



NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 4 2013

Diary Dates

**Monday 25th to
Thursday 28th
November**

Littlehampton's Got
Talent Auditions



**Friday 29th
November**

Littlehampton's Got
Talent Finals
1.45pm

Parents & Friends
Casual Day
Gold Coin Donation

Reception &
Preschool 2014
Transition Visits

**Monday 2nd
December**

Governing Council
Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday 4th
December**

Preschool Family
Picnic & Celebration
5pm to 7pm

**Thursday 5th
December**

Volunteers Picnic
Lunch
12.15

Friday 6th December

Littlehampton Primary
School Community
Carols 5-8 pm
Reception &
Preschool 2014
Transition Visits

What Do You Think of Us? Parent Surveys

This year we again sent out our surveys by post, as we have found we have a better response rate than with the online surveys. This year 79 parents responded to the school survey and 16 for the preschool. This represents 27% of school families and 57% of pre-school families.

This year, we used the new Australian Government survey, so the questions were different from previous years. We were also able to add our own questions to find parent opinion about local matters. Here are the results. (See p3 for more results)

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strong Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| I think LPS does a good job of keeping me informed and seeking my opinion | 26% | 60% | 9% | 9% | 1% |
| As a result of the SAKG program I've seen improvement in healthy eating and wellbeing for my child | 25% | 26% | 45% | 4% | 0% |
| I think the SAKG is beneficial to my child's learning in sustainable gardening and/or science | 53% | 30% | 11% | 5% | 1% |
| Littlehampton Primary school does a good job of teaching my child mathematics | 15% | 68% | 15% | 1% | 0% |
| I think the letter grades on the new school reports give an accurate picture of my child's progress | 10% | 49% | 34% | 8% | 0% |
| I find the teacher's comments provide helpful advice and show a deep knowledge of my child. | 34% | 53% | 8% | 5% | 0% |
| I know about the schools focus on Positive Education/Positive Psychology, and have some knowledge of what it means | 13% | 66% | 14% | 5% | 3% |
| I think Littlehampton Primary School fosters a strong and supportive school community | 42% | 51% | 6% | 1% | 0% |
| I think that the separate Year 6 and Year 7 classes for Maths, History and Science provide a rigorous program and high expectations for my Year 6 or Year 7 child. | 35% | 35% | 22% | 0% | 9% |

Notes: While these results are confirming of the school's aims and the responses inside are even more confirming, there are still things to address. Please be aware that we take responses seriously, with comments noted and discussed at Governing Council.

NOTE: Feedback on Christian Pastoral Support Worker response sheet inside

Special Event launch of Garth Boomer Literacy Seat... with concert! Special assembly on December 4 at 10:20 a.m. Artist Steve Langton will conduct a mini concert, showing how this can be used to make music.

Changed date for Littlehampton's Got Talent: For various reasons this event has had to be rescheduled to next week. Heats start on Monday. Last day to hand entry forms and money in is Friday 22 November!- Tomorrow



Our Fantastic Art Show

On Friday 15th November, the school held their first Art Show, to raise funds for the SAKG Kitchen. The night was a huge success with everyone involved or visiting having a great time.



A lot of hard work was done leading up to the event and we would like to thank everyone who helped make this evening a great success. There were a lot of positive comments from people who came and had a look. We would like to especially thank Alison Saunders and Margie Sarre for all their work prior to the evening as well as on the night. A very special thank you also needs to be given to Cassy Caire, who helped to organise the Show, and collected donations from local businesses for the night, as well as providing and setting up the Craft corner. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities!



Thank you to Tania Kunze for screen printing the banners to advertise the Show. A number of staff members, parents and students gave up their time to help set up and

run the Art Show, and we are very grateful for their support: Al Caire, Tracey Conlay, Brianna McAvaney Danielle Stone, Janelle Robinson, Jenny Lewis, Debbie Jackson and students Harmony, Sophie, Georgia, Alicia, Chloe, Paris, Tahnee, Amie, Taylah, Hunter, Clodagh and Olivia.

Along with the children's artwork that they had been making during the year, local community artists kindly donated artworks which were sold by a silent auction. We would like to thank them so much for making this contribution to our school and for adding so much variety to the Art Show! Some of the artists were:

Jennifer Ayling, Kevin Stone, Suzanne Fuller, Taehyun Elston, Matt Turner, Andy Rasheed, Cassy Caire, Tania Kunze (Tatty K), Tabitha Eades, Rod McDougal, Dassia Winkler, Helen Carman, Evan Morgan, Keith Bolto, Shirley Chapman, Jim McLean and Suzie Riley. A number of students also contributed artworks they had done at home to the exhibition.



Thank you also to our sponsors Cheap as Chips, Ned's, Spotlight, and Kmart. We are now busy collating and organising the community artwork to be distributed to the winning bidder as well as the purchased students' work. If you have pledged for your child's artwork but have not yet paid for it, please drop your donation into the front office. This artwork should be available for collection next week.



South Australian Police Band Workshop

On Tuesday 19th November, five members of the South Australian Police Band visited our school to work with members of our school band. First up they worked with small groups of the band (clarinet, flute, trumpet, saxophone and drums.)

This was followed up by a workshop/rehearsal with the whole band and then the band with the members of the police sitting in, performed for the Year 3, 4 and 5 classes. Hopefully some of our students



will take up learning a musical instrument so they can not only develop a personal interest, but they can also play in the school band.



Those band members who were involved in the workshop certainly learned a lot from the Police Band members and appreciated the effort that they made in visiting our school



Pizza Day Apology

Parents and Friends would like to apologise if your child was not able to purchase a drink or chips during Pizza Day. Our intention was to finish up the last of the drinks and chips from other events earlier in the year. We thought we had more than we actually did in the end, and some students missed out as a result. Next time we will try to make sure there is enough for everyone, or will let you know if it is 'first come, first served'.

Remembrance Day 2013



On Monday 11th November, our Year 6 & 7s and members of our school choir attended the Littlehampton Remembrance Day Ceremony down at Miels Park.

The choir lead the singing of the National Anthem.

Back at the school, the rest of the students also commemorated this special day, by holding a remembrance ceremony outside near the flagpole. Students had made red poppies during the previous week to wear, Mr Douglas conducted the ceremony and Lachlan Warhurst, did a fantastic job at playing the Last Post on trumpet.



Littlehampton Preschool upcoming activities

In the next three weeks we will be having numerous activities for the children in Preschool.



On Tuesday 26th November and Wednesday 27th November the children will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic with our buddies from the school. Children may bring a reasonable sized teddy of their choice along with them, but please clearly label it with your child's name.

On Wednesday 4th December we will be having a family Christmas picnic starting at 5.30pm near the junior primary playground. Children and their families are encouraged to join in. Families can bring their own picnic and enjoy the fun as well as listening to the preschool children singing a few songs around 7pm followed by a visit from Santa.

If the weather is not 'picnic weather' we will be holding the picnic in the kitchen and outside sheltered area.

School Survey....cont



| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree & Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|---------|------------------------------|
| Teachers expect my child to do his or her best. | 38% | 58% | 5% | 0% |
| Teachers provide my child with useful feedback about school work. | 28% | 55% | 10% | 8% |
| Teachers at this school treat students fairly. | 33% | 55% | 11% | 1% |
| This school is well maintained. | 35% | 56% | 6% | 3% |
| My child feels safe at school. | 46% | 51% | 3% | 3% |
| I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns. | 57% | 39% | 1% | 3% |
| Students behaviour is well managed at this school | 23% | 65% | 13% | 0% |
| My child likes being at this school | 59% | 41% | 0% | 0% |
| This school looks at ways to improve | 39% | 48% | 11% | 1% |
| This school takes parents opinions seriously | 25% | 54% | 18% | 2% |
| Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn | 34% | 58% | 6% | 1% |
| My child is making good progress at this school | 39% | 55% | 4% | 3% |
| My child's learning needs are being met at this school | 36% | 54% | 9% | 1% |
| This school works with me to support my child's learning | 35% | 51% | 13% | 1% |

Notes: It is evident from the comments that some parents of Year 6 students would rather them in a combined Year 6/7 class for history, maths and science.

FENCE I am in favour of a fence along the Darnley Street boundary of our school.

| | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| School | | 21% | 23% | 24% | 21% | 11% |
| Preschool | | 37% | 18% | 31% | 6% | 6% |

At this stage around 44% respondents in school (35 parents) and 55% in the preschool (8 parents) agree or strongly agree with a fence. Governing Council will discuss this further, see if opportunities for funding arise, and also look at and survey parents regarding other facilities which could be bought with the equivalent amount of money.

Many detailed comments were made regarding communication, the new format reports, and many matters. We would like to assure parents that these are discussed at Governing Council, considered, and you will see some of them implemented, over the next year.



Littlehampton Primary School Community Carols Evening

Friday 6th December
5pm - 8pm

Littlehampton Primary School will be holding a Community Carols Evening for our families on Friday 6th December.

The event is free and the evening will be starting at 5pm with the format of the night being the following:

5pm to 6pm: Christmas Picnic (BYO Food and Drinks). We do ask please that you do not bring any glass containers with you. There will be Christmas music being played while you sit back and relax with families and friends.

6pm to 7pm: Community Carols Sing-a-long and concert, being led by the Singing into the Community Forum and NarelleThomas.

7pm to 8pm: Continue socialising along with friends and family

Although this evening is being held at the school we ask parents/caregivers to please supervise their own children as it is an after school hours event.

Littlehampton's Got Talent



The Fundraising Forum will be holding Littlehampton's Got Talent heats and finals next week from Monday 25th November to Wednesday 27th November. **Entry to come along and watch the heats** will be 50c per person with the finals being held on Friday 29th November at 1.45pm. Parents are welcome to attend the finals.

Entry to the finals will be free.

If your child/ren would like to enter this event, there are forms in the front office with all the details you will need to know. All entry forms with the required cost of the performance must be dropped off at the front office no later than the end of day on Friday 21st November.

Student Safety

Local residents have let us know that some students are crossing the road unsafely and putting themselves in danger. If your child walks to school, rides a scooter or bike, please take the time to accompany them on a trip to check that they are taking the safest route. Safe crossing points are clearly indicated on Darnley Street, Baker Street and West Terrace. We are still working with Mount Barker Council to investigate a pedestrian crossing nearer the school. In the meantime let's work together to make sure that all of our students stay safe as they travel to and from the school.

High School Transition Dates

Year 6 and Year 7s who will be leaving our school at the end of this year will be visiting their new schools over the next couple of weeks. Please note which day your child/ren should be attending a full day's transition at their new school:

Friday 22nd November Cornerstone Transition Day for 2014 Year 8's

Monday 25th November Cornerstone Transition Day for 2014 Year 7's

Tuesday 26th November Heathfield High School Transition Day

Friday 6th December Mount Barker High School

SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Ella Lawson on being selected to represent Barker District in SAPSASA Tennis. The team and Ella had a very successful week. The team won the title and were undefeated for the week. On a personal level Ella won all of her singles matches. Well Done!



Music Lessons 2014

It has been great to see the enthusiasm and progress of all students who have been learning a musical instrument this year. It is a privilege to be able to share the enjoyment of playing music and to help develop the knowledge and skills required to play an instrument.

In 2014 there will be vacancies for tuition in piano, keyboard and guitar. Lesson are conducted during school hours at a cost of \$24 for a 30 minute individual lesson. If you are interested or would like more information please contact me - Peter Beeby on 0431 151 104.

There are also vacancies for lessons in drums with Shane Cox at \$23 for a 30 minute lesson. 0411174151. Ray Sadler who provides tuition lessons starting at \$10.00 on trumpet, clarinet, saxophone and flute and can be contacted on 0412034930

Please return slip below to the front office

Christian Pastoral Support Worker.... Kate Oglanby

We have now had Kate Oglanby our CPS worker for a year. On an annual basis, parents are provided with the opportunity to provide feedback on the program. While families of children she has worked with have been provided with a detailed survey, we are giving other families the opportunity to respond.

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| I am aware of the work that Kate does in the school | Yes | No |
| I have met Kate or my child has spoken about Kate | Yes | No |
| I consider the CPS worker plays a valuable role in our school. | Yes | No |
| I am aware that a Youth Worker is an option for schools instead of a CPS worker. | Yes | No |

Feedback _____
