



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 2 , 2012

Diary Dates

**NO ASSEMBLY IN
WEEK 3.
ASSEMBLY IN WK 4
AT 2.25PM**

**8th & 9th May
Photo day.
Bring in your envelopes
into the office early.**



**Friday May 18
National Walk Safely to
School Day**



National Year
of Reading

Kym Lardner-author,
storyteller, illustrator,
and entertainer
visiting the school on
Monday 21st May.
Permission/payment
note coming
home soon.



Hot dog and cake day.
Thursday 24th May

**Parents & Friends
Meeting at 9am in the
staffroom.
Wednesday 6th June.**



Garden Working Bee
Sunday June 3rd
2-5 pm followed by
BBQ All Welcome!

Changes in Preschool Term 2– Off to a flying start!

Feedback from parents and teachers indicates that our changed structure for the preschool, (with children coming to two full day sessions and a fortnightly Friday session) have been quite smooth. OSHC has helped with a special program for preschoolers beginning at 1:45 p.m. on Fridays, as the Friday session finishes early. Parents report that two nearby childcare centres have also been willing to allow parents to pair up for Friday bookings, with one parent accessing childcare on Friday one week, and the other the following week. We are aware that it might be a few weeks before all parents are able to take advantage of the Friday sessions. Here are photos taken this week of our wonderful Preschoolers



Do you have a three year old turning 4 before May next year?

Please enrol them now! We need to know numbers for 2013 as soon as possible. We will need to decide if we can provide for children with birthdates from January 29— April 30 in our Term 1 intake, or if we will need a second intake in Term 2. This situation is different from information previously given, as DECD policy has changed.

Bush Care– For Kids and Adults This year, once again a group of our Year 6/7 students visited Coppins Bush to help with weeding and caring for this native woodland treasure. Teachers Noleen Sharrad, and Julie Burchell and bushcare worker Angela Cullins, reported what a delight it is to work with this energetic and committed student group. This time, they worked alongside a Trees for Life group who were taking responsibility for a different area of Coppins Bush. They were able to access some training in Health and Safety that was given to this group.

We are keen that our student team continue with bushcare activities in Coppins Bush on a monthly basis. Each time they visit, Angela will provide them in one part of a training module in *Bushcare for Kids*. Friends of Coppins Bush will once again plan a spring walk on a Sunday early in Term 4. We are keen that some of the students in this group take a lead in this tour, explaining about the special features of a part of Coppins Bush that they know well. *Stay tuned for more information.*



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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

We have been very moved by the generosity of our local community in supporting this program. We would like to acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors from 2011:

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Chris and Joy Bourne
Sue and Chris Allen

Thank you!!

Sponsors are acknowledged in our newsletters, on our website and on our Sponsor Board in the kitchen. If you or a business you are associated with would be interested in making a donation to our program, please pick up a donation form from the front office or ring Margie at school. Thank you!



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Gillian and Kevin Boyce
Karen and Peter Arbon
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Pak-Rite
Robert Townsend

Principal's Awards

Being Trustworthy-Sophie Ball, Lily Brown
Including Others-Niamh Montague, Max Galettis
Kindness-Manon LeDeunff, Hannah Mussett, Madeleine Little, Darcy Bald, Thomas Streng, Isaac Formston-Crilly
A Positive Attitude-Jack Geary, Annika Hall, Tane Gordon, Henry Hincks, Bella Denton, Isabel Provis, Lucy Hannam, Karli Roberts, Tiah Hough, Joshua Gevers, Dylan Hopgood, Abbey Kerr, Chrystal Smith, Eric Mussett
Respect-Justin Margetson
Valuing Others-Isabella Pollifrone, Ella Scott
Fairness-Anthony Coltman

Term 1 Bully Audit Results

Last term as usual in Week 7 all students in the school confidentially completed a 'Bully Audit' questionnaire, to let us know how safe students are feeling in the yard and in the classroom. These are the results:

% of students who reported no bullying in yard= 80%

% of students who reported no bullying in class= 91%
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While the results show that the vast majority have not experienced any bullying at all, we would still hope to have a much lower percentage of students experiencing bullying, especially in the yard. This term we will be focussing on our Super Seven 'including others', since feeling left out and ignored by others was identified as an issue on a large number of students' Bully Audits.

We will also be starting our lunchtime counselling sessions for students who were named on 4 or more students' Bully Audits. These sessions give these students the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour and set goals for getting along better with others. We have found this to be a very powerful way to make students aware of the impact of their behaviour on others, and to reduce incidents of bullying as a result.

If you think your child is being bullied, or is unhappy at school for any reason, please report it to Margie Sarre. We are as committed to supporting student wellbeing as we are to supporting their academic achievement.

National Walk Safely To School Day is on 18 May
It's that time of year when parents and primary school-aged children right around Australia are asked to take those important steps towards a healthier lifestyle by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day.

This year, to discover a way that might be different from driving the car, carers and students can find the best walking route to school online at www.walk.com.au. Parents and students can enter their home starting point and the school destination – and the new feature will plot the best walking route to school, maybe through quiet, safe side streets or local parkland.



The Walk Safely To School event asks parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine because **children need a minimum of 60 minutes' exercise each day**. It also encourages parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from cars. If you can't walk all the way to school, walk your child to the next bus stop away from your home. Or, if you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away and walk the rest of the way.

We encourage all students, staff and parents to walk or ride to school on Friday May 18th. Why not join with a few neighbours and make a 'walking bus'? The Celebrations Forum leaders will visit classes to give stickers to walkers and riders at school on Friday. Happy walking!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

Term 1 classes had children being very busy and productive planting, seed trays, seeds direct and the seedlings they had grown, preparing beds, mulching, tending the worm farms and compost bins, potting up new seedlings or strawberry runners, collecting seeds and having lots of fun **gaining Wheelbarrow and Tool Licences** while learning how to safely use the tools of the trade. Licences will be received this term when all class members have completed the tasks.



Harvests have included basil, beans, beetroot, brocolini, cabbages, capsicum, carrots, chives, celery, corn, kale, khole rabi, mint, onions, oregano, parsley, parsnip, potatoes, rocket, rockmelon, sage, spinach, silverbeet, spring onions, strawberries, tomatoes and zucchini.

Here you can see Isabel and Brianna with some of our beautiful tomatoes!

The Mount Barker Show was an opportunity to enter our vegetables into the following eight sections: Carrot, Beetroot, Silverbeet, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Parsley and a selection of 6 vegies (which included Eggplant, Capsicum, Parsnip, Carrot, Brocolini and Spring Onion). We are very pleased to report that **five prizes were obtained** out of the eight entries, two Second Prizes for potatoes and 6 veg and three Third Prizes for Carrots, Beetroot and Silverbeet.

As we are now half way through Autumn and as Term 2 classes have had a damp start, I would like to take this opportunity to **remind children to bring along a raincoat** (and hat if required) and perhaps some rubber boots to class. Classes will continue in light to moderate rain.



On that note we would also greatly appreciate any **donations of raincoats/ hats or gum boots** that children may have gown out of from size 6 -14 and don't forget to keep the manure and shredded paper coming.

Volunteers—If you have some free time your assistance would be greatly appreciated in the garden. We



Jarrah keeping dry in the garden

have plenty of jobs you could help with at any time or you could join in a class and help a group of children with their activities on a Tuesday from 10.20 -11.00am, 11.30-12.15pm or Wednesday from 8.50-9.35am and 10.20-11.00am. Please contact Lucy on 0412 975 970 or leave your name and contact details with Maree at the font office. We are more than **happy to have parents with toddlers in the garden**— this week we welcomed Tamra with her two young daughters, now volunteering on Tuesdays... Thank You Tamra! Volunteers have a great time sharing their knowledge with the children, and also learning new skills. We have morning tea together at recess in the kitchen so it is a social time too. Remember everyone is always welcome in our school garden!

Don't forget to come to our **Market Stall** every Thursday this term from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and purchase some produce or seedlings, starting this week! The Market Stall is located in the lower lunch shed, or outside the gym on assembly weeks.

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

<p>Aims of the Australian Schools Competitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Writing</p> <p>The writing competition is hand marked and assesses the use of pronouns, conjunctions and tense, sentence structure, syntax, spelling and punctuation.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>Skills covered include observation, reading and interpreting information, prediction, conclusion, experimental design, reasoning and critical thinking.</p>	<p>English</p> <p>Includes questions of vocabulary, language usage, reading comprehension and document and data analysis.</p>
<p>Spelling</p> <p>Is a hand marked test, and aims to provide detailed diagnostic information on student performance in spelling.</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>Test the skills of estimation, calculation, investigation and interpretation analysis & comparison.</p>

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: _____