, and we are sure this is what you want too.

### Parents in the School, Class or Yard- contact with children other than their own.

Children benefit from having positive connections with many adults in our school community. I'm sure you've heard the saying, it takes a village to raise a child. Friendly greetings and chats with children you may know in the school ground are always welcome. A quick direction if you see a child in danger is also appropriate.



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## Police Band Performance



The Police Band will be performing at our school on Thursday March 22nd (week 8) at 1:45pm—2:30pm.

The performance includes music from well known movies and TV shows.

Incorporated into the show are police safety messages, ranging from small-wheeled vehicle road safety,

personal safety, emergency phone numbers and internet safety.

The 8 piece groups incorporates Brass, Woodwind and Percussion. This R-7 performance is a wonderful opportunity for all our students.

There is **NO COST**. If however, you **DO NOT** wish your child to be involved please send a note to your child's classroom teacher.

## Kiss and Drop Zone



We will be making it a focus this term to gently remind drivers that the Kiss and Drop zone is for pulling in for a maximum of **two minutes**,

to drop off children, or pick up children who are **already** standing near the exit on Baker Street. **Please do not use this space to pull in and wait for your child to arrive.** If your child is not present when you first pull up, please go around the block and pull in again a few minutes later. If you would like to have a place to park and wait, we suggest arranging another pick-up point with your child, such as on Darnley or William Street.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

## Iron On Logos



Iron on logos have arrived and are available from the front office for \$2.50. They are available in light blue or dark blue. Just

## Unley High School

Unley High School Special Entry Rowing Programme 2013  
Unley High School has introduced a specialist rowing programme with our first Year 8 class beginning in 2012. Interested parents of students in Year 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 on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2012, for interested students. Please email Helen Jones to register for the Come and Try sessions at [helen.jones@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:helen.jones@uhs.sa.edu.au) or ring UHS on 82721455.

Details of the time of the sessions, directions to the UHS boatshed and what to wear and bring will be sent by return email.

## Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends fundraiser for the term is 'Picture Products'. A fun and easy way to turn treasured memories into practical keepsakes that will last a lifetime. Turn your child's drawings, artwork and photos into picture plates, clocks, mugs, place mats or mouse pads. This is an ideal gift. Look out for the leaflet in your child's bag in the next few day.

## Library News

2012 is the

**National Year of Reading.**

Besides loving and caring for your children, one of the most valuable things you can do with them is to share reading experiences. Reading does not come easily for all children, but needs to be nurtured

and valued at home just as much as at school. Please support and encourage your children with their reading all the way through primary school and not just in the Early Years.



## LAP Volunteer



At Littlehampton Primary School we are lucky to have the opportunity to offer many specialised programs to give

support to our children.

Some of these programs include:

- LAP (Learning Assistance Program)
- FUN & GAMES (Co-ordination Program)

Both these programs are co-ordinated by Kylie Moults-Smith and need parent volunteers to make sure the programs run efficiently.

We are in need of more parents to help in both Programs!

*The job description for these programs is:*

- **A caring person**
- **No previous on-job experience**
- **A love of children**
- **A spare hour in your day**
- **Must enjoy having fun!**

**Contact the school if you are available.**

## Community Notices

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

\*\* Karate & Self defence classes. Phone 8389 7644 or 83980055 for more information.