

Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2, 2012

Diary Dates



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

PUPIL FREE DAY TUESDAY 12TH JUNE. OSHC AVAILABLE PH 8391 4742

Casual Clothes day Gold coin donation Friday 15th June

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

Governing Council Meeting Change of Date Monday 18th June

Finance Committee Change of Date Due to the deferred Governing Council, our next meeting will be 13th June

Ann Bakerinspiring our teachers

inspiring our teachers On the 10th and 11th of May, teachers at LPS worked with Ann Baker, a Maths consultant from Queensland. Ann has been invited to work across the State with schools and teachers as part of the Mathematician in Residence programme run by DECD. Ann is an author of Maths teaching resources, a researcher and presenter. **The focus**



of our work with Ann has been to develop a whole school approach to teaching mental computation and improving how students solve mathematical problems.

Teachers from Littlehampton PS and Meadows PS worked together over two days when Ann visited us. On Thursday Ann taught in 3 different classes while teachers observed the strategies she used and the problems she set students. Teachers had the opportunity to ask Ann questions during and after each lesson and to watch how our students handled the tasks she set.

Ann demonstrated new ways to teach mental computation. The routine she showed teachers included a range of closed and open questions. She then modelled how to give students the chance to ask the 'flip' question at the end so they can solve an unknown number or guess the object or shape she has in mind. You may have heard your child explain they have been doing 'easy peasy' questions, 'middly piddly' questions and ones with 'a sting in the tail'. The questions Ann asks are designed to range from easy and achievable for everyone to challenging questions that require all students to think hard.





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Ann Baker- Inspiring our Teachers

Ann also showed teachers how to include more problem solving activities in their lessons. Here's an example of a problem Ann posed in the year 4 class...

I have 120 collector sports cards. 1/3 are cricketers, ¼ of what is left are soccer players and ¾ of what is left are netballers. The rest are hockey players. Work how many of each type of card I have.

After our 2 days working with Ann, teachers are highly motivated to try some of her ideas and to give things a go. Already teachers are including more problem solving tasks in their lessons, some are questioning students more to find out what they know and many have introduced new strategies to count ,add and subtract amounts mentally. Ask your child what new ways they are working in Maths. Some new language they may already be using includes

<u>Subitise</u>- knowing how many in a collection without counting ie 5 dots on a dice

<u>Counting on-</u> counting on from the first amount <u>Rainbow facts</u>- the pairs of numbers that add to 10 ie 8 + 2, 3 + 7, 9 + 1

<u>Friendly numbers</u>: pairs of numbers that add to equal the same amount ie 3 + 4 = 7, 2 + 5 = 7. 4 + 3 = 7,

Ann will be working with us again in Week 2 Term 3. Teachers will share the ideas and strategies they have trialled in their classroom between her visits. Ann will also be available to work with parents at her next visit during an evening session so keep a look out for more information about the session time.

If you'd like to know more, please have a chat with me.

Toni Burford

Coordinator, Teaching & Learning Maths







Pupil Free Days 2012

Because of the new Australian Curriculum, DECD has approved 4 pupil free days for teacher training this year. The 4 days are:

- 1. Ann Baker training part 1 (already completed)
- 2. Assessment for Learning Tuesday 12 June
- 3. Ann Baker training part 2 Friday 27 July
- 4. Australian Curriculum

Monday, 8 October(1st day of Term 4) Governing Council and Regional Office have approved these dates. OSHC will be available. (Booking are essential Phone 8391 4742).

Although pupil free days pose some inconvenience for parents, we know you will be pleased about the Commitment that Littlehampton Primary School Staff show to implement new programs and strategies.

SAKG Donations Big and Small

We are so fortunate to have a school community which values our programs and wants to contribute to the school. In the Week 2 Newsletter we listed and thanked local businesses who have donated to this program. This week we would like to thank other members of our school community who do so much from within the school.

Our own Parents and Friends were our major founding sponsor, donating \$8000 in 2010 and thereby enabling the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program to go ahead. They have pledged to donate \$500 per year, which makes them one of our on-going Gold

Sponsors. Thank you so much P & F... We couldn't do it without you!

Secondly, we know so many of our parents contributed to the kitchen last year by donating kitchen utensils and other items. We want you to know what a huge savings it was to the program and also the difference it has made to the feel of the kitchen having

individually selected items. We continue to appreciate these items every time we use them.

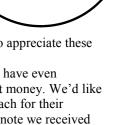


Lastly, some of our students have even contributed their own pocket money. We'd like to thank Emmy and Ava Roach for their contribution along with this note we received a few weeks ago.

In 2012 we aim to raise \$5000 through sponsorship and

fundraising, to continue to make this program viable. If you know of a business that would like to make a donation, please see Maree at the front office for a sponsorship form. Businesses are thanked on the website, in newsletters and on our sponsor board in the kitchen and they receive a special Certificate from

kitchen and they receive a special Certificate from the SAKG Foundation to display. If they get in quick, they can also come to our launch with Maggie Beer and Simon Bryant on June 22nd!



Thank you

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and Friends!

Principals awards

A Positive attitude-Cooper Bowry, Mia Bishop, Lachlan Warhurst, Ryder Taylor, Charlie Wotton, Zoe Marshall, Amie Davis, Mitchell Bannister, Charlotte McAvaney, Theodore Van den Ende, Claudia Lee Hambon, Theo Bell, Ciara Stack, Georgia Amos, Sophie Barrow, William Forbes, Oliver Fuss, Riley Wilson, Ava Roach, Noah Dunn, Katie Thompson

Kindness-Summer Henderson, Eddie Pike, Brooke Linke Including others-Riley McCune, Alex Vignera

Respect-Katelyn Scroby, Rachel Provis, Abbey Hutchinson, Lucy Hong, Seth Gardner, Isaac Blatchford

Valuing others-Jesse Maczkowiack, Georgie Wotton, Georgia Grant

Fairness-Ayden Wilmott, Charlotte Copping Achievement-Jed Geary

Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Katelyn Scroby, India Gautier, Chrystal

Smith, Tahnee Adams, Patrick Littlewood, Georgia Hopkins, Sophie Hughes, Harry Taplin-Barton, Riley McCune, Tane Gordon, Riley Parr, Patrick Jeitner, Corey Jones, Cameron Moult-Smith, Bryce Colotti, Marni Banks and Ava Roach.



Parents & Friends



Casual Clothes day . Gold coin donation.

Friday 15th June 2012

Money raised will be put towards the end of year swimming excursion.



PARENTS & FRIENDS DISCO

Another fantastic event run by our Parents and Friends is our P & F disco for all students. This year the disco will take place on place on Thursday 26th of July, the night before a pupil free day. Please mark the date on your calendar. There will be more information to come closer to the date.

Parents & Friends Sports Day Thank you

Parents & Friends would like to thank Balhannah Junction Meats for the supply of 600 sausages. Bauldy's Caltex for the supply of 4 bags of ice. The Great Eastern Hotel for the supply of 4 bags of ice. A massive thank you to Lisa Davis who helped to cook the BBQ, also to Anna Bell, Leanne Fuss, Nicole Roberts, Rebecca Pollifrone, Nicole Kohlhangen & Kerry Marshall who ran the sausage sizzle. Thanks to Bridgette Warhurst, Kelli Schultz & Cassie Hogben who sold the ice-blocks & fruit boxes at lunch time. There were other helpers on the day & a big thank you to Craig Roberts, Jason Warhurst, Debbie & Andrew Thompson - your help was very much appreciated on the day! The water that was available on the oval for the students was organised by Tracey Conlay! Parents & Friends Team



Sweet Treats Day Friday 8th June

All the students in our forum group will be bringing along yummy treats to sell and we will also be making lolly bags and jellies in our forum

group.

Students can bring along 50c to \$2.00 to buy treats on this day.

The money raised will go towards Mekara, our World Vision Sponsor Child in Cambodia.

Who goes to Working Bees?

- Families who want to contribute to the school community
- Families who love doing things with their kids that don't involve televisions and computer games!
- Individuals who enjoy gardening and enjoy the feeling of giving something to the school



• People who love the warm feeling you get at the end of a couple of hours of working together, when you sit down as a group for a drink and a BBQ

• People who want to feel like a strong part of the school community ... DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?

Please come to our Working Bee this Sunday 2-5 pm, followed by a BBQ. You don't need to be a 'gardener', all help is very welcome!

LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OSHC VACATION CARE

2nd JULY 2012 - 13th JULY 2012



OPENING TIMES 7AM—6.30PM

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(Booking after 22nd June may not be accepted)