



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER



Week 10, Term 3, 2012



Diary Dates

Friday 21st September
End of Term 3.
Early Dismissal
2:15pm

Monday 8th October
is a Pupil Free Day.
School resumes for
Term 4 on Tuesday
9th October

Change of Finance
Committee meeting
10th October

Parents and Friends
Meeting
17th October 2012
In the staffroom at
9am

Tash Munn and Amber Barrow
student presenters

Spring Walk in Coppins Bush

Last Sunday saw a mixed group of folk enjoy an afternoon stroll through this important piece of remnant South Australian Blue Gum Woodland habitat. It was led by Angela Cullen (Trees for Life), with support from Noleen Sharrad (Friends of Coppins Bush) and Emma Cope (Mt Barker District Council).

Angela has been working with a team of 6/7 students to identify plant species, observe signs of fauna and create habitat for such species and reduce invasive weeds. Students have learnt that their actions can improve the area's biodiversity. Students Amber Barrow, Taehyun Elston, Tash Munn and Maeghan Evans, supported by their parents, showed their commitment to making a difference in Coppins Bush through attending and speaking about the habitat. They spoke about native vs. introduced grasses, Peramangk peoples' use of available foods, impact of pets and disturbance from neighbouring land use and maintaining biodiversity at ground level.

Many of the visitors and Friends spoke about their recollections of the Bush and were excited to learn about the great work of young environmentalists, volunteers and support groups. Mt Barker Council put on afternoon tea at Littlehampton School Kitchen with a display of information and contacts from Bushcare and Trees for Life. Julie Claridge (6/7 teacher) and Barb Jones (Acting Principal)

Staffing changes for Term 4

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Maree Pomery who is taking leave without pay to take up another position. We wish Maree every happiness. We welcome to our front office Debbie Jackson, who is experienced in the school reception / administration operation. Please make Debbie welcome. Many thanks to Deb Combridge who so willingly and so beautifully taught Lesley's reception class. Special thanks to Julie Burchell who has done a superb job in the role of Deputy Principal and will return to her Year 2 class.

Jenny Lewis and Margie Sarre will be back from Leave and Lesley Hutten will be back from sick leave.

Douglas is taking leave. Gillian Bevan will backfill for Phil.
yet the new reception teacher has not been appointed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and families who have made me so welcome throughout term 3. I have had a wonderful time in this beautiful school. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Barb Jones

**SCHOOL WATCH—To school families and local residents of Littlehampton
if you see any suspicious behaviour at the school please contact police on
131444— a patrol car will be sent to investigate.**



Taehyun Elston speaking to the walkers

Jen-

Phil

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Principal's Rewards

Achievement-Jed Geary, Jago LeDeunff, Ciara Stack
Progress-Sabine Montague
A positive attitude– Kai Banks, Daniel Fimmano, Jimmy Lynch, Deven West, Hunter Collingwood, Jaiden Van den Ende, Toby Graham, Clint Van Eck-Braine, William Fleay, Marlee Curnow-Harrold, Jeremy Shepherd, Alexander Vivian, Jasper Szilassy, Ryan Fishers, Lilee Nykamp
Respect-Sophie Leach, Katie Thompson
Kindness-Jessica Luxon, Mitchell Hawke, Matilda Caire
Being trustworthy-Annelise Griggs, Kayla Riddle, Chermia Elston, Ava Roach, Hannah Gray
Valuing others-Chloe Caire
Including others-Jarred Riddell

Samaritan Purse

Thankyou to all the generous donations for the Samaritan Purse (shoe boxes) so far. Please keep items coming. Leave any donations at the front office. The Forum Leaders will be sorting and packing the boxes soon.

Volunteers morning tea

Fun & Games-Multilit-LAP

- This is a great opportunity to welcome new volunteers.
- Discuss the programs.
- Discuss any concerns.
- Revisit timetables.



Please come and enjoy a chat.

Where: Staffroom

When: Wednesday 17th October

Time: Staffroom

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their continuous commitment during this term. The Staff have appreciate your time and can see great improvement in the children.

Thanks,
Pauline Bolto

Community Notices

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

** Carer Wellness Centre (Adelaide Hills) looking for donations for the Carer Wellness Centre Fashion Parade Luncheon on Tuesday 27th November. Ph 8389 7382 for more information.

** Hahndorf Cricket Club Junior. Ph 0428 990 059 or Home 8391 4203 or work 81301666. Rob Fletcher. Senior information contact Simon Blake on 0400 070 811.

** World Taekwondo at Littlehampton . Contact Emma Reade on 0400 833 979

** Girls Play Cricket. Nairne Cricket Club all girls team. Ph Brett Hart 0407 392 001

Maths News

Maths Champions!!

The Year 6/7 class led by Debbie Taylor entered the work they had done for their Maths investigation "Recess Challenge" in the Primary Maths Challenge. This work was linked to the Kesab Challenge and our whole school efforts to reduce the amount of litter in students' lunchboxes each day. Debbie planned and designed a rigorous series of activities. Students were asked to find the average cost of a lunchbox that included pre-packaged items compared to a lunch box that included more fresh foods and homemade items.



We are pleased to announce that their class entry was awarded '**Highly Commended**' for the **Year 7 Class group category in the 2012 Primary Mathematics Challenge**. The group received a certificate and medal from the Minister of Education Ms Grace Portolesi last Friday 14th September.

Congratulations to you all- we're very proud of the high standard of Maths thinking you demonstrated. We also recognise and thank Deb for planning the opportunity for her students.



More Maths winners announced...

The Maths Challenge Forum group planned and ran a quiz at the Family Maths Morning. All entries have now been marked by the Forum leaders. The Forum group decided to have 2 categories- Category 1 for families who did the quiz unassisted by mobile phones and Google and Category 2 for families who researched the answers.

Congratulations to the winners

Category 1 O'Neill family (Cooper)

Category 2 Griggs family (Annalise & Caleb)

Well done to all the families who gave it a go.

The winners will receive a small prize at the Assembly this Friday.

Maths Mania Term 4

Each year our school includes an event at school to focus on a curriculum area. Every class will participate in special Maths workshops next term. Maths Mania is a group who visit schools with a range of hands-on and practical Maths activities. The workshops are booked for 18th and 19th October, Thursday and Friday Week 2 Term 4. The school will pay for the event so there will be no cost to families. We look forward to this event as it will provide another way for your child to apply their Maths skills and knowledge.

Toni Burford
Maths Coordinator

2012 Term 4 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	08/10	09/10	10/10 Change of date Finance Committee meeting	11/10	12/10
Week 2	15/10	16/10	17/10 Parents & Friends meeting in the staffroom at 9am. Everyone welcome	18/10  Maths Mania Workshop. R-7	19/10 SAKG School tour Lunch in kitchen 11.30 to 12.15. Maths Mania Workshop. R-7
Week 3 Canberra Trip for years 6&7's 22/10-27/10	Governing Council meeting	Non Canberra Trip Excursion	24/10	25/10 Assembly 2.25pm Non Canberra Trip Excursion	26/10  Jamie Briggs here for morning tea.
Week 4	29/10	30/10	31/10	01/11  Pizza & ice block day.	02/11
Week 5	05/11	06/11	07/11	08/11	09/11
Week 6	12/11	13/11	14/11  FOOTSTEPS 6/7	15/11 Assembly 2.25pm	16/11
Week 7	19/11  FOOTSTEPS 6/7	20/11	21/11 Parents & Friends meeting in the staffroom at 9am. Finance Committee meeting	22/11	23/11
Week 8	26/11 FOOTSTEPS 6/7  Governing Council meeting	27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11
Week 9	03/12  FOOTSTEPS 6/7	04/12	05/12	06/12 LAP, Multilit & Fun & Games children's afternoon tea Assembly 2.25pm	07/12
Week 10	10/12	11/12 Christmas Electives	12/12 Volunteers morning tea.	13/12 Year 7 Graduation	14/12 Last day of term 4 Assembly at 1.40pm Early dismissal 2.15pm



Music showcase

