



Diary Dates

Last Day Term 2
Thursday 3rd July—
2.15pm dismissal

PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 4TH JULY



Safe Holidays every-
one!

First Day Term 3
Monday 21st July

Tuesday 29th July—
ICAS English Com-
petition

Wednesday 30th July
Parents & Friends
Meeting 9am

Friday August 1st—
Soup Day
Walk-a-thon Yr 6 / 7

Friday 8th August
Casual Day

Governing Council
Meeting—Monday
August 4th 7pm

21st Century Learning for Littlehampton Primary School

From reading our students reports, I am happy to report that our Year 6/7 students have been gaining a huge boost in skills in inquiry, and are able to access information on the Internet, critically evaluate and use that information, including the use of visuals. This is thanks to a solid computer network, great teaching by Jenny Crossley and our classroom teachers of both ICT skills and research based skills. But there is more that we could provide for our students. As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, we would also like to provide the opportunity to use ICT in much more exciting ways, such as some of the following:

- Use of electronics kits which use computer based software;
- Designing and 3D Printing
- Music creation and editing
- Film Making and Video editing, Claymation, Animation and 3D rendering.
- Digital Photography, image editing and graphic art.
- Creating and making interactive multimedia objects and rich online content.

What is preventing this from happening? Lack of computer access for each upper primary student; lack of access to computers, applications and the Internet when needed. **For this to happen** we need flexible classrooms with access to our network and the Internet from students desks or around tables. **For this to happen** we need a much bigger bank of mobile devices (ipads, tablets or laptops). **For this to happen**, we need a wireless network.

Picture This: We want our Upper Primary students to each have access to mobile devices (ipads, windows based tablets or laptops). **This could mean** tablets which are owned by the school and used by students at their desks, in the library or even at home. **Or it could mean** access to laptops which stay at school and are borrowed by the class, with use by the students during set lessons. **Or it could be a combination of both.** Our teachers have visited schools where just such access is provided. Our teachers are impressed with the way this has enabled students to take a giant leap in their learning. This is what we want for Littlehampton students.

What about our cabled computer network? Absolutely essential is the need to maintain our suite of 60 + curriculum computers (with 30 new desktop computers to be bought late 2014 and every 2 ½ years as per our current plan) to enable increased access and continued solid development of skills for our students from Reception to Year 5. This will mean maintaining a quality, reliable network in the computer room and classrooms with up to date routers, active equipment and servers and ensuring our data cabling is of the required quality.

From Dream to Reality: translating this from dream to reality will not be accomplished in one year, it is a two or three year program. It would need to be rolled out in stages.

Stage 1: putting in the necessary infrastructure. This will include a complete review of entire IT network, with the development of a plan. Our network was last given a minor review and upgrade, in 2009, and a review now with planning for the next 10 years is timely.



Examples of
21st Century
learning in
Alister Davies'
class



Littlehampton Parent, Tiffany Knight in locally produced Children's TV series

Tiffany Knight is the parent of Oscar and Lucy Hong. She writes:

I thought you might be interested in letting families know that the children's television series I was shooting last year, **Sam Fox: Extreme Adventures**, is finally going to air next month. It's based on a series of books (which are in the school's library) by Australian writer, Justin D'Ath. They follow the adventures of 15 year old Sam and his four siblings as they travel the world having encounters with wild creatures and natural disasters. I play Sam's mum. Anyway, it's a fun show and was shot all over Adelaide - in fact Oscar got to be an extra the day we were using Port Adelaide as a substitute for New Orleans! The show premieres on Sunday July 20 at 11 am on Channel 11. I've included a link to the trailer if you're interested.

Tiffany Knight, parent

<http://www.zdf-enterprises.de/en/catalogue/international/zdfejunior/live-action/sam-fox-ex->



Rapp-uzel performance enjoyed by our students



Farewell to Sovhe Taylor

Sovhe Taylor has been teaching two days a week in Brigittte French's Year 1 class, and Sue Close's Year 2 class. She is familiar to many other parents in the school as she has also worked as a relief teacher. She will be leaving to pursue a career in the area of wellbeing. We would like to thank her for her great teaching, and wish her well in her new career.

Welcome to new permanent staff member Mrs Debra Tarca

I'm pleased to inform you that the new teacher will be Debra Tarca. Mrs Tarca is an experienced teacher who has been appointed to a permanent position in our school from the beginning of 2015. We are fortunate that she is able to join our staff early. She will be teaching in Brigitte French's class on Fridays, and Sue Close's class on Thursdays, while she continues to teach at Aldgate P.S. for an additional day each week. Mrs Tarca will be visiting our school tomorrow to talk to Mrs French and Mrs Close, and to meet the children in Rooms 4 and 14, so the children will get a chance to meet her before the new term begins. I'm sure parents would like to join me in welcoming Mrs Tarca to our school, and we look forward to her contribution to our school.



Parents and Friends

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Parents & Friends Meeting Week 2: Wednesday 30th July

Casual Clothes Day Week 3: Friday 8th August

Hot Food Day Week 6: Thursday 28th August

Parents & Friends Meeting Week 7: Wednesday 3rd September

School Disco: Circus Theme Week 8: Thursday 11th September

Parents & Friend Hot Dog Day:

Our recent Hot Dog Day was a huge success with over 300 hot dogs and donuts ordered. Thank you to the wonderful team who helped prepare the lunch for the students/teacher. They were Anna Bell, Lisa Davis, Lisa Hutchinson, Maureen Liebelt & Rochelle Samwell. A profit of approximately \$558.00 was made from this event.

Nicole Roberts

P&F Chairperson

21st Learning at Littlehampton Primary School cont.

Stage 2: upgrading all infrastructure, cabling, servers, routers, switches and wireless devices. Our Governing Council has approved funding that will enable us to establish stages 1 & 2 this year.

Stage 3: implementing mobile devices (hopefully possible in 2015), purchasing, ensuring software and apps are in place, with connectivity and interactivity with our curriculum network and server. Ensuring the first teacher (and we have several) with the skills drive and stamina to make this work for one class, and thereby gaining a sense of what is needed for a larger scale implementation.

Stage 4: spreading throughout Years 5 – 7 with all students having access to mobile devices for the last 3 years of schooling, continually building on their skills and all teachers confident in implementing curriculum that teaches students to make the most of these resources.

Will this mean wireless Internet access?

Yes, wireless Internet access would be available in the Year 5 – 7 classrooms, and in the library and gym. Wireless Internet access would also be available for teachers use in the teacher planning room and staff room. Wireless Internet access could be considered in other areas as needed, but is unlikely to be extended beyond these areas in the next 5 years. Decisions would be made down the track as we are able to provide a larger bank of mobile devices about wireless access in other classrooms.



Is wireless harmful?

There is no peer evaluated evidence of any harmful effects of wireless or mobile phones. There is no definitive evidence that EM radiation from mobile phones and wireless networks is harmful. This is supported by findings from the World Health Organisation.

The World Health Organisation provides a summary of health effects into what happens when you are exposed to electromagnetic fields.

<http://www.who.int/peh-emf/about/WhatisEMF/en/index1.html>

Conclusions from scientific research states; In the area of biological effects and medical applications of non-ionizing radiation approximately 25,000 articles have been published over the past 30 years. Despite the feeling of some people that more research needs to be done, scientific knowledge in this area is now more extensive than for most chemicals. Based on a recent in-depth review of the scientific literature, the **World Health Organisation** concluded that current evidence does not confirm the existence of any health consequences from exposure to low level electromagnetic fields.

Attendance

Now that the winter season has hit, there are many students who have been hit by colds and flu, and are missing days at school. We have been given the target of 95% attendance for the year, and this is still an aspirational target for our school. Although our attendance is high, we have never quite met this target. Parents please remember to send children to school every day, if well enough to attend, and to notify the school of the reason for non-attendance, as codes are entered daily to explain the reason for a child's not attendance which include illness, family/social reasons (should be rare) illness with medical certificate or Unexplained. Our aim is to have 0 unexplained absences, and the new text message system to be introduced, should make it easier for parents to text in a notification of child's absence with a reason.

MGM text message notification system

The school is introducing a new text messaging system. While the primary purpose of this system. This to replace the current Red Oxygen bushfire notification system,, this system can also be used by parents to notify the school of their child's absence and reason for absence early in the school day or in advance. This system will go live on Monday August 4, with test message to be sent out the Friday prior.




The school expects parents/caregiver to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent. The new system will allow another way for parents to do this, as well as notes to teacher or phone calls

From 4/8/14, parents will be contacted by mobile phone Short Message System (SMS) each time their child is away from school, without prior notification of reason. At Littlehampton PS, student attendance is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful. When the test text message is sent to parents on 1 August parents will be given the mobile phone contact and instructions on how to text in notifications with reason of your child's absence, to avoid receiving follow up messages from the school

Congratulations to Cross country team

Littlehampton Primary School came second over all, and third when adjusted for small schools. We got 4 team ribbons, two first places, Cooper Hough and Annie Krop and two individual third places, for Tiah Hough and Thomas Roberts.

2014 Term 3 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	21/7	22/7	23/7	24/7	25/7
Week 2	28/7	29/7 ICAS English Competition 6.30 Finance Advisory Meeting	30/7 9am P & F in staffroom	31/7	1/8 Soup Day Yr 6 /7 Walk-a-thon 
Week 3	4/8 7pm Governing Council	5/8 9.30am Principal's Tour	6/8	7/8 SAPSASA Basketball 2.25 pm Assembly	8/8 P & F Casual Day
Week 4	11/8	12/8 ICAS Maths Competition	13/8	14/8	15/8
Week 5	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8 Fundraising Forum Day
Week 6 Book Week	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8 Hot Food Day Book Week event 2.25pm Assembly	29/8 
Week 7	1/9	2/9 6.30 Finance Committee	3/9 9am P & F Staffroom	4/9	5/9 Father's Day Breakfast 
Week 8	8/9 7pm Governing Council	9/9	10/9	11/9 Disco	12/9 Show Day
Week 9 <i>Festival of Music</i>	15/9	16/9	17/9	18/9	19/9 Soup Day Festival of Music Rehearsal and Performance 7pm
Week 10	22/9	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9 End of Term Early dismissal 2.15pm 