



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1 2015

Diary Dates

Monday 9th February
Level Literacy
Intervention
Information session for
parents 9am

Annual General Meeting
Monday 9 Feb 7pm
All Welcome

Wednesday 11th
February
Level Literacy
Information session for
parents 5.30pm
(by invitation)

Acquaintance Night
Whole School
See Schedule in
Newsletter

Thursday 12th
February
2.25pm Assembly

Monday 16th February
R-7 Well Being
Performance
Magic Words

Tuesday 17th February
RaN Training sessions
for Volunteers
2pm & 6pm
Please book into this
via the front office

Student Absence or Lateness :

Prior to 9 am

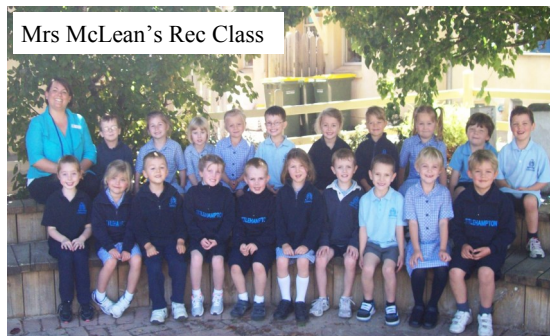
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Student Class, Absence
Date and Absence reason.

Welcome Back 2015

I am pleased to report that we have had a smooth start to the school year. We begin 2015 with 417 students in the school and 47 children in the preschool. Welcome to the 70 new reception children who commenced school on January 27. This is the first time we have had our entire contingent of school starters begin school in January, and parents, teachers and the new reception children themselves are to be congratulated on ensuring their start has gone so well.

Mrs McLean's Rec Class



Mrs Forrest's Rec class



Other students new to the school are Noah Muster Year 7, Nicholas Possingham Year 7, Holly Taylor Yr 6, Mitchell Muster Yr 5, Brock Stephenson Yr 5, Imogen Smith Yr 5, Leah Fleischer, Keanu Stewart Yr 4, Ben Taylor Yr 3, Ella Smith Yr 3, Sophie Nesbitt, Yr 2, Harvey Muster Yr 2, Toby Germain Reception, Ty Fleischer, Rec, Charlie Nesbitt Rec. Leah and Ty have come from South Africa, Nicholas, Mitchell and Imogen have come from Victoria, and Sophie and Charlie have rejoined us from the Northern Territory. We welcome all these new students to our school, and the 47 pre-schoolers too!

Mrs Tarca &
Mrs Su's
Rec Class



We also welcome four new staff members, Mrs Candice Perkins who teaches in the Year 3 classes, with Mrs Thomas on Monday and Tuesday, and with Alison Marsh on Wednesdays. Familiar to our school community are Suyin McDonald and Kelly Shute, both parents in our school

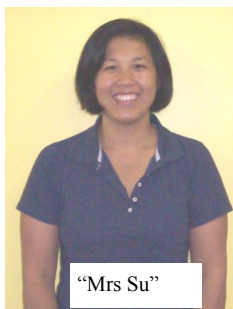


Mrs Candice Perkins

community who have been doing relief teaching at our school. Mrs McDonald, (Known to children as Mrs Su) is teaching in Deb Tarca's reception class on Thursdays and Fridays, and Mrs Shute is teaching in Mrs French's Year 1 class on Fridays. In addition, Lisa Weidenbach, who is teaching two days a week this year in the Preschool, is teaching in Mrs Close's class on Thursdays.



Mrs Kelly Shute



"Mrs Su"

Please note the information on the next page about our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 9th of February at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Preschool parents are also invited to attend. Also information on our Acquaintance Night is following on the next page.



Danielle Stone



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Community Wellbeing Seminar



On Monday 2nd March Littlehampton Primary School will be hosting a Growth & Development Family Evening in our Resource Centre. We are really pleased to be able to offer this service, since parents have been asking us for just such an evening to help them know how to introduce the 'Facts of Life' to their children.

The sessions are conducted by Kidz Biz Ed and are designed to be fun, informative and easy to understand. These highly interactive sessions will provide students and their parents/caregivers with an introduction to basic personal and social development education.

There will be 2 sessions run on the evening and the topics covered in each are:

6.40pm: Where Did We Come From? (Rec to Yr 4)

7.40pm: What's Happening to Us? (Years 5 to 7)

The duration of each session will be approximately 50 minutes.

At the end of each session, a list of recommended and age-appropriate books for both students and parents will be provided as well as the details of a recommended retail outlet offering books at discounted prices.

We will be sending out an information flier with a booking slip closer to the date. There will be a small charge to families for these sessions, subsidised by the school. Keep your eyes out for this letter in the next few weeks!

New Book Club Co-ordinator needed

We are looking for a new volunteer to take over the running of the Scholastic Book Club. After a few years of looking after the book club, this will be my last year having a child in primary school so I will need to train someone else to take over in 2016. If you are interested in taking this role on or finding out more information on what is involved please contact me on 0403 173 237.

'My Name Label'

Do you want to label your children's belongings for school? If so please head to www.mynamelabel.com.au or call 1300 766 505 to order packs of labels for this new school year. This fundraiser is run by the P&F Team, where 15% of sales for the financial year will go back to the school. Please enter the code **e3205ce6** when you place your order. This aids the school with the return of your children's items and saves you money too.

Fire Friday - \$650 raised!

Thankyou to all parents and students who supported our Fire Friday Casual Day last week. We raised \$649.30 for support of animals affected by the fire. This money will be donated to the RSPCA.

New Food Policy

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the school's new Food Policy, developed last year by a committee of staff and parents from P & F and Governing Council. We surveyed all families and we thank those who responded for your thoughtful contributions. The resulting Policy reflects the view of the majority of parents who responded, and was voted in by Governing Council late last year. You will note that there are a few changes of practice in the new Policy:

- Students may choose to bring a 'Fruit and Veg snack' to class. Teachers will let parents and students know when they will have this snack time in the day. Please note that the only foods suitable for this snack are unprocessed raw Fruit and Veg; items such as yoghurts and dried fruits are unsuitable for this optional snack but are fine for recess or lunch.
- We ask families not to send birthday treats for the class to celebrate their child's birthday. Class teachers will decide on a way to celebrate each child's birthday, with a birthday hat or song, for example, or with a treat for that individual child. Class teachers will let the children know what they can expect on their special day.

Please note that there are no regulations for which foods children bring to school for recess and lunch but we encourage parents to refer to the Rite Bite Policy of sending mostly 'Green' foods (see back of Food Policy), and in particular to avoid sending items high in sugar, such as juices or sweets. Teachers always notice how these items affect children's ability to concentrate and learn. We thank families for complying with our new Food Policy!

Mount Barker Gawler Street Art Trail

As part of the official launch of the Mt Barker Gawler Street Art Trail, school parent Tabitha Eades has donated her painting "Indelible Bond", which is being raffled to raise money and awareness for the protection and conservation of Indonesia's



Orang-utans and other animals that are critically endangered due to destruction of their habitats to make way for Palm Oil plantations.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each, and every cent is being donated equally to the Orangutan Project and the Orangutan Foundation International Australia. Tickets are available from FRAMEART on Gawler street in Mount Barker, where the painting is currently on display as part of the Art Trail. The can also be purchased directly from Tabitha Eades through her Facebook page - A Brush with Magic, or on 0429 888 083.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 9th February in the Library. This is your opportunity to find out more about the school, including reporting on how we have progressed against the goals in our Site Learning Plan during the 2014 school year. It will be followed by a short Governing Council meeting with the new members for 2015. Preschool parents are also welcome to attend.

Acquaintance Night

Next Wednesday the whole school will be having an Acquaintance Night. This night will be a great opportunity for you to meet your child's class teachers, and to hear about the classroom set up. We encourage all parents to save this date. Preschool parents are also invited to this evening as well. Please find the times and locations to meet the teachers of each class below:

ROOM	TEACHER	TIME
Preschool	Evelyn Lam Lisa Weidenbach	5.30 - 6pm
Rec to Yr 1		6.00 to 6.30pm
PACA	Mrs Helen Forest	
Room 1	Mrs Lorna McLean	
Room 2	Mrs Deb Tarca/Mrs Suyin McDonald	
Room 3	Mrs Helen Kuczyński	
Room 4	Mrs Brigitte French	
Room 15	Danielle Stone	
Year 2 to Year 3/4		6.30 to 7.00pm
Room 13	Mrs Gillian Bevan	
Room 14	Mrs Susan Close	
Room 16	Sara Weston	
Room 6	Mrs Alison Marsh/Ms Candice Perkins	
Room 10	Mrs Narelle Thomas/Ms Candice Perkins	
Room 11	Mrs Alison Bishop	
Year 4/5, 5,6 & 6/7		7.00 to 7.30pm
Room 12	Mr Alister Davies	
Room 5	Mrs Debbie Taylor	
Room 7	Ms Leonie Chatfield	
Room 8	Ms Julie Claridge	

Please note that there will be supervision in the Junior Primary Playground for school aged children (no preschoolers please) from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Responding to Abuse and Neglect training

All volunteers in our school are required by DECD to undertake training in Responding to Abuse and Neglect before they are able to begin volunteering. This is a free service provided by Margie Sarre or Jenny Lewis at school, in the form of a one hour workshop. There are two workshops coming up on Tuesday February 17th at 2pm and 6 pm. We encourage all parents wishing to help out with reading, LAP, Kitchen Garden or any other school program to register for one of these workshops by leaving their name with Debbie at the front office.

Learning Assistance Program

The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is set up in schools where volunteers, in partnership with teaching staff, work with students on a one-to-one basis, for a regular session each week. The significant individual time creates more learning situations where students can experience success and supports their achievement at school.

The volunteer becomes the student's friend and mentor sharing the challenge and excitement of learning through a variety of experiences. The LAP program is a vital part of our children's learning that requires many volunteers, the more volunteers the more children we can help.

Your support in the LAP program will be very valuable and appreciated by all of the students and teachers.

Multilit Program

(Making up for lost time in literacy)

Our school also offers another one to one program to support children with an explicit focus on Phonic awareness and sight words. Volunteers are also needed to work within this program for 30 minutes a week. If you are interested in becoming part of the LAP team or our Multilit program and would like to find out more about our programs PLEASE come along to our information session Tuesday 10th February 2015 in the STAFF ROOM at 9am.

All Parents and Caregivers are welcome!!

Please come and join Pauline Bolto for Morning Tea. If you are interested but unable to come along next Tuesday, please leave your details with Debbie at the front office and Pauline will arrange a time to meet with you.




Kitchen Garden Program

Kitchen Garden classes begin next week for all students in Years 3-7. If you have volunteered to help with your child's class, we ask that you sign in at the front office a few minutes before the lesson begins. Garden classes generally meet in your child's classroom to start the lesson. Thank you for your valued help!

Child Protection Curriculum

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a brochure about the DECD "Keeping Safe – Child Protection Curriculum". All students in Preschool to Year 7 are learning about what it means to be safe, and how to stay safe in Term 1. Our topics for this year are: Relationships and Recognising and reporting abuse. Please see your child's teacher or visit the DECD website for more information about this important learning program.

2015 Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	26/1 <i>Public Holiday Australia Day</i>	27/1 <i>School Returns</i>	28/1	29/1	30/1
Week 2	2/2	3/2 5.30 OSHC Advisory Meeting 6.30 Finance Meeting	4/2 Parents & Friends Meeting 9am	5/2	6/2
Week 3	9/2 <i>Level Literacy Intervention information session for parents 9am</i> <i>Governing Council AGM 7pm</i>	10/2 <i>LAP & Multilit Program Morning Tea & Information Session</i>	11/2 <i>Acquaintance Night – Whole School</i> <i>Level Literacy intervention information session for parents 5.30pm</i>	12/2 <i>School Assembly 2.25pm</i>	13/2
Week 4	16/2 <i>Well Being Performance R-7</i>	17/2 <i>RAN Training Sessions for Volunteers: 2pm & 6pm</i>	18/2	19/2	20/2
Week 5 <i>Swimming Week</i>	<div style="border-top: 2px solid black; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div>				
	23/2	24/28	25/2	26/2 <i>Courier Cup</i>	27/2 
	<p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Session 1: (9.45 to 11.15) Lorna McLean, Julie Claridge, Sue Close, Alison Bishop Session 2: (12.30pm to 2pm) Deb Tarca/Suyin McDonald, Brigitte French, Narelle Thomas/Candice Perkins/Mr Davies</p>				
Week 6 <i>Swimming Week</i>	<div style="border-top: 2px solid black; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div>				
	2/3 <i>Kids Biz Family Evening 6.40 (JP) & 7.40 (UP)</i>	3/3	4/3	5/3 <i>School Assembly 2.25</i>	6/3 
	<p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Session 1: (9.45 to 11.15) to Helen Kupczynski, Gillian Bevan, Danielle Stone, Alison Marsh Session 2: (1.15pm to 2pm) Helen Forest, Sara Weston</p>				
Week 7	9/3 <i>Public Holiday Adelaide Cup Day</i>	10/3 <i>Proposed Pupil Free Day. To be confirmed. Local History PD</i> 5.30: OSHC Advisory Meeting 6.30: Finance Meeting	11/3 <i>Parents & Friends Meeting 9am</i>	12/3 <i>Aquatics Camp</i>	13/3 <i>Aquatics Camp</i>
Week 8	16/3 <i>Governing Council Meeting 7pm</i>	17/3	18/3	19/3 <i>Sports Day</i>	20/3
Week 9	23/3 <i>Interview Week</i>	24/3	25/3	26/3 <i>School Assembly 2.25pm</i>	27/3
Week 10	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4 <i>Public Holiday Good Friday</i> 
Week 11	6/4 <i>Public Holiday Easter Monday</i>	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4 <i>Last Day of Term 1 Assembly 1.45pm Early Dismissal 2.10pm</i>