



NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 2 2014

Diary Dates



Friday 9th May
SOUP DAY

Monday 12th May
CHOIR
ASSESSMENT



Tuesday 13th to
Thursday 15th May
NAPLAN TESTS

*See inside for
NAPLAN TESTS
next week*

Thursday 15th May
School Assembly
2.25pm
Debbie Taylor's
Class



Friday 23rd May
Walk to School Day
Fantastic Food Day
Fundraiser



Friday 4th July
Proposed Pupil
Free Day

Keeping our Children Healthy, Happy & Safe

We are pleased to announce two initiatives to keep our children healthy, happy and safe. The first is a series of three seminars for parents that will be run this term. This is a joint initiative of our Positive Education focus and our school priority on Building Community.

Seminar 1: Monday 19 May, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dr Brian Symon
(author of the popular wellbeing book "Silent Nights") Topic: Sleep, diet and anxiety
Venue: School Library

For all parents who would like their children to sleep better, or whose children are experiencing difficulty sleeping.

Seminar 2: Monday 2 June 7.30 – 9.30pm Mr Martin Gare,
Topic: Helping Children Overcome Anxiety and Cope with Life's Troubles

A presentation for parents who wish to learn more about childhood anxiety and how to help their child to overcome worries in their lives.

Seminar 3: Monday 30 June 7:30 – 9:30 pm Cyber safety SA Police

For all parents who have access to mobile phones, the internet, social media such as Facebook or KIK. How to keep your children safe.

Please consider coming to these sessions, because it is not often that we are able to provide speakers of this caliber at our school. For more information please see the flyer that was sent home on Tuesday. Please notify us of your attendance by returning the return slip on the flyer, or by ringing Debbie at the front office 83911194 by Thursday 15 May.



Child Protection Curriculum

All teachers from Preschool to Year 7 will be teaching the child protection curriculum this term after recently updating their training on the pupil free day on 28 March. Letters were recently sent home with more detailed information. If parents have any questions, please see the classroom teacher. The two topics to be taught this year are: **The right to be safe** and **Protective strategies**.

Welcome to Jason Fishers

Jason will be joining our staff as Preschool Teacher while Evelyn is on leave. Jason is an old scholar and attended Littlehampton Primary School not that long ago while Mrs Murphy, Mrs Sarre, Mr Munt and Pauline Bolto were staff members. Jason can show students his fish tile on the steps and his face tile on the friendship seat. We welcome Jason to the staff.



See inside for NAPLAN TESTS next week

Garden Snippets by Janelle



Last weekend, I went down to Victoria Square where Tasting Australia is hosting some wonderful events.

Not to be missed was our specially designed and planted up garden box, full of flowers, vegetables and art work. We were one of only 8 schools invited to participate. As a bonus I personally met with Stephanie Alexander and she remarked about what a wonderful job the school did and was most impressed with the testimonials from students, parents and staff. She wishes to use these for upcoming meetings with government.

There is always so much happening in the garden. We currently have the opportunity to learn about the Monarch butterfly and we are watching it go through its lifecycle. Blink and you will miss it but how fascinating! We have been planting our lovely winter garden, including Broad Beans, Asian greens, Spring Onions, Leeks, Radish, Coloured Chards, Spinach, Lettuce and Coriander. If you are wandering around, look at our new colourful garden plaques.

Wish List - We would like to explore photography in the garden and look at students entering their work in the Oliphant Awards. Have you upgraded your digital SLR camera and have an old one you would like to donate? We would love it!

Plaster rolls – this will help us start our lesson on botanical drawings using plaster, pencils and watercolours. A great way to learn about leaf shapes.

Popcorn making machines – have any lying around that you don't need anymore?

And **Pots!** Smaller sizes please.



We are also asking if anyone has contact with a tree service person or capable of helping us place bird nesting boxes up in the trees. We have some eager galahs who are desperately seeking a home. Phone Janelle on 0410 396 856.

Reminder about our weekly market stall on Thursdays near the Dragon Seat meeting area, or in the gym during school assemblies in weeks 3,6,and 9. We have some lovely plants for sale, seeds, popcorn and Anzac biscuits as well as fresh produce/eggs. **Also available is our Kitchen Garden in the Hills cookbook. This would make a lovely Mother's Day present at \$20.00.** All money raised supports the program.

Working Bee Heroes



On Saturday April 5th we had our first garden Working Bee for the year... and it was a HUGE success!

Approximately 25 members of the Trinity Church Group who use our gym on Sundays volunteered their help, and 25 members of our school community turned up to help. We shared morning tea and a BBQ lunch together as a group, and we really enjoyed meeting members of the wider community. Thank you so much to our Working Bee Heroes: Davis Family, Schmidt Family, Lara and Poppy Montague, Lisa and Owen Hart, Helen and Cooper O'Neil, Thompson Family, Toni Burford, Darcy and Jack Bills. We would also like to thank Keith Bolto for the design of the shed extension.

Jobs completed at the working bee:

- Spreading 'softfall' bark chips throughout the playground areas at school and at OSHC
- Building a small extension to the garden shed to protect students, staff and materials from the elements.
- Installing a rainwater tank alongside "Cluckingham Palace" (the chicken shed)
- Weeding and mulching a number of garden beds around the school
- Painting the benches in the bottom lunch shed
- Cleaning kitchen cupboards
- Setting up new compost bins and repairing a wheelbarrow
- Filling up the OSHC sandpit with new sand.

Thankyou also to the Szilassy family for the donation of 4 bags of wheat to our chickens and to Jess for helping regularly on our garden stall. Thankyou to the Parker-Boars family for discounted wood. Thankyou Kerry and Bailey Camp for helping with watering and caring for the chickens in the school holidays. And of course an on-going thankyou to our wonderful volunteers who help in the kitchen and garden, we could not run the program without you.



NAPLAN

On **Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May**, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html>

If you have any concerns, please contact Jenny Lewis, Principal.

Preparing Children for the Tests

At Littlehampton we have a very good record of attendance for NAPLAN tests. Parents and teachers value these tests as they show a snapshot of what students can achieve, and they also enable parents and teachers to see progress over time. Each year we aim for 100% participation, and each year we achieve this for many tests for each year levels. The best way that parents can assist children to prepare for the tests is to ensure they get a good night's sleep, and come to the test with a good breakfast and a positive attitude. Encourage children to do their best, but not to worry or become anxious if there is something they cannot do, because there probably will be things they cannot do. Next week, teachers will also assist students to be settled, and a big focus for NAPLAN week at school is maintaining a settled environment.

State Day Swimming Championships

On Friday 21st March Littlehampton had 4 students represent Barker District at the State Day Swimming Championships at Marion Pool. They were Ben and Sophie Barrow and Zara and Dylan McCauley. They had a very successful day. Barker came 4th overall out of 18 schools.

Sophie came 4th in the 100m freestyle and 2nd (Silver Medal) in the 50m backstroke. Ben received 2 bronze medals for Butterfly and Open Medal relay. Dylan received a silver medal for the freestyle relay.

Congratulations to all four students who represented the school and district in an exemplary manner.

Congratulations must go to Cooper Hough also for making the SAPSASA Barker Football Team who will be playing in the State Championships in Week 5 of this term. WELL DONE Cooper !

ATHLETICS REPORT WILL BE IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

Principal's Awards and Smiley Awards

In the last week of last term the following students received a Principal's Award:

Respect: Zac Lambe, Mia Carmen, Tyler Evans, Max Trojan, Killian Hill, Alicia Gevers, Caitlin Witt, Sanuka Fernando and Harry Scholz.

Positive Attitude: Mikaela Jones, Samuel Bakker, Daniel Kupczynski, Angus Schmidt, Max Culp, Tyler Martin, Annalese Gore, Alyssa Mumford, Katie Thompson, Harry Scholz, Sanuka Fernando, Chelsea Witt and Lilly Whitburn

Being Trustworthy: Ben Barrow and Ashton White

Valuing Others: Ali Turner, Nicola Davis and Arianna Jones

Kindness: Lily Macdonald, Wyatt Peterson, Emma Thompson, Clint Van Eck-Braine, Connor Brown, Sarah Culp, Emily Thompson, Hayden Hill and Nyah Gaff

Including Others: Patrick Littlewood, Zach Bell and Hannah Squillace

Fairness: Room 16

During assembly Smiley Awards were also drawn and the following students were awarded with a Smiley Award Prize:

Mrs Forrest's class: Isla, Malakai, Bianca, Eddie

Mrs Bishop's class: Aurelia

Sara Weston's class: Georgia

Mrs Crossley: Nicola

Mrs Close's Class: Jaxon



OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Families would have received in the mail a statement detailing outstanding invoices. Payment of this statement is overdue and the school relies on this money to fund your child's curriculum programs. Payments can be made via the internet via direct debit: BSB 105025 Account No 115050840 (Bank SA) quoting invoice number and family ID, Eftpos, cheque and cash. **Finalisation of these accounts is requested before the end of May 2014.**

Years 5 and 6 students become clever sculptors!

In the last week of term one Mrs Bishop's and Mr Davies year 4/5 classes went on an excursion to The Cedars Hahndorf, home of the late Sir Hans Heysen where the second Adelaide Hills International Sculpture Symposium was held. This year the organisers offered schools the opportunity to not only visit the event but to see the eight internationally renowned sculptors sculpting their large pieces of granite or marble stone. One of the sculptures students saw being made will soon be installed in our town at Willow Park, North Terrace. In a similar event in 2012, 8 sculptures were made at the first symposium event and are in towns within the Mount Lofty Ranges, while each of the 8 sculptures we saw being made will go in other towns.



But the highlight was each of our students participating in a free workshop led by an artist. In the well organised workshop, each student was given a block of Mount Gambier limestone and by

using a range of tools provided for them, they were able to sculpt a shape of their choice. Every child was fully engaged throughout the short 1 ½ hour session and some magnificent sculptures were made. We will display some of the sculptures in the school from week 2 for 3 weeks.

Coinciding with this event was the Adelaide Sculpture Biennale where throughout the hectares of the beautifully gum tree studded landscape of The Cedars, students were able to find 38 sculptures. This diverse display offered our students the opportunity to discover sculpture in many different materials, ideas, sizes and sensations.

You can find out more about these events on <http://www.adelaidehillssculpture.com.au/>

Parents & Friends Sports Day Thankyou

The Parents & Friends would like to thank the following people for their support at our Annual Sports Day:

Balhannah Junction Meats for kindly donating 550 sausages, **Coles of Mount Barker** for donating \$50 towards the ice blocks, **Cambridge LG Gas Distributors** for donating the large BBQ and gas, **Samwell & Sons** for kindly donating the ice to keep everything cold. Please support these businesses.

A big thank you to the Parents & Friends group and other helpers who all did a fantastic job in running the sausage sizzle and drinks stall. Thankyou to all those wonderful individuals who willingly put up their hand to help on the day. Thank you to a couple of the Governing Council reps who volunteered their time on the day also.

Nicole Roberts
P&F Chairperson

Premier's Reading Challenge News

Have you seen our Premier's Reading Challenge Tree? It is just inside the door of the Library and instead of losing its leaves in Autumn, it is growing rapidly with the names of students who have finished the Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in Term 1 by the Assembly in Week 10. These students have all had their names added to the tree. Week 11 finishers are yet to be acknowledged.



Sanujaya Kalugala Hewage Don
Claudia Lee Robson-Mullard
Sophia Dvorak
Isaac Warhurst
Jaiden van den Ende
Zachary Hart
Jordan Hunter
Emily Thompson
Keaton Riddle
Georgia Grant
Carla Gore
Grace Kipling
Alannah Mumford
Liam Dunn
Maya Bowden
Tyler Evans
Addison Rice
Holly Joseph
Amelia Norsworthy
Jay Searl
Rupert Curran
Izac Hooper
Aster Cassidy
Mia Carman
Brodie Usher
Charlie Demasi
Alex Van Der Zwaag
Bianca Neller
Oliver Snell
Siena Baugh
Marcus Reddy
Edward Banham
Fin Gautier
Eloise Davis
Isla Shephard
Caitlin Bushby

Malakai Maple
Charlotte Copping
Oscar Hong
Bradley Schultz
Bella Denton
Annie Krop
Patrick Littlewood
Mikaela Jones
Isabel Provis
Samuel Bakker
Sanuka Fernando
Ava Roach
Matthew Davis
Niamh Hill
Noah Rose
Abbey Carman
Riley McCune
Charlotte King
Judd French
Annalese Gore
Ariana Jones
Charlotte McAvaney
Priya Samwell
Kye McDonald
Abbey Hutchinson
Natalia Prokopowicz
Aleesha Proeve
Karli Roberts
Llewellyn Jordaan
Ben Barrow
Chloe Caire
Georgia Mitchell
Asha Marshall
Noah Dunn
Eden Hopkins

Facebook for children

We have been asked to remind parents that children need to be at least 13 years old to be members of Facebook. This is important for their safety. Thank you.

2014 Term 2 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	28/4 Pupil Free Day	29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5
Week 2	5/5	6/5  School Photos	7/5 School Photos	8/5	9/5 Soup Day  Multilit Tutoring Session
Week 3	12/5 Choir Assessment Governing Council Meeting 7pm	13/5 NAPLAN Tests	14/5 NAPLAN Tests	15/5 NAPLAN Tests School Assembly (Deb Taylor's Class)	16/5
Week 4	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5 Walk to School Day  Funtastic Food Day
Week 5	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5
Week 6	2/6	3/6	4/6 ICAS Science Comp  Afternoon Tea LAP/ Multilit Meeting 2pm	5/6 School Assembly (Sara's Class)	6/6 Walk-a-thon 
Week 7	9/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/6 OSHC Advisory Committee Finance Committee Meeting	11/6	12/6	13/6 Hot Food Day 
Week 8	16/6 Governing Council Meeting	17/6 ICAS Spelling Comp	18/6	19/6	20/6
Week 9	23/6	24/6	25/6	26/6 School Assembly Julie Claridge's Class	27/6
Week 10	30/6	1/7	2/7 Celebration Afternoon Tea LAP/ Multilit Volunteers & Children	3/7 Last Day of Term Early Dismissal 2.10pm Assembly 1.45pm	4/7 Proposed Pupil Free Day (To be confirmed)