



NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 4, 2012

Diary Dates



Parents and Friends Meeting
Wednesday 21st
November
Staff Room at 9am

Governing Council Meeting
Monday
26th November
7pm



LAP, Multilit & Fun & Games
Children's
afternoon Tea
Thursday
6th December

Special School Assembly
Thursday 6th
December 2:30pm
to launch our
sculptures – all
welcome!

Flourish– Part 3 What is Resilience?

Earlier in the year I gave some information about the Flourish Project our school is involved with along with Mount Barker High School.

Resilience is an important quality for our children to develop if they are going to flourish.

What is resilience? Resilience is the ability to grow and thrive in the face of challenges and to bounce back from adversity. Resilient people bounce, not break. When our children encounter a difficult situation or a new task, they might fail the first time they try it. How do they respond? Do they bounce back like a tennis ball, or do they break like an egg? Around the school every day, I see examples of students who show resilience. When they try a task the first time and don't succeed, rather than give up, they take their teachers advice, work through, and keep on trying.

What can parents do to help children gain resilience?

- In order for children to gain a sense of mastery or a higher self esteem, they need to experience some disappointments. **Parents must try not to rescue them.**
- **Don't solve children's' problems for them.** Ask questions like, "What can you do about that?" or What ideas can you come up with that might make things better?
- **Look for evidence that things are going well,** and that life is good... despite failures and disappointments.
- **The Three Good Things strategy** is one simple strategy that can result in children feeling happier and more resilient. Ask, what are three good things that happened today? Ask:
 - Why did this good thing happen?
 - What does this good thing mean to you?
 - What can you do to make sure more of this good thing happens?



Primary Maths Challenge Winners... lots of practice and failure needed before we achieve a win!.

Practicing this simple routine every day for a month has been proved to increase a person's positive emotion (ie happiness).

Our School Report Card - NAPLAN 2012

The School NAPLAN report has arrived. More information page 3.

Highlights 2012

High attendance, with only one student missing one section of the test in Yr 7, 2 students absent for all tests in Year 5, and 3 students missing a section of the 5 subtests for Year 3.

We've continued with the practice of encouraging all students, even those with disabilities and learning difficulties to sit the tests, so growth can be measured from year to year. No students were exempted.

Our Year 3 did well this year.

Our Scores in Reading were good, above the National mean for all year levels, and significantly above the National mean for our Year 3s and Year 7s.

And areas for improvement?

Our students continued to have difficulty with their Persuasive. This is despite the perfect topic being set.... "I think all children should learn to cook!"

On page 3 you will see all our NAPLAN results for this year (alongside the state means, national means and our last year achievement.)

Student wellbeing resources for schools and parents

A new website – www.kidsmatter.edu.au – has been launched to help families and primary schools support children's mental health and wellbeing. The website has been designed with a specific section for families and includes free information sheets on more than 40 topics affecting children including fears and worries, dealing with anger, making friends, and starting school.

You can view the index of evidence-based information sheets at the website above.

Littlehampton's Got Talent

Once again, our Fundraising Student Forum has planned a "Littlehampton's Got Talent" event. In lunchtimes beginning on Friday Week 8, there will be a "heat" planned in the gym, with 5 or six students or groups competing. The winners from each of the daily heats will compete in a grand final on Friday Week 9.

How is this a fundraiser? There will be a fee to enter the competition of \$2 per individual or \$5 per group.

We will also charge entrance to students to watch at lunch time, of 50c per day.

We have had a balance of fundraisers this year, with sponsoring an Australian charity that effects our students, overseas projects and sponsoring Rhinos at Monarto Zoo. This fundraiser will be towards a project for the school. The Yard Saviour's forum has been asking for a Bird Bath **So this will go towards a birdbath.** Any surplus will go towards one of the other projects sponsored this year.

We know that many students have special skills and may learn dance, music, calisthenics, and are sure it will just take a little bit of practice to be ready to perform.

So, Littlehampton, Get Ready! There are 3 weeks to prepare!

From Mrs Lewis & Fundraising Forum

School Photos

There are copies of the following photographs available to look and place an order if you wish in the front office of the school

Forum Leaders
Choir
Year 7 Graduates
School Band
Year 7 Mess Up



Canberra feedback from parents

The staff who attended Canberra met last week to review the Canberra trip, in preparation for the 2014 trip, while our memories are still fresh! Students were also surveyed about the trip, and we found their responses were really positive—there is almost nothing we will change for next time from the wonderful program of activities on offer. If any parents of students who attended the trip would like to add to our review with suggestions for improvements, or positive feedback (always welcome), please email margie.sarre187@schools.sa.edu.au or drop a letter into the front office addressed to Margie. Thank you!

Invitation for School Families to attend Governing Council, School Fees for 2012 \$275.00

Our school families will find attached to this newsletter the proposed Materials and Service Charges for 2013. Finance Committee has recommended that the fees be increased next year by \$5.00. This is a bit more than the CPI, which for 2012 was 1.2%. Last year we also increased the fees by \$5.00, when the CPI was 3.9%, (\$10.00). The proposed fee increase will be discussed and voted on during the first 15 minutes of our next Governing Council meeting, on Monday, 26 November at 7:00 p.m. and interested parents are welcome to attend the early part of this meeting, or may address their opinion to the Governing Council in writing. Any queries about the charge can be directed to Judi Daniel, Finance Officer on 83911194.

Class Placement Process Underway

Parents please note that the time for receiving letters of request about class placements has now closed, and the class placement process is underway.

Did You Receive a School Newsletter by email ?

If you did it is because you responded to a notice earlier in the year requesting that you receive newsletters by email. If you did not, it is because there is no email address in your contact information on EDSAS. If you would like to receive a newsletter by email, you can subscribe by going to the website below, or leave a note with your e-mail address in the front office addressed to Michelle.

<http://safenewsletters.com/Newsletter-Sign-On.asp?CID=233>

Older Students, a Bouquet for You!!

Letter from a parent: "I was watching my son walk home this afternoon and reflecting on the fact that since he's started walking home part of the way by himself this year, it's been wonderful to see him approaching and watching how the older kids keep an eye on him and his friends as they cross the road, and how they always chat to them and wait for them at the crossing to press the button. I was wondering if perhaps in assembly you could make mention that not just me, but many of the parents of our younger kids greatly appreciate the way that at Littlehampton the older kids always seem to keep an eye on them and help them out. It makes them feel part of the school community like nothing else can, and it means us parents have a little less stress about our chatterbox young kids crossing roads and paying attention! I thought you might be able to think of a way of just saying thankyou to them in assembly or let them know we appreciate it?"



Our School Report NAPLAN Results

	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7
	Mean	Mean	Mean
Numeracy state Australian Mean Score	379.4 398.1	470.9 487.8	534.9 544.6
Numeracy School Score	383.1	494.1	530.3
Reading state Australian Mean Score	402.2 415.7	478.0 488.1	533.8 540.2
Reading School Score	433.7	500.2	555.7
Spelling state Australian Mean Score	392.0 405.9	474.4 484.1	533.2 537.7
Spelling School Score	416.7	504	523.6
Grammar & Punc.state Australian Mean Score	403.6 421.2	486.2 499.7	528.4 532.4
Grammar & Punc. School Score	418.9	493.6	549.6
Writing state Australian Mean Score	400.1 415.9	469.7 482.6	528.8 529.1
Writing School Score	414.1	466.1	512.3

Our scores above the National Mean are those marked yellow

Celebrating our High Achievers

There are two ways of measuring high achievement. We celebrate with our students who have made the most progress since they sat the previous NAPLAN.

High Progress Year 3 – 5	High Progress Year 5 – 7
Numeracy & Reading Darcie Bills Chloe Caire India Gautier Mitchell Hawke Riley McCune Keaton Riddle Liam Wilson Charlie Wotton Alicia Ward Emma Thomas Lilie Nykamp Tarkyn Little Daniel Kupczynski Cooper Hough Riley Banks Marni Banks	Numeracy & Reading Sophie Ball Peta Clements Liam Doecke Leah Hockin Jack Kipling Jonathan Liebelt Caitlyn Melville Cooper Nykamp Sarah Porter Eliza Stafford Riley Stone Jon Thomas Ruby Washington Cai Rees Manon Le Deunff Bailey Hough Jessica Gore Seth Gardner Hannah Gaborit Georgina Doddridge

Congratulations to these students for their high progress in Reading or Numeracy or both. We know how much work this represents!!

Progress Against our Targets

Progress in Maths

We have put considerable resources in our mathematics program over the last 4 years, and we have aimed to increase our scores by 3 points a year in this period. This year, we have succeeded in doing this for:

- our Year 3 cohort... who achieved a mean score 12 points above our mean in 2009, though not above our all time high in 2010.
- and for our Year 5 cohort, who achieved 25 points above the Year 5 mean in 2009.
- We did not quite achieve this for our Year 7 cohort, who achieved 5 points above the 2009 mean.

Improvements Needed in Writing

Our Year 3 students did quite well in writing, with their mean score only just below the National mean score. Our Year 5 & 7 students didn't do so well. This gives us a clear focus for 2013!

Top Band Achievement

We also congratulate these students who achieved in the top band of achievement for their year level in one or more areas. Students will be presented with certificates for achievement and progress at our next assembly.

Year 3	Year 5
Zach Bell Bailey Camp Chermia Elston Jed Geary Caitlyn Gore Annelise Griggs Kade Harvey Oscar Hong Jordan Hunter Patrick Littlewood Bailey McKenny Emma McLean Eric Mussett Seth Ormandy Kayla Riddle Ava Roach Hannah Squillace Isaac Warhurst	Lachlan Warhurst Taylah Wallace Ryder Taylor Olivia Stone Keaton Riddle Aleesha Proeve Joel Parker Boers Riley McCune Jessica Forbes Jayden Clarke Hunter Boudet-Wilson Darcie Bills
	Year 7
	Cooper Nykamp Caitlyn Melville Abbey Kerr Leah Hockin Jessica Gore Seth Gardner Eliza Stafford



Gardening News



The children have been very busy this term, harvesting, composting, preparing garden beds, propagating seedlings in the hot house, planting out seedlings from last term and sowing seeds direct. These have included beans, corn, pumpkin, zucchini, squash, tomatoes, basil, capsicums and eggplant, just to name a few. Harvests have included kale, peas, coriander, spring onions, leeks, parsley, mint, silver beet, chard, broccolini, and salad mix. They have also

been busy with the mosaic stepping stones; the 6/7 have been laying out their designs with tiles and the 3/4/5 classes are mixing and filling the moulds. All of this has been strongly supported by our dedicated team of volunteers, who have been enjoying this glorious spring weather, growing and creating with the children.

In preparation for the Christmas school holidays, we are seeking volunteers for small amounts of hand watering and harvesting. Do you walk past or through the school frequently? Would you be able to wander through and check the garden for us, for a few days in the school holidays? This might involve a bit of watering and harvesting too. If you are willing to be on a roster could you please leave your name and contact details at the front office for Margie or Lucy, and we will contact you with more information closer to the holiday break. We will also be having two **working bees** over the holidays to harvest and store produce and prepare beds for Term 1. If you are free for an hour or two between **9am -11.30am on Wednesday 9th Jan, or Tues 22nd Jan** we would love your help. Please mark the dates on your calendars.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our market stalls are continuing every Thursday afternoon, with fresh produce collected from the garden including salad mix, herbs and other items as available, produce prepared in the kitchen, seeds and seedlings. Come along and find those seedlings for the vegie patch, something for tea or even a Christmas gift or two.

Do you purchase punnets of strawberries or pre-packed apples or kiwi fruit?? Do you have excess seedling pots lying around? We can help! Please recycle your punnets or small pots by bring them to school and leave them in the tub under the sink in the garden, so we can pot up our seedlings for the market stall. Don't forget to still collect and bring in your eggshells, or excess manure; these can also be left in the garden under the sink or by the compost bays.

Lucy **Happy gardening**

Kiwanis Winners Term 3



Congratulations to our Kiwanis award winners for Term 3, Caitlin Melville and Lachy Bowden. Teachers consider that these students demonstrate our school values, and are excellent role models to other students.

Exciting Christmas Gifts on the way!

The kitchen garden committee and Forum have been busy creating a **2013 calendar** which will soon be for sale to the school community.



The calendar will be filled with recipes from the kitchen classes, gardening hints, photos, student drawings and helpful gardening and cooking tips.

We will send home an order form per family, and there will be an example calendar on display in the front office. What a great way to support our wonderful kitchen garden program. ☺ We would like to thank Julie Lynch who has donated her time and skills to design the calendar and lay out the pages on computer. Thank you so much Julie!

Principal's awards



Congratulations to the following students who all received a Principal's Award at our recent assembly:

FAIRNESS: Taehyun Elston, Christian Bald, Max Culp, Dylan Hoppood, Lachy Hesse, Liam Lucas,
POSITIVE ATTITUDE: Damien Odwell, Caleb Selby, Mollie Demasi, Bree Turner, Charlie Thomas, Zabien Parker-Boers, Rachel Odwell, Thomas Roberts, Chester Wright, Eden Hopkins, Evelyn Gill, Caleb Griggs, Jayden Nykamp, Jack Kipling, Harry Taplin-Barton, Natalia Prokopovicz, Jack Badenoch
BEING TRUSTWORTHY: Lachlan Hesse
KINDNESS: Aiden Hill, Darcy Hutchinson, Sanujaya Hewage, Patrick Littlewood
INCLUDING OTHERS: Lilah Hogben, Lily Tilton, Jake Westcott, Daniel Kupczynski, Mathew Davis
RESPECT: Ethan Willis, Bree Turner, Brooke Badenock, Charlotte King, Brianna Fimmano, Hannah Squillace, Josh Johnson, Josh Norris, Ella Scott,
ACHIEVEMENT: Saxon Eades
VALUING OTHERS: Keaton Riddle, Peter Kalecinski, Alayna Hawke

LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OSHC OPENING TIMES

Before School Care: 6.30am - 8.30am
After School Care: 3.15pm - 6.30pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday
3.00pm - 6.30pm Wednesday
Vacation Care: 7am - 6.30pm



The service must be given 24 hours of cancellation or the full fee will be charged.

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