



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 1 2015

Diary Dates

Next 2 Weeks

Swimming Program
Reception to Year 5



Monday 2nd March

Kids Biz Family
Evening

6.40pm Junior Primary
7.40pm Upper Primary

Thursday 5th March

School Assembly
2.25pm

Monday 9th March

Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th March

Student Free Day
Staff History PD

Wednesday 11th March

Parents & Friends
Meeting 9am
Staff Room

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th March

Year 6&7 Aquatics
Camp

Monday 16th March

Governing Council
Meeting 7pm

Thursday 19th March

Sports Day

Off to a Flying Start.... School News!

Annual Report: With this newsletter, you will find a copy of the 2014 Annual Report. This is our school's report card, and was presented to the Annual General Meeting on Monday 9th February. It is now being sent home to all school and preschool families. Please take the time to read this report, as it is a good way of keeping in touch with our school priorities, our achievements, and areas we still need to work on.

Introducing our Governing Council: Governing Council members make an enormous contribution to our school, and we thank all Governing Council members, including those who retired at the end of 2014: Val Bubner, Karin Streng, Catherine Carter, Mark Lucas, Pip Williams and Shelley Rowan. We would like to point out the contribution of Mark Lucas, who has served 10 years on the Governing Council, with the majority of these as Governing Council Chairperson, and Pip Williams who has served for 9 years. The Governing Council members are listed below. Welcome to our newest members, Jessica Caire, Matt Turner and Jamie Tann, with Rebecca Forrest and Tammy Bands to join us next meeting.

Governing Council Members 2014 Andrew Thompson, Jessica Szilassy, Daylan Riddle, Jason Warhurst, Brianna McAvaney, Sam Gray, Skye McClelland, Sarah Hart, Dale Schmidt, Amelia Hayes, Greg Bell, Grant Davis, Jamie Tann, Matt Turner, Jess Caire, Rebecca Forrest and Tammy Bands.

Our Governing Council Chairperson is Andrew Thompson; Deputy Chairperson, Sam Gray; Treasurer, Sarah Hart; Secretary, Sky McClelland.

Acquaintance Night Thanks to the many parents who came along to meet their children's teachers last Wednesday evening. There were many comments from parents about how lovely the evening was, and how valuable it was to find out about the class program, and to begin to get to know the class teachers. Through the Acquaintance Night we aim to keep parents informed and to open up two way communication.

Premier's Be Active Challenge This event starts next week, and separate information flyers will be sent home with further information. There will be four weeks of recording your child's physical activities on a record sheet which will be given to your child from their teacher.

Days of Code Red Catastrophic Fire Conditions - Our school stays OPEN:

On the week end there was a day of extreme fire danger for the Mt Lofty Ranges. Even this late in the season there could be a day of Catastrophic fire conditions for our area. This is a reminder about what happens at our school.

1. Level of bushfire risk for our school.

Our school has been identified as at **Moderate** risk of bushfire. It is not on the list of schools that will automatically close on Code Red Catastrophic Days because this only applies to schools at High, Very High or Extreme risk of bushfire. However, there could be days when we will be directed to close if a decision is made to close all the sites in the Hills region.

2. How will parents know if the school will be closed?

- You will be sent a text message to your mobile phone. The school has installed a MGM text messaging system which enables us to send a message from any on-line computer. You will receive a message which reads:

"We have been notified by DECD and by the CFS to close the school on (day and date). No student is to attend school.

- The red 'School Closed' signs will also be placed on the fence at the front of the school and the preschool.

- DECD also places a list of schools to be closed for that day on their website:

www.decd.sa.gov.au

Student Absence or Lateness :

Prior to 9 am

Text 0427 016 460

with LPS, Student Name,
Student Class, Absence
Date and Absence reason.



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Principal's Awards

During Week 3 school assembly the following students were presented with a Principal's Award
Congratulations to:

Positive Attitude: Ben Barrow, Sophie Barrow, Charley Thomas, Gus Brown, Abbey Gray, Charlotte Copping, Ella Smith, Charlie Nesbitt, Kealy Elliot, Ava Roach, Bailey Grant, Talon Hart, Nina Schmidt

Being Trustworthy: Elijah O'Keefe, Clarice Scamoni, Harrison Kennett, Anna Kaluzinski, Nyah Gaff, Arianna Jones, Ella Pollard.

Kindness: Max Hartshorne, Madison Whitburn, Amber Bakhuis-Marsh, Georgie Wotton, Takoda Meerbach, Jesse Maczkowiack, Charlie Stradiotto, Isobel Provis

Respect: Imogen Metcalfe, Emilie Haylock, Max Trojan

Including Others: Hannah Gray, Lithum Pallege, Alyssa Mumford

Valuing Others: Tyler Martin, Jack Badenoch

Fairness: Riley Lucas

Wild Time Rituals

"There is a lack of everyday wildness in our lives. Wild Time is often seen as something that we need to fit in, or that has to be travelled to, prepared for, something external. What would it look like if we were to find the wildness in the everyday, in the urban as well as the rural? Simple snack sized wild interludes to be taken in the morning before the school run, at lunch time, between Skype calls. How can we make it as routine as checking emails. One of the practices that I have been enjoying exploring with my daughter is the simple act of noticing the sunrise. It takes just 5 minutes to do. Depending on where you live you don't even have to go outside, although its probably better if you do!" Mark Sears from The Wild Network "In pursuit of everyday Wild Time," Feb 11th. I read this article this week, and it really struck a chord with me. We are all so busy that sometimes it seems impossible to connect with wilderness. Children have such a need to engage with the natural world- and we see this in their love of our garden classes and our chooks and small creatures here at school! I am trying to find more time every day just to be outdoors, and to be more observant of nature. What are your family's daily Wild Time rituals? Let me know and I'll publish a few in a coming newsletter. Your ideas might inspire others to fit snack sized wild interludes into their day.

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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 Kid 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 a booking slip this week. There will be a small charge to families for these sessions, subsidised by the school. Keep your eyes out for this letter and book in for what promises to be a very informative evening for all!

Fundraiser for Juvenile Arthritis

Juvenile Arthritis affects a number of children in our school, so families might be interested in participating in the fundraiser: *"Walking for Arthritis"*.

This is a fundraiser for kids with arthritis and involves walking from Brighton Jetty to Glenelg Jetty on Sunday 29th March. The walk commences at 9.30am.

For more information or to register for this event please visit: www.arthritis.org.au

Littlehampton Markets Stall

We are interested in having a stall at the Littlehampton Markets which is held one Saturday morning per month. We would like to find out if there are parents & children that would be interested in manning this stall.

Alternatively, if there are any parents from the school that already have a stall at these market days, would you be willing to sell a few items on behalf of the school?

If you are able to help with the Market, please contact Margie on 8391 1194 for further details.



Reusable Snack Bags

FREE OF BPA, PHTHALATE, LEAD, LATEX & HEAVY METALS

By Heidi Kumnick

These reusable snack bags are now available for purchase. You can order either on line: www.facebook.com/ReusableSNACKBAGS2 or by calling Heidi on 0407970153.

The following sizes are available: LARGE: \$15.00 MEDIUM: \$12.00 SMALL: \$7.00

To find out more please contact Heidi on the above number.

PREMIER'S
be active.
CHALLENGE



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The Premier's *BE ACTIVE* Challenge is a program designed to increase the physical activity levels of young people. The Challenge commenced in 2007 and is open to all South Australian children from Reception to Year 9 in government, non government and home schools.

Our school participated for the first time in 2009 and we are entering again this year. It reinforces our school culture where physical activity is seen a vital part of our lifestyle.

The Challenge requires participants to complete at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily for four weeks. This physical activity can take a multitude of forms ranging from active house work, walking or riding to school, playing sport in district teams and includes the full range of activity our students experience at school. Last year many students recorded activities from the week-end. This wide range of activities could include gardening, walking the dog, roller blading and the like. Students need to record their daily activity on the log sheet and return it to the class teacher when it has been finished.

As a parent/caregiver you have a vital role to play in the Challenge. Your encouragement, motivation and support for your child will help create a life long appreciation of the need to be active. You may even want to record your personal physical activity in partnership with your child!

Regards
Brigitte French
19/02/2015