

Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

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Thumbs up for our Gym!!

Despite lots of newer buildings, our Gym continues to star. In this newsletter, we celebrate all the people who continue to make our gym possible, ... YOU, the parents who make an annual contribution so the school can pay our \$26,500 annual repayments toward our gymnasium. Here are some snapshots of events that have taken place in our Gym

during the last 12 months:

Littlehampton Ladies Evening

2012 Music Showcase



Music is Fun Band

We have more yet to raise. So please keep those donations coming!

Thankyou to all school families who have contributed to our gymnasium building fund. Your contribution enables us to meet our loan repayments without cutting into curriculum budgets for our children. If you have not made your contribution, it is not too late. We are relying on you.

School Survey

In the next few weeks you will be posted a School Survey. We value your opinion, and would ask that you take the time to complete the survey, as it provides important feedback that enables us to improve our school. One of the things you will be asked is your opinion of whether we should have a fence for the Darnley Street side of our school.

A Fence for the Darnley Street boundary? Read the case for and against on Page 4.



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MUSIC SHOWCASE 2013 NEW FORMAT



Due to the popularity of our annual Music Showcase nights this year we will be presenting it over 2 nights:

Wednesday 18th September and Thursday 19th September from 6.30pm to 8pm in our gymnasium.

All classes from Reception to Year 5 will be participating as well as our school band and choir.

Notes were sent to parents/caregivers to advise them of our new format as well as which nights your child's class will be performing on.

The new format will enable all the parents and grandparents who want to attend to be able to be seated so that hopefully fewer audience members will have to stand. This change will also enable a shorter concert and an earlier night for all concerned.



Weekly Market Stall

Every Thursday the school holds a market stall to sell their muffins, plants and produce. Look for the students and parent helpers at the end of the day to grab some great bargains as well as wonderful goods.

Multilit/LAP Volunteers



An afternoon tea celebration has been organized for Volunteers and children to share time together.

The celebration will be in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen on Friday 30th August 2013 at 2pm.

Children please bring your plate of food to the front office on Friday morning.

SCHOOL HATS ON: Next Week Please

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 1st September 2013 and 30th April 2014. 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.



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (Show Day) Friday 13th September OSHC WILL BE OPEN

Friday 13th September is a school closure day. OSHC will be open and are happy to take bookings.

Please call Kathryn on 8391 4742 to make a booking. They will be having a show day and making show bags

Parents & Friends News

There will be a Parents & Friends Meeting held in the staff room on Wednesday 4th September starting at 9am. All welcome!

The Parents & Friends will also be running a Country & Western Disco on Thursday 12th September. Please see insert in this newsletter for more details.



HOT FOOD DAY Friday 6th September

On Friday 6th September the Parents and Friends will be running a Hot Food Lunch Day.



THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS PLACED WITH BAULDYS ON THIS DAY

Your child/children should have brought home an order form this week. If you have not received one there are extra copies in the front office.

All orders with the correct money should be placed in the box situated in the front office **NO LATER THAN Monday 2nd September.**

Please note that no late orders will be accepted.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lorna McLean who has recently been permanently appointed to our school. Lorna is our Reading Teacher and also teaches one of our Reception Classes

Counting Pedestrians

We would like to thank the following parents and staff members who gave up their time to count pedestrians along Baker Street before and after school the past few weeks:

Rachel Galettis, Danielle Stone, Lara Montegue, Sara Weston, Helen Kupczynski, Jenny Crossley, Sarah Slee, Jo Hunter, Sophie Molyneux, Judy Tremaine, Tabitha Eades, Diana French, Andrew French, Lisa Davis, Al Caire, Julie Claridge, Alison Bishop, Gillian Bevan and Evelyn Lam.

We found the results varied a great deal depending on the weather, with the numbers per session ranging from the lowest at 26 on a very rainy morning to the highest at 135 on a cold but sunny afternoon.

We will now take this information to the Council to argue our case for a pedestrian crossing in front of the school. Stay tuned!

A fence along Darnley Street? What do you think?

Pros and Cons....

For some years we have been discussing whether or not to erect a low fence along the Darnley Street side of the school. A few years ago the Governing Council decided against fencing the entire school, due to the prohibitive cost.

However new parents to our school continue to ask about fencing, so we thought it would be helpful to survey all families to gauge the level of interest in fencing one area of the school grounds. You will find this question in the parent survey (being posted out to all school and Preschool families in the next two weeks.

What do others think? We have found that members of our school community have divided views on this matter.

Some are in favour of erecting a fence because:

- It may discourage strangers from entering our grounds
- It gives a feeling of safety
- It keeps kids from running out onto the road after balls
- Keeping kids safe should be our top priority

Some are against erecting a fence because:

- They value the open and welcoming layout and feel of the school
- Fences can make children feel 'locked in'
- Fences can lead to a false sense of security
- We have not had a problem of strangers entering the grounds Strangers and children can easily open a gate and leave or enter
- Fences are very expensive and this money could be better spent on children's education or play equipment

Please keep a look out for our survey in the next few weeks, and let us know your opinion by filling in our survey. Your opinion is important to us!

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Friday 30th August LAP/Multilit Celebration 2pm

Wednesday 4th September Finance Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 6th September P&F Hot Food Day

Sunday 8th September Tournament of Minds Competition

Wednesday 11th September Festival Theatre Choir Performance 6.15pm for 7.30pm performance

Thursday 12th SeptemberP& F Country &Western DiscoYear R-4:5.30 - 7pmYear 4 to 7:7.30 - 9pm

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We would like to announce the safe arrival of 7 little chicks with one more to come at our CPC on the evening of 27th August 2013. It was a pleasant surprise for all when they came in the next day.







