



NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 2013

Diary Dates

Friday 7th June
P&F Hot Dog Day
Fundraiser



Monday 10th June
Queens Birthday
Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th June
Student Free Day
Literacy Training
for Staff

Wednesday 12th June
P&F Meeting
9am to 10am
Finance Committee
Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 13th June
'Music is Fun Band'



Friday 14th June
Crazy Casual Day
Fundraiser
Gold Coin Donations

Monday 17th June
Governing Council
Meeting 7pm

Friday 5th July
Last Day of Term2
Early Dismissal
2.15pm

Learning and Loving It! Our Wonderful Preschool

Every day in a hundred ways, wonderful things are happening in our preschool. Check out what has been happening below:

Our preschool has had additional shade area added. Did you notice? The shade area has been so well designed by our original preschool architect Sam Hosking that it looks like it has always been there.



Caterina Pennestri from SA Art Gallery visited to present a workshop with children, involving the children in sculpture of insects using imagination, drawing inspiration from pictures of insects. The children's artworks have been on display. This supported the outdoor learning inquiries which saw the children observing 50 silkworm eggs, watching them hatch and learning how they make silk for cocoons.



A vet has checked up for the animals and declared them all healthy. A special mention was made of the rabbit, who at age 8 has more than doubled the usual lifespan for this type of rabbit. (We are seeking a happy retirement home for this rabbit, so that it can really enjoy its final years with a loving family)



Drama Blocks have been set up in the smaller room, so that children can create and display their creations.

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Do you have a child turning 4 before the 1st of May 2014? Please enrol them now! Places are rapidly filling in our preschool for next year, and we need your enrolments soon so we can prepare for 2014.



Pupil Free Day: Tuesday 11th June

Enjoy the Long Long Weekend, because Tuesday 11th June is a Pupil Free Day.

Classroom teachers will be studying Modules 2 & 3 of a 6 Module course in the Literacy for Learning course. This is research based literacy strategies designed to improve children's literacy, not just in

Crazy Day: Friday 14th June



On Friday 14th of June we are going to hold a **Crazy Day**. This event is where you child decorates shoes and hair.

Rules: all clothing must be suitable for school, shoes must be closed shoes that are suitable for sport activities, you are allowed to wear casual clothes, a gold coin donation is needed if you are to dress up or go in casual clothes. Prizes will be given to a boy and a girl in each class. Thankyou

*Jarrah Taylor and Fundraising
Forum Leaders*



Gym Donations Due

**Reminder! \$100
Building Levy Now Due!**

To take advantage of your donation as a tax deduction in this financial year, **we would encourage school families to make their payment by June 30.**

We thank all of the families who have already paid their donation for this year.

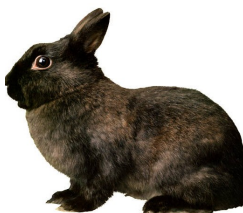
Homes needed for Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

Good home wanted for Aged Rabbit and/ or some Guinea Pigs?

Do you have a property that a retired rabbit would love?

Or do you have some room at home for some guinea pigs?

Please ring the front office and ask to be put through to Evelyn in the Preschool for further details.



Preschool Outdoor Activities

While their older brother and sisters were on camp the preschool children made use of natural materials to make a pretend bonfire.

They role played toasting marshmallows. They also discussed safe and unsafe fires. Here are some of the photos of their activities.



More Preschool News....

Plans are well under way for the single start date in 2014. (Reminder this year there are only two start dates, Term 1 and Term 2) with children who turn 4 on or after the 1st of May 2013 waiting until next year to begin preschool. So this year, our enrolments will start to drop in Term 3, when a group of 15 children will begin at school, and no children will be starting preschool to take their place.

For the future this means:

- Less children, means less staffing dollars. Lisa Weidenbach, our valued preschool teacher will be bringing the Term 3 school starters up to the school, and will be their reception teacher. Evelyn Lam (or Jill Revilla if she is able to return) will continue as the preschool teacher for Terms 3 & 4 with some additional part time staff.
- Plans are underway at both the school and the preschool so that in 2014 we can cater for the learning needs of 5 year olds in the preschool (and from 2015, 4 year olds in the school).

Jill Revilla: Nominated for Award

Staff and parents send our continued best wishes to Jill Revilla our beloved preschool teacher of more than 18 years who is on leave while she is having medical treatment.



Jill Revilla, has been nominated for a Lifetime Achievement Award in the public teaching awards. Her nominee stated:

"Jill has been the longstanding and much loved preschool teacher at Littlehampton for over 17 years. She understands children and is able to capture children's sense of wonder, creating an inspiring and magical environment, even in the difficult facilities of the former preschool. She had a major part in designing the excellent new preschool facility from scratch. Jill bases her learning program on children's interests and inquiries using the Reggio Emilia Philosophy. Jill has had a major influence on the other teachers and school service officers she works with over many years. Jill is recognised amongst other preschool teachers in the region for excellence in the way she works."

Positive Psychology Conference

Last year it was announced that our school had been fortunate to receive a grant to support the implementation of Positive Psychology in our school. As a result you have read newsletter articles from time to time. Earlier this year:

- 70 parents attended the meeting with Martin Seligman at Mount Barker High School in Term 1 this year.
- The report on our Middle Year Index arrived. This is the result of a Year 6/7 wellbeing survey of our students from 2012. Our students were involved in a trial of this test, which we envisage will be administered on an annual basis. A summary report will be presented to Governing Council soon, when we will plan how to share this information with the wider community.

I'm pleased to report the following events are planned:

- 6 staff will attend the positive Futures Starting Points Conference at Mount Barker High this Friday.
- We have established a Positive Psychology Professional Learning team for Littlehampton staff. 10 staff members meet regularly, read Martin Seligman's *Flourish* and other Positive Psychology books, discuss how they are implementing it in the classroom, and plan further action.
- 5 staff will attend the Positive Futures 4 day workshop at Geelong Grammar School in Victoria in Week 9 this term, with a further 4 attending in Week 10 Term 4.
- We have a small library of positive psychology books that can be borrowed by parents (when they are not being used by teachers) so if you are interested, why not visit the library and ask to borrow one.

Cards or Flowers for Jill Revilla

Jill has taught the vast majority of the students in our school, and their older brothers and sisters before them. There are many parents who would love to send their best wishes to Jill.

If parents would like to send cards or flowers to Jill, to wish her the best, or remind her of some special memories in the preschool, our staff visit her every Thursday, and could take cards or flowers to her. Please drop them off in the front office on a Thursday.

The Parent Craft Group is planning a special hands project for all students to contribute towards. This will be done in classes, and I'm sure Jill will appreciate receiving them.












We thank Cassy Caire and the Parent Craft group for organising this.



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VACATION CARE

8th JULY 2013 – 19th JULY 2013

<p><u>Monday 8th July</u></p>  <h3>Pyjama & Campout Day</h3> <p>Wear your PJ's and bring your sleeping bags, tents, pillows, blankets to set up a camping ground in the gym.</p> <p><u>Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate for Lunch</u> \$45 Less CCB&CCR</p> 	<p><u>Monday 15th July</u></p>  <h3>Captain Black Diamond Pirate Show</h3> <p><u>Performance from 1.30pm</u></p> <p>Come dressed as a pirate– pirate craft and games \$60 Less CCB&CCR</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 9th July</u></p>  <h3>Bumper Bowling & Laser Skirmish</h3> <p><u>Cross Road Bowls</u> <u>Please be at Oshc by 9am</u> \$60 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 16th July</u></p>  <h3>Jukebox, Karaoke, Disco & Crazy Hair Day</h3> <p>Wear your grooviest disco outfit, mess up your hair and come for a day of music and fun. Prizes for best hair and outfit. \$45 Less CCB&CCR</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 10th July</u></p> <h3>Mask Making</h3> <p>Design and create your own unique mask to take home \$45 Less CCB&CCR</p> 	<p><u>Wednesday 17th July</u></p>  <h3>Mt Barker Cinema 'Despicable Me 2'</h3> <p><u>Please be at Oshc by 9am-Times to be confirmed closer to date.</u> \$60 Less CCB&CCR</p>
<p><u>Thursday 11th July</u></p>  <h3>Cartoon Photo booth</h3> <p>Wear your dress-ups/superhero outfit and come and get your photo taken with a Warner Bros Character. <u>From 10am onwards</u> \$60 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Thursday 18th July</u></p> <h3>Cooking and Craft Day</h3> <p>Scratch Art, Diffusing Paper, Pet Rocks & Painting <u>Mexican Taco's and Burrito's for Lunch</u> \$45 Less CCB&CCR</p> 
<p><u>Friday 12th July</u></p> <h3>Mt Barker Cinema 'Monsters University'</h3> <p><u>Please be at Oshc by 9am-Times to be confirmed closer to date.</u> \$60 Less CCB&CCR</p> 	<p><u>Friday 19th July</u></p> <h3>Winter Sports Day</h3> <p>Wear your team colours and join us for a day of playing sport. Football, soccer, Basketball and Netball. <u>Face Painting and making your own wooden sports figure.</u> \$45 Less CCB&CCR</p> 

OPENING TIMES 7AM—6.30PM
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Bookings close Friday 28th June 2013

Book Early to Guarantee a Spot (Bookings after 28th June may not be accepted)
Enrolment and Booking forms: <http://www.littlehams.sa.edu.au/OSHC>.