



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 4, 2012

Welcome to our New Students!

Diary Dates

Crazy Feet Day



Friday 19 October

Decorate your shoes,
wear bright socks
Bring a Gold Coin
Donation for Juvenile
Diabetes Research
Foundation

Canberra Trip
Year 6 & 7

Monday 22 to Saturday
27 October

Governing Council
7:00 p.m.
Monday 22 October

Assembly
2:25 p.m.
Thursday 25 October
Location: Gym
Parents Welcome

Pizza & Iceblock Day
Thursday 1 November
ORDERS TO BE IN
BY 29 OCTOBER



This term we welcome the 13 children who started reception at our school. We have run out of classrooms! This class is located in the PACA room, the shared creative play area. Thankyou to our Junior Primary staff for the work they have done in reorganising this room into a bright attractive classroom!

We welcome our newest teacher, Miss Alison McLean, who began with us on day one of Term 4. Please make her and all the children feel welcome if you see them in the yard.

Welcome Back to the Staff Returning!

Margie Sarre, Jenny Lewis and Lesley Hutten are now back from leave, ready for a busy working term. They have many stories to tell about the United States (all three) Canada (two of them) and Europe (just one)! Thankyou to Barb Jones, Julie Burchell and Deb Cambridge who did such a good job of Principal, Deputy Principal and classroom teacher while they were on leave.

Canberra Trip and Excursion Week!

Next week, 59 of our students, 3 teachers and 2 parents will be travelling to Canberra for our first ever Year 6/7 Canberra trip. While these students are busy visiting Parliament House, and other museums and places of interest in our nations capital, 21 students and one teacher will be busy here in Adelaide, visiting our State Parliament, and other places of interest in Adelaide.

We wish students and teachers an enjoyable week.

Next Canberra Trip planned for 2014, for students in Years 6 & 7

This will affect parents of students in Years 4 & 5 in 2012. This advance notice is to enable you to start planning!



Classes for 2013

Placing children in class groups is a complex process which takes many weeks.

This means creating a group of students in a class which has a gender balance, a range of learning abilities and a range of behavioral and social needs. Optimal learning groups is our goal!

Listening in to teacher's discussions when they are making up class groups, it is evident that:

- teachers know the children well; and
- they make decisions based on good educational reasons.

It is school policy that teachers ask children for a list of 5 friends, and we undertake to place children in class with a friend from this list. If we are not able to do this, we ring parents.

We consider that each child will benefit from having each teacher. During the course of their time at Littlehampton, parents can expect that their children will have any of our teachers. Parents can also expect that their children will spend time in both the lower year level of a multi-year level class and the upper year level of a multi-year level class.

Parent Requests

Littlehampton Primary School has made a focus of developing consistent quality practice in curriculum content and in methodology and we've been commended for this in school reviews. We value the high quality teachers in this school and requests for or against specific teachers will not be favorably received. If you have important circumstances that you believe need special consideration, (such as a request for twins to be in the same or in different classes), **please address your concerns in writing, to the Principal, by Friday, 9 November, and mark the envelope "Confidential"**. Please address your concerns in terms of educational needs of your children.

Note that this year, we will not be attaching teachers names to the classes until the process is complete. Even teachers will not know which class they are taking until the class placement process is complete.

Due to the complexity of the process, it is school policy that verbal requests given to teachers will not be considered.

Who makes the decision?

It is the responsibility of the Principal to make the final decision on classes and placement of students.

Due to the "domino effect" of making changes after classes have been organised, no changes can be made after classes are released. Please ensure that you provide us with any relevant information or opinions now.

When will parents know about 2013 class placement?

This year we aim to inform parents of class placements in Week 10, and we plan that students will have the opportunity to meet with their new class and teacher before the end of the year.

Likely class structure 2013

Class 1	Reception
Class 2	Reception
Class 3	Rec/Year 1
Class 4	Year 1
Class 5	Yr 1/2
Class 6	Yr 1/2
Class 7	Yr 2/3
Class 8	Yr 3
Class 9	Yr 3/4 or Year 4
Class 10	Yr 4/5
Class 11	Year 4/5
Class 12	Yr 6/7
Class 13	Yr 6/7
Class 14	Yr 6/7

In order to form classes it is important that we estimate our 2013 student numbers as accurately as possible.

If your child will not be attending our school next year, please let us know ASAP. Alternatively, if you have a child due to start school next year, please enrol them now!

PIZZA & ICEBLOCK DAY

The Parents and Friends will be running a pizza lunch day on Thursday 1 November. Ice blocks will be available to purchase for 50 cents at lunchtime from the kitchen. Please note there will be no lunch orders placed with Bauldys on this Thursday.

Order forms have been sent out to students, and extra forms are available from the school. Please complete this order form and return with the correct money in payment envelopes to the front office no later than Monday 29 October. No late orders please!

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

All outstanding accounts must be finalized by the end of next week please



Kiss and Drop Zone

Recently we have become aware of some issues in the "Kiss and Drop" zone in the front of the school after school. Please remember that :

- Cars **cannot park** in this area from 3pm to 4:30 pm
- It is important not to arrive early in this area. If you do, **you will be asked to drive around the block** if your car has been there for 2 minutes or more and your child is not there once other children start arriving at the bell. If this happens, please understand our need to keep traffic flowing.
- Although it is sometimes frustrating to wait, we ask those cars banked up and waiting for others to move to please be patient while we attempt to get things running smoothly again. **Please do not attempt to pass** those cars waiting in the Kiss and Drop Zone.
- We will be placing notes on windscreens and reminding individuals of the parking rules in the coming weeks. Thank you for your cooperation!



