



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 1 2015

Diary Dates

Weeks 9 & 10
Monday 23rd March
Interview Weeks

Thursday 26th March
School Assembly
2.25pm

Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April
Preschool Sports Days



Friday 3rd April
Public Holiday
Good Friday

Monday 6th April
Public Holiday
Easter Monday

Friday 10th April
Last Day Term 1
Assembly 1.45pm
Early Dismissal
2.10pm

Happy Holidays

Monday 27th April
Term 2 commences

Saturday 2nd May
Working Bee 9-12
****Note change of date!**

Student Absence or Lateness:
Prior to 9 am

Text 0427 016 460
with LPS, Student Name,
Student Class, Absence
Date and Absence reason.



Valuing our History

Littlehampton is fortunate to be part of a strong community, with a history that places our school at the centre of this community. We are the only school in Littlehampton, and have been since 1892, when our school began. Our history is one part of what makes Littlehampton special. History is also an area of study introduced in the Australian Curriculum, and taught in our school since 2013. On our pupil free day on June 10, our staff participated in a History tour to learn more about the History of Littlehampton community, and the place of our school within this history.

The tour was designed to deepen the links of all staff with Littlehampton

Community, to inspire our staff with our special history and community, and to deepen the feelings of connection with the community so that they can pass on this knowledge and values to our students. **Prior Schools:** Prior to our school starting in 1892, in the former Primitive Methodist Meeting Room and School on Main Road, there were a least 4 schools which operated in Littlehampton. We visited:

- Shady Grove Unitarian Church and School, situated in the bush on Shady Grove Road.



- St James school and Sunday School in Blakiston.
- The former school which operated from the 1850s to the 1870s, on North Terrace, which is now a private residence.
- The former Primitive Methodist Meeting Room and School. In 1892, this became the first venue for Littlehampton Primary School, prior to being established on our current site in 1900. We also visited:

• 2 historic houses: Benjamin Gray's house still a private residence, and Liebelt House, currently used as a bed and breakfast accommodation at Platform 1 by former school parents Glenn and Karen Liebelt.

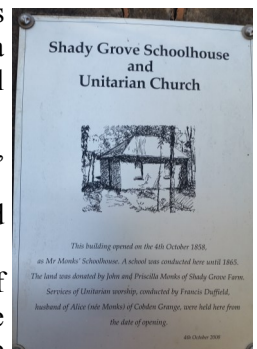
- The wonderful historic churches St James Anglican Church, Blakiston, and Shady Grove Unitarian church
- Littlehampton Brickworks, including visiting the historic kilns, and watching the production of bricks.

Lunch was provided in the Soldier's Memorial Hall by members of Littlehampton United Church, who also shared information about the history of the Methodist Church in Littlehampton, including the amalgamation of the Primitive Methodist and regular Methodist congregations.

.... And History for our students! In School Performance

Soon you will receive a flier regarding a special History performance for all students R-7 at school called the 'Colonial Show'. Children will take part in a full day interactive drama performance. A crime has been committed in early colonial Australia (Old Sydney Town). Catching the criminal, putting them on trial and watching them receive a colonial punishment is all part of the action. The drama company will bring costumes and call on the children to take part in the re-enactments. **The cost of this performance is \$15.00 per person.**

Date: First 2 Days of Term 2: Monday April 27 for R - 2 students Tuesday April 28 for Years 3 - 7 students It will be important for all permission notes and payments to be made prior to the end of term. Please note carefully the due date on the flier.



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Positive Education

On the 27th and 28th February Adelaide hosted the National Conference and AGM of the Positive Education Schools Association (PESA).

Jenny Lewis and Margie Sarre, along with staff from Mount Barker High School, presented at the conference, sharing the work being done in the district to embed positive education into our schools. We received some very positive feedback on our presentations.

Warren Symonds, Principal of Mount Barker High was elected to the board of PESA, in recognition of what has been achieved in South Australia and in Mount Barker and cluster primary schools to implement positive education.

The conference drew some highly regarded keynote speakers, and we would like to share some of the research presented by the first keynote and well known psychologist, author and speaker Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Managing Director of the 'Young and Well Towns' Initiative.

Dr Carr-Gregg discussed how the internet and Apps are providing support for young people to develop both physical and mental well being. He spoke about four areas that are important for wellbeing - sleep, nutrition, exercise and mindfulness.

According to Dr Carr-Gregg, apps and the internet can provide a wealth of support and directed us to a website for some useful tools to improve resilience and optimism:

'Action for Happiness' - <http://www.actionforhappiness.org>

Sports Vouchers Programs

In 2014 the South Australian Premier announced that he would provide a sports voucher to the value of \$50 for every primary school student in South Australia. We have been asked to distribute the vouchers and information about the Sports Vouchers program for 2015. Enclosed is a letter explaining the program and on the back of this letter you will find two vouchers for your use. If you have more than 2 primary aged children and require more vouchers please come to the school to collect them.



School Working Bee - Change of Date Now Saturday May 2nd

We have had to postpone our School Working Bee until Saturday 2nd May. Thank you to those who have already indicated you can help!



The times remain the same: 9-12 noon, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch. We hope to see many families here; it's always a great day for our school communities, with families working together to help our school, and getting to know one another a bit better in the process. If you can come along, even for an hour, we would really appreciate your help. Please let Debbie J know in the front office if you can come, to help us plan for catering. Thank you!

Principal's Awards

During our Week 6 School Assembly the following students were awarded a Principal's Award:



Positive Attitude: Brad Schultz, Emmy Roach, Annie Krop, Owen Steer, Clint Van eck Braine, Bradley Noske, Jack Badenoch, Katie Thompson, Sienna Baugh, Jonty Longbottom-Burzacott, Matilda Schmidt, Liam Hawkins, Olivia Palmer, Alex Vivian, Tyler Johns, Cooper Bowry

Kindness: Alicia Gevers, Sarah Culp, Maya Bowden, Mia Carmen, Astina Maczkowiack, Noah Dunn, Jay Meulengraaf

Valuing Others: Brook Newton, Mikaela Jones, Angus Schmidt

Respect: Rory Martin, Amber Kennett, Jesse Duffield

Including Others: Grace Adler, Coben Marsden, Lily Beauchesne

Trustworthy: Mikyla Gerrard, Ben Barrow, Darcy Hutchinson, Ethan Roberts, Ash White, Jamison Henke

Mrs Lewis on leave Weeks 10 & 11

I will be taking my mother to Japan to make the most of the Cherry Blossom season, and we be back at school for first day of Term 2. Ms Margie Sarre will be Principal for the last two weeks of term while I am away, and Alison Marsh will be Acting Deputy Principal. I wish all families a very happy end to the term, and school holidays.

OSHC Fees to Increase 1 July

At our Governing council meeting of 16th march a decision was made to increase the OSHC fees on 1 July 2015. The new fees will be:

Program	Current	From 1 July 2015
Before School	\$13.00	\$15
After School	\$16.50	\$20
Vacation Care	\$45	\$50
Vac Care Excursion	\$60	\$65

The reason for the increase in Fees:

- The fees have not increased since the service opened in 2009. This is a period of 6 years.
- During that time there have been increases in staff award rates annually, as well as increased increments, which have a flow on affect to superannuation and other entitlements. These have increased the service's expenses.
- Staffing ratios have increased since we have taken on pre-schoolers in most sessions
- Regular yard upgrades have taken place, and Stage 3 (\$31,000) is now complete. This is a total of more than \$60,000 in development of the yard to the benefit of the children.
- These increases bring us in line with other services, with only Before School Care at Woodside and Mt Barker South having lower fees than our service.

A flier will be sent home to all OSHC families explaining how to take advantage of the Child Care Rebate of 50% costs, which ensures that our service remains very affordable to parents.

In future Governing Council will ensure that there is an annual review of OSHC fees.

School Photos



On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th May MSP Photography will be taking our annual School Photos. We will be distributing the ordering packages to each child in the last week of this Term so that you will have time to decide what packages/images you would like during the holidays.

You will be given confirmation in the first week back in Term 2 of the actual day that your child will be having their photos taken.

We will then need you to send the envelope, with your child on that day, along with the correct money enclosed in the envelope for your photo choices. MSP will be offering on-line payments once again this year.

IF YOU DECIDE TO NOT PURCHASE ANY PHOTOS PLEASE STILL SEND YOUR ENVELOPE BACK WITH YOUR CHILD/ON PHOTO DAY, and state that you do not wish to purchase any photos this time.

Sports Day 2015

Yesterday, on a beautiful but windy autumn day, we held our annual sports day. With weeks of preparation from our hard working Sports Day committee, leading up to the day, and our many parent volunteers we were able to provide a wonderful program of events for children and catering for adults. The event was a huge success and there were many highlights throughout the day.



There were many parents and other family members that came along to cheer on their children and while enjoying the day, they were able to purchase food and drinks, with the profits being put back into the school's fundraising efforts.

Parents and Friends manned the BBQ which was donated for use from Cambridge's, with sausages being kindly provided by Balhannah Junction Meats. There was also a good supply of home grown ground coffee from the Gore Family as well as our own Kitchen Garden Stall offering cakes, slinky apples and fresh produce and plants

We hope you enjoy the photos of Sports Day 2015 on the back of this newsletter.

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