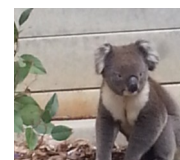




Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 4 2013



Diary Dates

**Monday 9th
December**

Parents & Friends
Swimming Fun Day

**Wednesday 11th
December**

Volunteers
Morning Tea

Quicksmart
Celebration
12 noon

**Thursday 12th
December**

Parents & Friends
Morning Tea
Year 7 Graduation
Evening 6pm



**Friday 13th
December**

Last Day of Term 4
Final Assembly 1pm
Early Dismissal
2.15pm

**See inside!! Next year,
our school day will end at
3:10 p.m. on Monday, Tues-
day, Thursday and Friday
and at 3:00 p.m. on
Wednesday**

**Day 1 Term 1 2014
Tuesday 28th**

Littlehampton Primary School– Saving our planet, one Litter Free Lunch at a time!

One of the things we do really well at our school is environmental sustainability. We are often commended by the Natural Resource Management Board for our student action groups (forums)- and last year we were the winning school in the NRM Education for Sustainability Awards for the SA Murray Darling basin Lower Region. We have also been commended by the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative, South Australia for our work in sustainability.

So why are they so impressed?

Our students learn about the importance of recycling EVERYTHING possible. The kitchen garden program teaches students the importance of organic, local produce, which also reduces 'food miles'. They learn about saving water and energy. They learn to care for our natural environment. We have 6 student led forums involving students from Year 2-7 that have an environmental focus:

- **Wipe Out Waste Forum** - Reducing landfill litter through litter-free lunch competitions, plastic container initiative (giving all families plastic containers to use instead of disposable wrapping), new bins around the school to recycle 10c items, yellow lid recycling in all classes
- **Paper Chasers and More Forum**-managing the recycling of all school paper products
- **Kitchen Garden forum and Garden program**- managing chooks, garden stall, organic gardening, eggs, orchard scrap buckets, compost, worm farms
- **SuperSavers Forum** – Recycling batteries, saving water and energy, Walk to School competition (boosted by the Bike Ed program)
- **Biodiversity Forum** – mulching, weeding, birdbaths around school, mapping the school to plan biodiversity garden beds, bird audits



Room 7 students with Litter Free Lunches



We fit together to make one great class!

Katelyn with the 6 bins for her classroom: paper, batteries, compost, chook scraps, recycling, and general waste.

The waste bin is now only ever half full each day... they used to fill 2 each day!

- **Global awareness**- teaching the students about the environmental hazards of using palm oil, learning to make natural chemical-free shampoo.

How do we know we are successful? Many of these programs are now so well established that students just automatically participate. They put their scrap paper, peels, batteries, 10c containers, etc straight into the correct bins without needing reminders. **Classroom waste going to landfill has reduced by a huge amount: for example 23% of students in Room 7 used to have Litter Free Lunches, and now it is now regularly 80%!!** Since plastic can take 1000 years to decompose, this is a significant achievement for the environment by these students.

We know it is not always easy to pack a litter free lunch, and so we sincerely thank all participating families for helping us to reduce waste and to teach students about how they can make a difference.



Native bird sightings have increased around the school thanks to our native plants and the lovely insects attracted by our garden!

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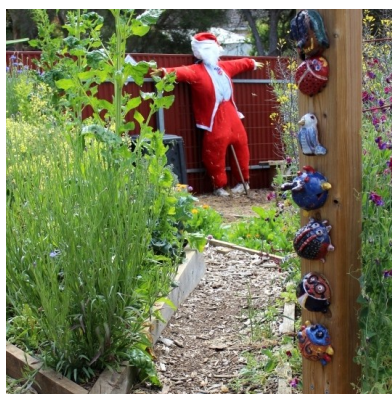
Garden Snippets



On Saturday the 2nd November we embarked on a very successful Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for the kitchen garden program, raising \$1260!

Many thanks to Sam, Margie, Simon, and the wonderful parents that volunteered to help out on the day, Sara Hart, John Gaff, Toni Burford, Andrew Thompson, Dale and Sarah and Grant Schmidt. It was a great time to mingle with these parents and get to know them a bit better, all the while cooking up 40 kilos of Balhannah Butcher gourmet sausages from the Reddy family, and 25 kilos of onion, kindly organized and donated by Skye McClellan and John Gaff (many tears were saved by not having to hand cut up them all up!) Littlehampton Foodland helped out with some sauces and Woolies Mount Barker donated many slabs of soft drink (thanks to Naomi Smyth's husband Patrick). Thanks also to Leonie Chatfield for a donation of drinks, Kylie for the napkins and a friend Brett, for donating all the bread. Funny how many people liked the choice of multigrain or wholemeal bread! Health conscious BBQs!

Children have been busy making hot compost piles from our donated roo poo mix (up to 75°C – we proved that was hot enough to cook spuds in!), decorating the garden with our Santa Scarecrow, mulching with pea straw to keep the moisture in the ground around our seedlings, sipping herbal teas and learning how valuable some computer technology can be in identifying the many bugs, birds and creatures that are part of our diverse garden.



Check out BowerBird.org.au where we have recently set up a community group for the school to upload photos of the garden creatures taken by the children, as part of our garden Science group. Special thanks again to our parents who kindly pop along with various offerings for the garden and harvest stall - Amanda for the fantastic delivery of a mountain load of manure mix, Rick for the beautiful bunches of flowers, pots and strawberries and Sally for the fresh picked broad beans.

Principal's Awards

At our Week 6 Assembly the following students received Principal's Awards. Well done to all students:

Respect: Paige Lambe, Tyler Searl, Xavier Ormandy

Including Others: Natalia Prokopowicz, Asher Gaff, Josh Gevers, Maddy Scudds, Evelyn Gill, Cameron Princi, Arianna Jones, Koby Gore, Harry Thomas

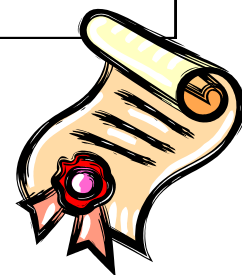
Valuing Others: Rowan Thom

Kindness: Alyssa Mumford, Mikyla Gerrard

Positive Attitude: Cailin Caire, Theo Bell, Tye West, Beau Smith, Daniel Thornton, Jaime Gordon, Mia Phillips, Hannah Squillace, Prya Samwell, Thomas Roberts, Sophie Dvorak, Sophie Medlin, Jimmy Lynch, Jack Bills.

Trustworthy: Brodie Pool, Holly Winkler, Lily Brown, Mikaela Jones.

Achievement for MultiLit Completion: Darcy Bald, Koby Gore, Jess Maczkowiack



Need a Table Tennis Table for Christmas?



Can't think what to get somebody for a present?? The school has two table tennis tables available for purchase. We are asking for a donation of \$100 for one table and another donation of \$60 for the second table. If interested or would

like to see them please let Debbie know at the front office.

Thank you to the Governing Council of 2013

We would like to thank all the members of the 2013 Governing Council for the time they have given to the school. In 2014 there will possibly be a couple of positions vacant. If you are interested in being part of the 2014 Governing Council Team please contact Jenny Lewis at the school.

Student Survey

We now have the results of the student survey completed by our students from Years 5 to Year 7, 107 students.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree / Strongly Disagree
My teachers expect me to do my best	52%	45%	2%	1%
My teachers provide me with useful feedback about my school work	24%	61%	11%	4%
Teachers at my school treat people fairly.	29%	42%	19%	10%
My school is well maintained.	17%	60%	19%	5%
I feel safe at school.	37%	49%	9%	5%
I can talk to my teachers about my concerns	21%	44%	20%	15%
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	8%	54%	29%	9%
I like being at my school.	42%	36%	18%	5%
My school looks for ways to improve.	31%	55%	11%	3%
My school takes students' opinions seriously.	13%	49%	26%	12%
My teachers motivate me to learn.	39%	48%	7%	6%
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.	42%	40%	12%	6%

Generally, there is a higher level of disagree or strongly disagree than the parent survey, but only for some questions.

What is clear is that our students like being at school, feel safe, are motivated to learn, and consider they do interesting things. They think their teachers have high expectations, and that the school looks for ways to improve.

There is a lower response than we would like for "I can talk to my teachers about my concerns, and My school takes students' opinions seriously. The students too made many interesting comments that the staff will review as we look to make improvements in our school.

Change to school finishing time in 2014

In 2012 there was an Enterprise Agreement which tightly specified the maximum number of minutes in a teaching day. This is not something that our staff have sought, however, we are required to comply. **School will finish at 3:10 on Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday.**

School will finish at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday

This means parents will need to collect their children earlier on all days except Wednesday.

Garth Boomer Memorial– the Boomerimba!

On Tuesday, Steve Langton, the Queensland Artist who created our Garth Boomer Literacy Seat, installed this wonderful memorial in front of the library.



On Wednesday, Steve, Emma and his enthusiastic band Rebound, gave a mini concert to our school children, for the launch of the Boomerimba.



This wonderful tuned musical instrument has been generously funded by old scholars, our school and the Chief Executive of DECD, as a memorial to Garth Boomer, the Educator who has been termed "the most significant literacy educator this country has ever produced."

Garth Boomer is an old scholar who maintained his love and deep connection with our school.



Ask your children about the amazing concert, where the group Rebound inspired our

students by playing a range of musical instruments created from junk.

This group includes the children of our teacher Danielle Stone, Riley and Olivia, who performed at Womad Festival two years ago.



Premiers Reading Challenge Article



Congratulations

to the 320 students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year.

This was an absolutely amazing effort which needs a big

Thank You

to the staff, parents and caregivers who assisted students in achieving this goal. Well Done!!

A special Congratulations must go to the following students who achieved

Reader For Life Awards

having completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 8 years.

Katelyn Scroby, Zoe Marshall, Liam Lucas, Brayden Little, Jesse Amos and Alicia Ward.

This year Littlehampton Primary School was awarded it's first ever

Reader For Life Award for 9 years.

The recipient was **Jarrah Taylor.**

Class Structure 2014– Farewells

We are now in a position to let parents know our class structure and teachers for 2014. We will be farewelling Sophie Molyneux, as we will have one less reception class next year. I would like to thank Sophie for her work this year. We have loved her enthusiasm, and the energy she has put into her teaching as a young graduate teacher, and we will miss her. Next year Lisa Weidenbach will be back teaching in the preschool, and we will be farewelling Julie Griggs. We would like to thank Julie too for her contribution in the Preschool this year. We welcome Alister Davies our new teacher in the 4/5 class next year.

Class 1	Year 6/7	Debbie Taylor
Class 2	Year 6/7	Leonie Chatfield
Class 3	Year 5/6	Julie Claridge
Class 4	Year 4/5	Alister Davies
Class 5	Year 4/5	Alison Bishop
Class 6	Year 3/4	Alison McLean Judi Tremaine (1 day)
Class 7	Year 3	Narelle Thomas Simon Munt
Class 8	Year 2	Sara Weston
Class 9	Year 2	Susan Close
Class 10	Year 1/2	Julie Burchell (3 days) Gillian Bevan (2 days)
Class 11	Year 1	Brigitte French (4 days)
Class 12	Year 1	(Helen Kupszynski)
Class 13	R/1	Danielle Stone
Class 14	R	Lorna McLean
Class 15	R	(Helen Forrest)

LAP/Multilit Thankyou

Thankyou to a dedicated band of volunteers who have been working all year on the LAP and Multilit programs: Valerie Bubner, Tara Gerrard, Tracey Conlay, Kaye Nieuwenhuizen, Georgia Nicholls, Kelli Schimdt, Irene Smith, Jessica Szilassy and Jo Hopkins.

The teachers and children have appreciated your time this year. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Thank you
Pauline Bolto
Coordinator

Parents & Friends Christmas Wish



The Parents and Friends Group would like to wish all the families and staff at Littlehampton Primary School a very Merry Christmas, and in the spirit of the season, may your holidays be filled with joy, love and laughter. Thank you for your support. We are all volunteers in this group, and enjoy providing fun activities for the children throughout each school term. We are all looking forward to the new year 2014.

FAREWELL MR D



On behalf of the school community we would like to thank Mr Phil Douglas for his outstanding teaching and the many other valuable contributions he has made during his time at Littlehampton Primary School. Who can forget the fantastic sports day that he has run in the past few years. We wish him all the very best in his retirement. We are hoping that we can convince him to come back as a Temporary Relief Teacher as he will be sorely missed by staff and students.