



## Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

# NEWSLETTER



Week 8 Term 3, 2012

### Diary Dates

Friday 7th  
September  
**SCHOOL  
CLOSURE**

**All outstanding  
accounts need  
to be paid by  
Thursday 21st  
September 2012**



Sunday 16th  
September  
Coppins Bush  
Spring Walk  
1:45pm



Wednesday 19th  
September  
Music Showcase  
6:30pm to 8pm

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



### Celebrating National Numeracy Week at LPS

What a buzz it was to be in our school last Friday. Thank you to the many Dads and Mums, grandparents and family members who joined in our school celebrations for National Numeracy Week. I estimate we welcomed approximately 150 visitors to our Family Maths Morning. Many classrooms were full, with standing

room only in some rooms. It was a delight to see how excited the students were to show you not just what they are learning, but how they learn Maths. During the morning we also hosted four teachers visiting from Eastern Fleurieu School who came to observe in our classrooms. They all commented what an active and exciting range of Maths activities our students were involved in.

Our class teachers chose to show you the different activities and strategies they have been successfully implementing in Maths. A wide range of activities and tasks were on the go across the school, including problem solving tasks, partner games, using technology and mental routines. Activities included solving whose lunch box held the most, making and using a calendar page, using the STAR model to solve word problems and students playing games they had designed and made themselves.

Our students were enthusiastic and confident as they worked together. What stood out as I visited each room were the vibrant and focussed conversations children were having with adults about Maths. Maths lessons are rarely the silent and still lessons I remember as a student. As teachers, we value conversations and discussions in Maths so students can share the strategies they have used. During many activities but not all, students are given the opportunity to work in pairs or teams as they solve problems.

Much of our work in Maths has been influenced by our work with Ann Baker this year. Ann has shared clear strategies we can use to better teach students to solve number problems in their head and has introduced us to a language we can all use to describe how we group and manipulate numbers mentally, without the use of pen and paper. After each session with Ann, our teachers chose an aspect of their Maths teaching they wanted to focus on. Some teachers chose to focus on the beginning of each Maths lesson to include a routine that involved all students getting involved in answering closed question where the answer is either right or wrong and open questions where a range of answers is possible to encourage the students to think more and get involved. Other teachers have been trialling more problem solving tasks to encourage the students to use the Maths they know. All teachers have been making more time at the end of each Maths lesson for the group to reflect together on the ideas and strategies they have used.

So thank you again to those of you who joined us last Friday morning. If you were unable to come, have a chat with your child/ren about the Maths they have been learning and what new strategies they are using to solve new problems.

### Primary Maths Challenge 2012

A dedicated group of students have worked on a Primary Maths Challenge for the past 7 weeks both at home and at school. The entries from our school were selected last week and sent in to be judged as part of the State-wide competition. Congratulations to the following students who completed their entries- *Jessica Forbes, Alayna Hawke, Jarred Riddell, Darcie Bills, Olivia Stone, Aleesha Proeve, Max Galettis, Kade Harvey, Natalia Prokopowicz, Caitlin Gore, Zach Bell, Kayla Riddle, Bailey Camp, Bailey McKenny, Kai Banks and Annelise Griggs, all students in both Sara Weston's Year 3 class and Year 6/7 s in Deb Taylor's class.* It was wonderful to have so many entries submitted from our school this year.

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**The Maths Quiz**

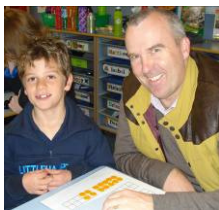
Did you have a go at the Maths Quiz at the Family Maths Morning? The quiz was designed and planned by the Year 6/7 leaders for the **Maths Challenge Forum**. Well done to all the Forum group members who organised the flags, quiz forms and the Maths display. The entry box is full and we now need to mark all the entries to determine the winner. We will be awarding the families who recognised the flags and answered the fraction questions, without resorting to their iPhones and trying to bribe the Maths Coordinator!! Thanks to all the families who joined in the fun. The winners will be announced soon....



**Finding the Maths we use everyday**



Maths is certainly more on our minds than ever before in our classrooms. I encourage all parents and caregivers to think about how they can make the Maths they use more visible to their children. As a Mum, I have been trying to do it more often and it can be as simple as giving your child more of the tasks you usually do. For example, I gave my two children \$2.00 each to spend last Friday afternoon at Bauldy's. After they had paid for and bought their different treats, my son said he knew he had way more than his sister. I asked him to prove it. He said he knew it was more because she only had one coin and he had 2. This meant we had a longer conversation about the difference between the amounts they each had and why they had been given different change. Other opportunities include asking your child to work out the number of stamps you'll need for the letters and the cost, writing their own lunch order and calculating the total and change they will receive. Time is also best taught in context so ask your child to plan what time the family needs to leave to reach familiar destinations, refer to the time on the clock as you get ready to leave each morning and work out how long they need to cook a recipe. Keep your mind open to when you use Maths each day and get your child involved in the thinking required.



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**Lost Property**

There is a large amount of lost property in the PACA room. This all needs to be reclaimed before week 9 this term. Please make the time to go through it and take your children's things. Please ensure all of your children's clothes are named.

**Coppin's Bush Spring Walk Sunday 16th Sept. At 1.45pm. Meet at the school**

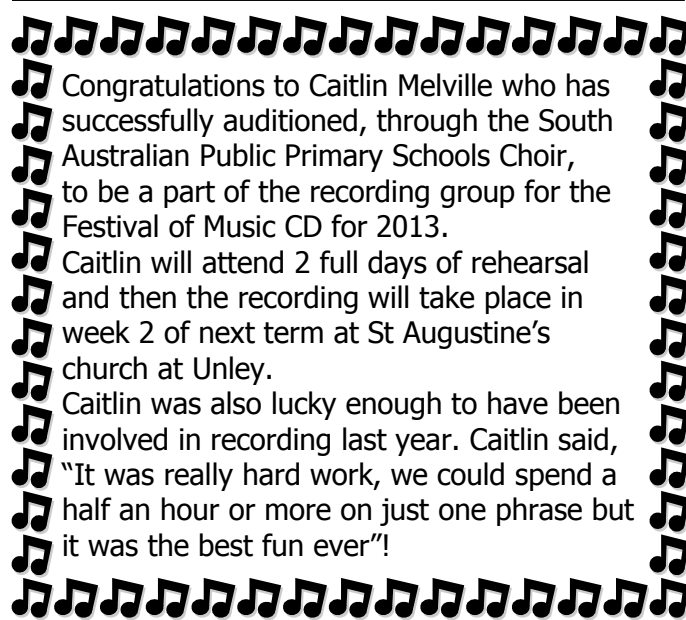


**Congratulations**



Congratulations to Ms Toni Burford who has been recognised as a regional winner in South Australia's SA Public Teaching Awards for 2012. Toni's achievements have been inspirational to others and have been recognised by a local regional selection panel. Toni is an exceptional educator who has made a lasting difference to the teaching and learning opportunities that support children and young people to achieve their potential. Well done Toni.

**Well done Caitlin.**



Congratulations to Caitlin Melville who has successfully auditioned, through the South Australian Public Primary Schools Choir, to be a part of the recording group for the Festival of Music CD for 2013. Caitlin will attend 2 full days of rehearsal and then the recording will take place in week 2 of next term at St Augustine's church at Unley. Caitlin was also lucky enough to have been involved in recording last year. Caitlin said, "It was really hard work, we could spend a half an hour or more on just one phrase but it was the best fun ever!"

### Parents and Friends Thankyou


A big thankyou to Glenn, Rebecca, Amanda and Jonathan Liebelt, Jason Fishers and Conrad Jeitner for their wonderful involvement in running the music, games and entertainment for the school disco. They do an excellent job and their time is greatly appreciated. Thankyou also to the entire P&F team who helped set up and to be there to help with all the different jobs. During the evening Gino Pollifrone did a great job organizing the movie pictures which were displayed on the screen during the night. Thanks to the dads Craig Roberts, Dale Schmidt, Andrew Thompson and Cameron Hawke who were there to supervise the students. There were 151 Rec -4 students and 113 year4-7 students who enjoyed the movie theme disco.

### Principals awards

**A positive attitude**-Riley Parr, Noah Rice, Patrick Jeitner, Jack Bills Georgie Doddridge, Rania Northey, Alexis Knowles, Tyler Searl, Sarah Hockin, Oliver Christensen, Ben Margetson, Harry Thomas, Poppy Samwell, Zoe Marshall, Katelyn Scroby, Maria Henke  
**Respect**-Jack Wilson, Tyson Geppert, Sarah Porter  
**Kindness**-Tarkyn Little, Rhys Westcott, Stella Wright, Poppy Montague  
**Including Others**- Jarred Riddell, Emily Bands  
**Achievement**- Amber Bakhuis-Smith  
**Progress**-Amber Bakhuis-Smith, Jed Geary, Rhys Westcott, Saxon Eades, Isabel Provis, Jago LeDeunff  
**Fairness**-Taylah Wallace  
**Valuing Others**-Dylan Riddle  
**Being Trustworthy**- Jesse Amos, Brayden Little, Ayden Westcott

### Hat Policy

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER HATS ON:



In line with our Sun Smart policy all students will be required to wear suitable broad brimmed or Legionnaire style hat, as described in the school uniform policy, whenever involved in outdoor school activities between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> April. This is the recommended position of The Cancer Council and part of our Sun Smart policy. **Students not wearing a hat will be required to move to a shaded area of the school.**

#### Good news regarding hand washing and hygiene.

We will soon have touch free hand sanitisers in all classrooms and kitchen areas. Pak-rite have told us this is the best hand hygiene system in the world at the moment, with an innovative design and robust construction. Pak-rite provide the dispensers free of charge and the school only pays for the sanitizer. In all toilets we will have touch free foam soap dispensers also. The hand soap and sanitiser use environmentally responsible formulations. At the same time we are replacing all school toilet roll holders with 3 or 2 roll dispensers which should reduce the current waste and problems we have with cubicles running out of paper. We will be using 100% recycled paper. By using these toilet roll dispensers we should save money also.

### Best Place to Live

The South Australian Government is embarking on a plan to make our state the best place in Australia to be a child and to raise a family.

We'd like all South Australians to join in an online conversation and share their thoughts on a range of topics relating to children and young people, parenting, education and family life and how we can work together to make a difference.

To participate in this online conversation, please visit [www.everychild.sa.gov.au](http://www.everychild.sa.gov.au) where you can read a discussion paper and follow the links to have your say! The online conversations will run until the end of October and you are all warmly invited to join in.

### NEED TO SPEAK TO A TEACHER?

As you know we really welcome parents and are always pleased when parents talk with us if they have any concerns. It would really be helpful though, if you could do this by communicating in your child's diary or communication book to ask for a meeting time. Teachers cannot respond appropriately if interrupted during class or their break time.

We thank you for your consideration.

### Parents and Friends

Deadline for all Pictureproduct templates and Tea Towel orders is **Friday 7th September**. Please see the office for order forms if you need them.

### School Dental Clinic

The School Dental Service is available to children aged from birth up until 18 at public dental clinics throughout South Australia. Dental Care is provided by teams of dentists, dental therapists and dental assistants. **For all toddlers and preschoolers dental care is free.** They recommend children have their first dental visit at around 12-24 months.

Contact your local School Dental Clinic to make an appointment for your preschooler.

Phone Mt Barker School Dental Clinic on 8391 0858. The clinic is on Dumas Street at Mt Barker. The opening hours are 8.30am—4.30pm Monday to Friday.

### Community Notices

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

\*\* School Holiday Soccer Clinics Week 1 Marion Primary School 24-28 Sept. Week 2 Oakbank Area School 2-5 October. Contact Steve Maxwell 0411 797 227.

\*\*Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation fund raising activity "Walk for a Cure". Saturday 3rd November at Keith Stephenson Park in Mt Barker.



Musical Showcase  
**Wednesday 19th September 2012**  
**6.30pm—8pm**  
In the School Gymnasium  
Gold coin entry will go towards  
the purchase of instruments.

The purpose of this night is to showcase the different aspects of music that happens at our school. Come and enjoy a fun-filled musical evening.

We are presently preparing a number of items.  
These include

- 🎵 Choir (Year 5,6,7)
- 🎵 Room 16 "Synco-copation"
- 🎵 Band
- 🎵 Room 5 class instrumental item
- 🎵 Room 4 chime bar band
- 🎵 Room 7 class instrumental item
- 🎵 Room 15 singing item
- 🎵 Room 10 recorder item
- 🎵 Room 13 percussion band
- 🎵 Instrumental ensemble & solo items
- 🎵 Room 14 percussion band
- 🎵 There will also be a "surprise guest" performance

We ask that children wear school uniforms and sit in their classes for the evening.  
All pre-school & toddlers will need to be with their parents.

Dear Parents,  
In line with caring for all students at Littlehampton Primary School we are in the process of organising Cyber Bullying Educational sessions through the Police Crime Prevention Unit. The Crime Prevention Unit also run a session for parents on how to keep children safe and the legalities around social media. If you would be interested in attending a session could you please indicate on the tear off slip and return it to the school.



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*Keeping children safe from social media/cyber bullying*

I/we are interested in attending a session

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(name/s)

Please circle the evening/s that would suit you

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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