

Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 2014

Diary Dates

Monday 9th June Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th June
OSHC Advisory
Committee Meeting
5.30pm
Finance Committee

Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 11th June Parents & Friends Meeting 9am



Friday 13th June Hot Dog Fundraiser Day

Monday 16th June Governing Council Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 17th June ICAS Spelling Competition

Thursday 26th June School Assembly Julie Claridge's Class

Thursday 3rd July LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Assembly 1.45pm Early Dismissal 2.15

Friday 4th July

Student Free Day

Fantastic Learning in our Preschool

Our preschool is the very first experience that most families have of our school, and I'm pleased to report that learning in the preschool is in great shape for 2014.

We are fortunate to be members of the Butterfly Conservation Society, and with our

numerous swan bushes (which attract monarch butterflies), we are able to let children experience the wonders of the life cycle of the butterfly.



Children have been observing the eggs laid by butterflies, watching the miniscule caterpillars emerge, using magnifying glasses and observing them fatten up until they make a chrysalis, then watching the butterflies emerge and the life cycle beginning again. As well as this:

Parents have been putting photos of butterflies found at home on the newly opened Preschool Facebook page, indicating that children are taking their learning home, and are being well supported by parents to take their learning further.



Our preschool has made links with Amata Preschool in the far north Aboriginal lands. Their preschool has also been observing the life cycle of the butterfly, and making caterpillars from play dough. Our preschool has planned similar play dough activities after seeing what they have been doing.

The butterfly focus has spread into the school, with Janelle, our garden specialist, and Helen Forrest, reception teacher, engaging children in watching the butterflies emerge from the chrysalis using the documents camera connected to either computer monitor or interactive whiteboard.





Other fantastic learning activities in the preschool include:

Involvement with the SAKG garden program with children harvesting rhubarb, and working with parent volunteers to make and sample a rhubarb and apple crumble. For some children it was their first taste of rhubarb.

Children helping with the development of the preschool worm farm, contributing their food scraps and using the worms to transform them into healthy compost.

Parents have been involved through the Preschool Facebook page, through staying when their child is Class Manager, and doing rostered cleaning jobs.

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Preschool News

Our staff are busy with a learning and inquiry focus:

- Having focus children with staff allocated to work specially with them each week. A great many learning stories are up on display for parents and children, showing how children are using their strengths and curiosity, with suggestions for teachers and parents about the next steps in their learning.
- Teaching children to take photographs using the digital cameras. To document things they are interested in, such as the process used for worm farms, or drama and role play in the "drama room" These have been used in their learning stories.
- The development of the Quality Improvement Plan, which looks at how we can improve our preschool. Ask the staff to have a look at this, if interested.
- Increasing children's depth of involvement in learning activities is a key aim of the Quality Improvement Plan (with longer and deeper engagement in activities which allows deeper learning to occur). The preschool have been trialling changes of routines which staff consider will allow this to happen.
- Staff doing research by using observation scales with children and using these scales to rate the levels of engagement of children in activities, and then using these findings to make improvements.

Over the next two weeks, all staff will use these scales to observe children after receiving training on the pupil free day held on the first day of this term.





Aboriginal children at Amata Preschool

Congratulations to Evelyn Lam whose baby Michael is now 10 days old. Lisa Weidenbach is the lead teacher while Evelyn is on maternity leave, with Jason Fishers the other teacher in the preschool until Term 4 when Evelyn will return. The children are loving having a young man teaching them in the Preschool. He is a great role model for all the children.

Kate's Corner

Something I really love doing as a CPS Worker at Littlehampton is taking my toy cars and roadmap carpet into the yard some lunchtimes. I see so many skills being used and developed as I observe the children playing. Following instructions, patience, negotiation, cooperation, self esteem, manners, problem solving, conflict resolution and more can all be developed through play.

Play is a way children can express their feelings even before they have the words to say how they feel.

In play children are in charge of what they do. Being in control in play helps them to learn to manage their feelings.

When children make or build things in their play, they are building skills and confidence in themselves.

In play children learn about the give and take of relationships with their friends. They learn to lead and follow and to care for others.

- Play helps children to think about what they want to do, to plan and to be patient.
- Through play children learn how to mend mistakes and to feel better after things go wrong.
- Indoor and outdoor play helps to reduce children's stress.
- Play is a way children make sense of their world and practise for their future of being mummies, daddies and workers.
- Play is for imagination and creativity. In play you can enjoy magical worlds of joy.
- Play is something children can own in a world where most things are organised by adults.
- Play is a time when adults and children can have fun together.
- Play is for pleasure. You play what you enjoy and you stop when you want to.

Children learn and develop their social and emotional skills though playing on their own, with other children and with adults. (Resource: Kids Matter)



BAULDY'S LUNCH ORDERS

We would like to remind families that only food items from our approved lunch order list from Bauldy's can be ordered as a lunch order. If other items, eg: Hot Dogs are ordered, a substitute will be provided instead. Thank you for your support. A lunch order list is available from the front office if you need a new one.

Littlehampton Primary School Art Show 2014 – Bigger and Better!

Save this date in your Calendar!

LPS Art Show Community Event
Week 1 Term 4
Friday October 17
2.30pm to 7.30 pm

As of this year, we will be alternating between the Art Show even years, and the Music Showcase odd years as our major community event of the year. This year's Art Show will be held on Friday October 17 between 2.30 and 7.30 in the gym, and we are hoping all families can attend at some time in the afternoon or evening.

If you came to our 2013 art show you may have been surprised at the amount and diversity of art work made by our students and members of our school community. This year we are planning another similar event to showcase excellence in student and community art work and to raise funds for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program in a relaxing and friendly environment. We have taken on board suggestions from staff, students and parents about how we can make this year's event even more successful. We will also be making a few changes this year to involve more students in the festivities and to make the event more of an opportunity for the community to get together socially with other families.

Student exhibits ~ The students know about the Art Show and have been involved right from the beginning of the year in thinking about and selecting one piece of their work to mount and display which can then be bought for a donation and again parents will have the first option to do that. Students are really looking forward to displaying their work in a 'professional' way!

Year 6/7 students are making clay critters which they will donate to the show for general purchase. Students make the 'critters' in both Year 6 and 7, so that on the year of the Music Showcase (and no Art Show), students will be able to keep their own critter to take home, and on the year of the Art Show it will be donated to the school.

Already we are seeing an even higher standard of art work being done by our students and you may have seen some of it on display throughout the school, but there is much more tucked away in art folders. This year there will be a section where additional student art works of excellence will be displayed for exhibition only, not for sale, so you will be able to see more and a wider range of art work done by our students.

Community members ~ We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the artists who donated a piece of work for last year's Art Show.

There were many comments on the quality of work and we were thrilled that so many members of our school community became involved in this way! Those of you who love to indulge in art are again invited to donate works for exhibition and sale in our community art section. Again works submitted will be offered for sale on the night through a silent auction, and the highest bidder on each piece will be the successful buyer. We will not be setting a reserve price on most artworks, however if you would like to set a reserve price please speak to Alison or Margie and your reserve will be respected. We will accept drawings, paintings, print works, sculptures, textile arts and crafts, photography, in fact anything that is of your artistic creation! Anyone can submit a piece of work. Current students can offer a maximum of two pieces. All proceeds will go towards the school's Kitchen Garden program.

This is also an opportunity to donate some of the art work you already have at home done by other artists, and to refresh it with some new art. Last year we had some very significant and appealing art work submitted through the community art section. There was certainly art work for a wide range of tastes, so why not give it a go.

Drinks nibbles and fun ~ Our Art Show working group and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden committee are working together to plan activities to occupy children while adult families and friends peruse the art works and relax over drinks and food. We plan to serve homemade pizza, cheese platters, wine and juice. There will be more details about this and other aspects of the 2014 Art Show in further notices, but meanwhile we hope to get the community thinking about the Show and how they might like to be involved. Once again our aim is to showcase the artistic talents of our students and community in a friendly and relaxing environment while raising much needed funds for our valuable Kitchen Garden Program.

In further notices later in the year we will be asking you to indicate whether or not you have art work to

donate. So meanwhile, get creative and think about how you can contribute!

Alison Saunders Art Teacher

Margie Sarre Deputy Principal

Jenny Lewis Principal



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VACATION CARE

Pupil Free Day Friday 4th July 7th July 2014 – 18th July 2014

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Pyjama, Movies and Electronic Games Day—Please bring in your favourite PG movie or games and come dressed in your pyjama's.







Cost \$45 Less CCR&CCB

Monday 7th July



Juke Box, Disco, Crazy Hair & Dress-ups

Come dressed in your favourite outfit, make your hair crazy and enjoy a day of music and dance in the gym.

Cost \$45 Less CCR&CCB

Cost \$60 Less CCR&CCB

Monday 14th July

World of Disney Bouncy Castle

Spend the day playing on a Bouncy Castle in the gym. Plus Daytona Arcade Machine.



\$60 Less CR&CCB



Tuesday 8th July

Marion Leisure Centre

Crazy Capers & Gym Jamming

Departing Oshc at 9am—No spending money please.

Football & Soccer

Hotdogs for Lunch

Tuesday 15th July



Participate in Football and Soccer games and craft.

Cost \$45 Less CCR&CCB



Wednesday 9th July

Science

Experiment with Fizzlers and water powered Rocket. Looking at nature through microscopes.



Wednesday 16th July

Ten Pin Bowling

Cross Road Bowls Departing Oshc at 9am.



Cost \$60 Less CCR&CCB



Thursday 10th July

Adelaide Museum

Spend the day exploring the treasures at the Adelaide Museum. Departing Oshc at 9am—No spending money please.

Cost \$60 Less CCR&CCB

Thursday 17th July

Minute to win it

Join us for a day of fun filled challenges as you try to beat the clock to win prizes.



Cost \$45 Less CCR&CCB



Friday 11th July

Cooking and Craft

Lasagne and Garlic Bread for Lunch. Make Shrinkles to take home



Friday 18th July

Mt Barker Movies

"How to train your dragon 2" Session times to be confirmed.



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Additional Information: Week 1 of holidays we will have hire of Juke Box. Week 2 we will have hire of a **Daytona Arcade Machine**

OPENING TIMES 7AM—6.30PM

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Bookings close Friday 27th June 2013

Book Early to Guarantee a Spot (Bookings after 27th June may not be accepted) Enrolment and Booking forms: http://www.littlehaps.sa.edu.au/OSHC.htm







