



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 1 2015

**REMEMBER
STUDENT FREE
DAY
TUESDAY 10TH
MARCH**

Diary Dates

Monday 9th March
Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th March
*Student Free Day
Staff History PD*

Wednesday 11th March
*Parents & Friends
Meeting 9am
Staff Room
All Welcome*

**Thursday 12th &
Friday 13th March**
Year 6&7 Aquatics Day

Monday 16th March
*Governing Council
Meeting 7pm*

Wednesday 18th March
*Lap & Multitask Meeting
2.30pm*

Thursday 19th March
Sports Day



Week 9
Monday 23rd March
Interview Week

Saturday 28th March
*School Working Bee
And Free BBQ
9-12*

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

Physically Active... Three Great Programs!

We all know how important it is to be physically fit, and teaching our students skills as well as fitness is the primary goal of our Physical Education program at Littlehampton. Last week you received information about the Premier's Be Active Challenge, which is one great program to encourage our students to be physically active. Our swimming program in which all students from Reception to Year 5 participate, is another. The third is a new program that has been introduced to replace the Active After School Program which operated at Littlehampton Primary School for the last 8 years, the Sporting Schools Australia Program.



Sporting Schools Australia

Our school has been selected as a pilot school for this new program. Only 8 schools have been selected in the state for this honour, and we are the only school outside the metropolitan area. Inclusion in the program means:

- annual funding so we can provide up to three terms of sport-based activity for children at a time that suits our school (we have chosen during school time)
- free quality online sporting resources and lesson plans
- professional development opportunities for our teachers and school staff
- information about sports and community facilities within our local area
- specialist Sporting Schools staff around Australia to help us get the most out of the program.

The class which has been selected for this special program this term is Sue Close's Year 2 class which is receiving special development workshops in cricket over a 6 week period. Each term a different sport, class and year level will be chosen to participate. In addition to cricket this term 4 more classes will participate in 4 football clinics provided by a specialist football coach. Those classes will be Sara's, Danielle's, Mrs Bevan's and Mrs K's.



Our Year 6 & 7's will be taking part in two Aquatics Days up at the Murraylands Aquatics Centre on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March.



School Leadership presentation at the Positive Education Schools Association

Last Friday Margie Sarre and Jenny Lewis presented a workshop at St Peters College for the Positive Education Schools Association. The presentation was well attended, and was an outline of our journey at Littlehampton in introducing Positive Education and Positive Psychology. Our presentation was well received by the principals and teachers attending, many of whom came from interstate. We look forward to making a similar presentation to our school parents in Term 2 this year. Stay tuned for more information.

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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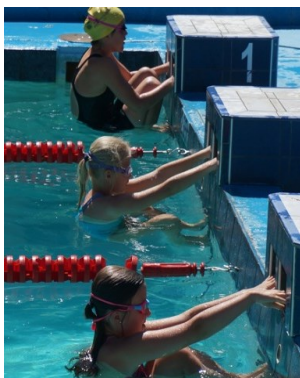
Courier Cup Report

On Thursday 26th February 9 Littlehampton Primary School students attended the Courier Cup swimming carnival. Although small in number the results were huge. Congratulations to Sophie Barrow who had a very successful day winning the major race of the carnival "The Courier Cup".

In addition to this Sophie also won the trophies for Butterfly and Backstroke making her the best swimmer for Hills and Barker District in Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly. She also made the final of the Breaststroke. All of this is an amazing achievement by Sophie and a great result for Littlehampton Primary School. We are all very proud of you Sophie. As a result of her success Sophie will attend the State Swimming Day.



Sophie's twin brother Ben also had a successful day and will attend the State Day to represent Barker in the Freestyle Relay. Ben also came 3rd in the Butterfly and the Breaststroke event and 4th in the Backstroke event. Well done Ben! We also had success in the relays making the final in the Medley Relay (out of 17 schools) and Freestyle Relay (out of 19 schools).



Other swimmers that took part in the day were Emma Mclean, Annie Krop, Hannah Gray, Karli Roberts, Tiah Hough, Angus Schmidt and Riley Lucas, who all contributed for us to achieve 4th position overall. This was a pleasing result considering we only had 9 swimmers and the other teams above us had 20 plus students attending the day. All swimmers performed well and represented Littlehampton with pride. A big thank you to the many parents who attended as well to support the children and acted as timekeepers. A special thank you to Amber Barrow for helping me on the day acting as my personal assistant and making sure all the children got to their events. Your help was invaluable Amber. Another special thank you also to Lee and Katie Barrow for going to the Mountain Pool on Wednesday evening and putting up a shade to secure we had a good spot and shelter for the day.



Lap & Multit

Thank you to Anna Bell, Nicole Emery, Judith Northey, Catherine Morgan, Ireland Potticary, Karen Palmer and Krista Playford.

These people are new volunteers for 2015 who have joined our programs. It is great to see new faces, and their commitment to our school is appreciated. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 2.30pm in the staff room.

School Working Bee

The school will be holding a **Garden Working Bee** on Saturday 28th March between 9am and 12 noon. We have a goal this year of 30 families attending since many hands make light work! Families who have attended in the past have found this a great way to meet other community members, and contribute to the school at the same time. We will finish after 12 with a free sausage sizzle for all helpers.



We are hoping to revamp the 'Sensory garden' by the dragon seat by planting, edging and installing irrigation. We have a number of other jobs planned such as weeding, planting, cleaning and making minor repairs to garden beds. There are other jobs around the school we would love your help with on the day as well, such as cleaning cobwebs around all buildings.

Janelle will show you all why our garden is so abundant, by demonstrating her amazing HOT COMPOST technique. Come along and learn how to make your garden thrive!

Please bring along gloves and hand tools for adults; we have lots of kids gloves here at school.

All are most welcome, we would be grateful, even for an hour of your precious time! Please leave your name with Debbie at the front office if you are able to attend.

Garden News

Our weekly market stall on a Thursday has resumed and has been very popular. We have had a smorgasbord of fresh fruit and veg and the ice blocks are a welcome summer treat for many. Thank you for donations of goods to the stall and generally to the program, your help is much appreciated.

If you have a budding entomologist you may want to check out a great bug and fauna identifying app put out by the SA Museum called the SA Museum Field Guide to South Australian Fauna. Happy exploring!



The Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started. Many teachers incorporate it into their reading programs or at home reading requirements. The purpose is to get children reading and to be rewarded for their efforts.

Basically, the Premier's Reading Challenge sheet has 2 parts. In the top section of the sheet, students need to read 8 books from an extensive list. In our Library, we have the books marked with square stickers on the spine label: R-2 = orange, Years 3-5 = green, Year 6-9 = fluoro yellow. You may have some books at home that are on the list or you can borrow from the local library but you would need to check that these are books from the Premier's Reading Challenge List, by asking or checking the website.

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/home>

It can be tricky for the older students as often only one book is listed but the whole series may be able to be listed – please ask.

In the bottom part of the sheet, students need to read either 4 more from the list or 4 more books of their choice or if you are in Reception or Year 1, you could add 4 of your readers.



Please help younger children to write in the names and authors of the books as the Library Staff have to check every entry to make sure it is correct – we do get audited – before they can be signed off. A big problem in the past has been students losing their forms. Encourage a safe place for these.

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 4th September, but start soon so that we aren't rushing at the last minute. In 2014, we had 79.36% of the students complete the Challenge and receive an award. Wouldn't it be great to have over 80%!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask teachers or Jenny & Paula in the Library.

Parking around the School

When parking to collect your child from school, please can you make best use of available spaces and pull forward to reduce gaps. This way people can then park their cars at the correct angle to avoid getting a parking fine.

Thank you for your cooperation .



Sports Day 2015 : 19th March

We are all getting very excited about our upcoming Sports Day on Thursday March 19th. We know that lots of parents and grandparents plan to attend on the day, and we are wondering whether any of you could help us out with a few jobs on the day:

* *Setting up the tents on the school oval at 8 am*

* *Cooking on the P & F BBQ for an hour*

If you are able to help please leave your name and number with Debbie in the front office. Thank you!

The Preschool will be holding their own sports days also. These will be on **Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April**. More information will be sent out re these days by the preschool.

2015 Material & Service Fees



Payment of 2015 Material and Services fees of \$290 was due in full on Saturday 28th February unless arrangements had been made to pay by instalments.

If paying by instalments your first payment was also due on 28/2/15.

Your \$100 (\$70 for approved school card families) Gym donation can be paid at any time but we encourage families to pay this early as our first payment of \$6682.92 is due 15/3/15 and we rely on your contribution to meet our repayments of \$26731.68 each year. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

We would like to ask parents to make payments at the school office when dropping children at school in the morning. The school office is open from 8am. This will allow us to bank earlier in the day and avoid holding cash in the office during the day.

A reminder that you can pay via the internet BSB 105-025, account number 115 050 84 and quote your family code and student's name if space available. Other payment options are: cash, cheque, Eftpos (in person, by phone or completing the tear off slip at the bottom of your invoice).

If applying for School Card, please complete the application form and return it to the school office now. School Card is not available for preschool students.

Preschool fees were also due on 28/2/15 and if you have overlooked this payment please pay at the school office now. Instalment plans are available for preschool fees but you need to attend to this now .

Readers



Part of school life for younger students is having a reader. Over many years, the school has worked towards building up a collection of readers from a variety of schemes and publishers, to cater for the needs of our students and the objectives of the teachers.

At times, readers do become worn out or damaged. If this happens, please alert your child's teacher so that we know to order a replacement or possibly repair the damage. However, our biggest concern is the number of readers that go missing.

At the end of 2014 we were missing 144 readers!! The readers are valued at approximately \$10 each, so if we are to replace those readers, we are already \$1440 into the Early Years budget. This is money that could be spent on other educational items for your children.

We would ask you all to have a look in bedrooms, book shelves, book baskets in cars, likely spots and unlikely spots for readers that may be hiding.

The challenge for the parents of Littlehampton Primary School is to find and return as many of the Lost 2014 readers as you can. Hopefully we will be able to report some progress in a future Newsletter.

Kitchen Garden Program

We were lucky enough to have Sophie Thomson from ABC Gardening program call into the school, along with her son, for a visit.

On her Facebook page, *Sophie's Patch*, she said ***'I popped into visit Littlehampton Primary School garden this arvo which was looking bountiful despite the 35+ degrees. The set up of their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation school garden and kitchen is fabulous and I loved all the artwork throughout the gardens and grounds. I even came home with a few gem squash to try. Thanks Janelle for taking me on the tour and Deputy Principal Margie for giving us the musical greeting!'***



Another comment from a mum new to the program this year said : ***'I am absolutely loving the kitchen garden class my Year 3 is doing! He is such a fussy boy and has been for years, but since he has been doing kitchen he has tried new foods and likes them. Its fantastic!'***

This is music to our ears and I am always so happy to hear what parents and children have to say as they participate in the program. The joy they experience when they try a pea from a pod or peel back the corn or stumble across a giant pumpkin, and when they taste the delicious food that they have made in Kitchen classes. Thank you again to all of our wonderful volunteers who make this program the success that it is!

Opportunity for Youth Hockey

The Adelaide Hills Hockey club is keen to recruit new junior players to hockey in the Hills. Our teams start from under 9 years of age. Training is every Thursday from 4.30pm-5.30pm at Anembo Park starting this Thursday March 5th. If you are interested, please call Sally Fisher on 0428 849 753 or Chris Medlin (U11 coach) on 0410 413616, or just come along to the training!



High School Information Days

Over the next few weeks the following high schools will be holding information days/nights.

If you are interested in attending any of them please take note of the dates and further information can be obtained from Debbie in the front office.

MOUNT BARKER HIGH SCHOOL

Open Night being held on Wednesday 4th March commencing at 5.30pm with the Principal's address at 6.30pm.

URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Information sessions being held on Tuesday 17th March. There will be 3 sessions available:

9.30am to 11.30am 1.00pm to 3.00pm
6.00pm to 8.00pm

Applications for Year 8 2016 will close at 5pm on Wednesday 29th April 2015.

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Open night will be held on Wednesday 1st April commencing at 5.30pm. This high school runs a specialised Cricket and Rowing Program.

GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

School Tours will be conducted on Friday 29th May with a priority to Year 7 families) commencing at 8.55am to 10am. Please contact Glenunga to register a place on this tour. Glenunga runs an Ignite Gifted and Talented Program, please contact the school for more information about this excellent program.