



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1 2014

Diary Dates

Monday 10th

February

Governing Council
AGM 7pm

Tuesday 11th

February

Acquaintance Night

Thursday 13th

February

School Assembly
2.25pm

Monday 17th

February

Choir Cluster

Monday 17th

February

Reading/Jolly Phonics
Workshop for
Reception Student
Parents 9am

Friday 21st February

LAP/MultiLit

Volunteers Afternoon
Tea 2pm in Staffroom



Welcome Back

Despite the heat of the last week, we have made a good start to the year. The children are settled in their new classes, students and parents are becoming familiar with new routines, and a walk around the classrooms shows the students working industriously. It has been an excellent start to the new school year. This year we begin the year with 65 children in the preschool and 407 students from Reception to Year 7 in the primary school, our biggest ever February enrolment!

Our 34 last year's preschoolers started Reception, and 20 new students from Reception to Year 7 enrolled from other schools, 15 of these enrolling since 21 January. Because of the single start date there will be no new intakes through the year, so our enrolments will remain at this level, with almost all 65 preschool children starting school all at once in January next year.



**GOING HOME
WITH THIS
NEWSLETTER
SHOULD BE:**

**School and
Preschool Fees**

**Building
Donation
Reminders**

Information Sheet

Welcome to new staff, Alister Davies and Susan Close! Make sure you make the most of the opportunity to meet your children's teachers on our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 11th February... next week.

See Inside:

**Meet the Teachers: Acquaintance Night Tuesday 11 February,
5:30—7:30 p.m.**
**Governing Council Annual General Meeting: Monday 7:00 p.m. in
the Library, All Welcome**

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Kate's Corner

Welcome back to the Littlehampton School Community for 2014. My name is Kate Oglanby and I am the Christian Pastoral Support Worker at Littlehampton Primary School as of January 2013. I have loved meeting so many of you and being given the opportunity to play a part in your precious lives. At the end of last year you may have been asked to provide feedback on my role here at the school as part of my review. One thing that became clear through collating this survey is that parents and guardians aren't as aware as they could be about my involvement in the school, so this year I have decided to have a regular place in the newsletter. In 'Kate's corner' I plan to share what I have been up to in and around the school as well as some little gems I discover along the way. Last year's highlights for me involved running 'What's the buzz' (a social enrichment group), two year 6 girls' friendship building groups, a boys' anger empowerment group, spending time in classrooms, facilitating the ABC (anti-bullying club), organising meals and other essentials for some of our families, hearing people's stories, conflict resolution and helping people to find their strengths. I am here doing what I love and loving what I do. People often ask me if I have any children and I tell them I have over 400 of them so if there is any way at all that I can assist your family in please don't hesitate to contact me.

Parking

Just a reminder to families to please not park on the verge of the road on Baker Street. This is causing problems for our neighbours, and understandably we have had a few complaints.



Cars are not permitted to park on the verge at all, and parking inspectors have issued tickets for this in the past. We expect this will happen again in the coming months. Cars have also received tickets for restricting residents' driveways and parking in the 'No Parking' zones during pick up and drop off times on Baker Street and William Street.

Please take careful note of all parking restrictions around the school to avoid getting a fine... and of course also to show consideration for our neighbours!

Thank you so much.

Uniform

Visitors to our school often remark on how well-presented our students are, and what pride they take in their school uniform. The students look terrific in their uniform this year, and we are really pleased that we are about 95% there! However, we are aiming for 100% of students wearing correct uniform in the coming weeks, and we ask for your help in sorting out a few issues.

Please remember that bright colours are not suitable for school shoes, including fluorescent shoelaces. This has been printed in numerous newsletters but continues to crop up as an issue. These are the items of footwear that are part of our uniform: lace-up or Velcro sport sneakers **predominately in school uniform colours**; black or navy blue school shoes; or black or navy blue sturdy school sandals. No flat-bottomed skate shoes, canvas shoes, or light-weight dress shoes or sandals please.

Coloured or patterned hairbands and ties that are not part of our uniform, along with decorative jewellery, are also items we ask students not to wear to school.

This week teachers are handing out reminders to students who may need to fix up one or more aspects of their uniform. We hope that families will support us in supplying these items within the next couple of weeks. Please ring Margie or Jenny Lewis if you need a bit more time to source a uniform item, or if you have any questions.

We have a large number of jumpers and shirts in the P & F second-hand uniform shop at school across from the staff room, for a very low cost.

Thank you for keeping our students looking so smart!

Drama Lessons for Upper Primary Classes

Students in the classes of Julie Claridge, Leonie Chatfield and Debbie Taylor are in for a treat!

Our school was successful in applying for an Artist in Residence Grant, and will work with drama teacher, Catherine Carter (Former Come Out Organiser, Governing Council member and parent of Aedden Rees). Catherine has planned a series of 9 80 minute drama lessons based on the "heroes" theme. The lessons will take place on Tuesdays, and the first lesson will commence next week. The final session will be a mini performance with parents invited along to watch drama in action. Letters will be going home later this week with more information.

We are pleased to be able to offer this experience to our students, and thank Catherine for her hard work in putting together the application and organising these sessions. We consider that this special experience in drama will add to the excellent program our school already offers in the arts.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes to Kerry Camp for her magnificent amount of help in the school garden during the Christmas holiday break. It was greatly appreciated.

Acquaintance Night *Tuesday February 11th*

We encourage all families to attend our Acquaintance Night next Tuesday February 11th. The most important part of the evening is making yourself known to your child's class teacher/s. We really value regular communication between school and home, and the class teacher is the first person you would normally speak to if you have any concerns, or need to let us know what is happening in your child's life (eg important family events, holidays). Your child's teacher may need to ring you at times throughout the year, and it is always better if you have met in person first!

Acquaintance Night is also a great opportunity to find out about class routines, specialist lessons for the year, the learning program at your child's current year level and important details such as communication and homework expectations.

The school kitchen will be open from 6 to 7 if you would like to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Kate Oglanby, our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, will be available during this time to meet you and to talk to you about the programs she runs at school. Margie Sarre will also be available to answer questions about our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. This is also an opportunity to meet casually with other families in the school.

Students of Littlehampton Primary School will be supervised in the school yard 'top playground' if parents are attending a session from 5:30 to 7:30. We ask that parents keep their preschoolers with them at all times.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all next Tuesday evening!



Room	Teacher	Time
Preschool	Evelyn Lam Lisa Weidenbach	5:30-6
1 2 15 3 4 13	Mrs Lorna McLean Mrs Helen Forrest Danielle Stone Mrs Helen Kupczynski Mrs Brigitte French Mrs Julie Burchell and Mrs Gillian Bevan	Year R- 1 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
14 16 6 10 11 12	Mrs Susan Close Sara Weston Miss Alison McLean/ Mrs Judy Tremaine Mr Simon Munt* Ms Alison Bishop Mr Alister Davies	Year 2-5 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. *Mrs Narelle Thomas is unable to attend, so please make yourself known to her before or after school if you have a child in her class.
5 7 8	Mrs Debbie Taylor Ms Leonie Chatfield Ms Julie Claridge	Years 5/6 & 6/7 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Note: The meeting for parents of students in these classes will be combined for some part of the meeting in the Resource Centre. Please meet at the Resource Centre and then there will be a opportunity to return to separate classrooms to meet your child's teacher.

PARENTS & FRIENDS RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the Parents & Friends 2013 raffle draw to raise money for the End of Year Swimming Fun Day were:

1st Prize: Caden Metcalfe

3rd Prize: Tamara Brown

5th Prize: Jo Hopkins

2nd Prize: Alicia Scholz

4th Prize: Joyce Land

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2014 Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	27/01 Australia Day Public Holiday 	28/01 School Returns	29/01	30/01	31/01
Week 2	03/02	04/02 OSHC Advisory Committee 6.00pm	05/02 Parents & Friends Meeting 9am	06/02	07/02
Week 3	10/02 Governing Council AGM 7pm	11/02 Acquaintance Night	12/02	13/02 School Assembly 2.25pm Leonie Chatfield	14/02
Week 4	17/02 Reading/Jolly Phonics Workshop Reception Parents 9am: Resource Center  Choir Cluster 11.30am	18/02	19/02	20/02	21/02 Volunteers LAP & MultiLit Afternoon Tea 2pm in Staff Room 
Week 5 SWIMMING WEEK	24/02 	25/02	26/02	27/02 Courier Cup	28/02
Week 6 SWIMMING WEEK	03/03 	04/03	05/03	06/03 School Assembly 2.25pm Alison Bishop	07/03
Week 7	10/03 Adelaide Cup Holiday	11/03 OSHC Advisory Committee 6pm Finance Committee Meeting 6.30pm	12/03 Parents & Friends Meeting 9am	13/03 Aquatics Year 6/7 	14/03 Aquatics Year 6/7
Week 8 PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS	17/03 "Cultural Infusion" Whole School Multicultural Day Governing Council Meeting 7pm	18/03	19/03	20/03	21/03
Week 9 PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS	24/03	25/03	26/03	27/03 Sports Day 	28/03 Proposed Student Free Day
Week 10	31/03	01/04	02/04	03/04 School Assembly 2.25pm Alison McLean	04/04
Week 11	07/04	08/04 Oakbank Athletics 	09/04	10/04	11/04 Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.10pm