



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 2 2015

REMINDER

**STUDENT
FREE DAY**

**Friday 26th
June**

**Staff will be
attending
Training in
Assessment**

Diary Dates

Thursday 25th June

Hot Food Day

Orders to be in by
Monday 22nd June

**THERE WILL BE
NO ORDERS
FROM ON THE
RUN THIS DAY**



School Assembly
Leonie Chatfield's
Class
2.25pm

Friday 26th June

Student Free Day
Staff Training

Friday 3rd July

Last day of Term 2
School Assembly
1.45pm

**EARLY
DISMISSAL
2.10PM**

**HAPPY AND
SAFE HOLIDAYS**

Monday 20th July

First Day of Term 3

Student Absence or Lateness :

Prior to 9 am

Text 0427 016 460

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

Inquiry-based Learning

“Give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results.” — John Dewey

Our children are born with an overwhelming need to ask questions about the world around them and seek answers. This curiosity all begins with the moment they realise the magic that is their fingers and toes and then continues to grow as they do. As adults we need to foster and encourage our children's inquisitive nature and use it as a teaching tool with endless potential. An inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning can increase the engagement of children in their learning and foster a deeper understanding through the development of a hands-on, minds-on and research-based disposition towards teaching and learning.

At Littlehampton our curriculum is enriched using this inquiry based approach. Our students are encouraged to:

- tackle real-world questions, issues and controversies
- develop questioning, research and communication skills
- solve problems or create solutions
- collaborate within and beyond the classroom
- develop deep understanding of content knowledge

Training the Teachers On June 9, our school had a Pupil Free Day, and our teachers received a refresher course in Inquiry Learning. Our trainer, Tori Weiss, as well as reminding teachers of Inquiry Processes and of the important of planning and assessment tasks, sent teachers out into the community to learn by direct experience. Teachers then came back to discuss how they used the inquiry process and what they learned, and outlined key learnings about process which they will use with children. Teachers researched... and enjoyed researching:

- What makes a good barista? - Thanks to Ben and Michelle Gore for the direct experience!
- What are grasses, how are they different from other plants? - Thanks to The Garden Depot.
- What makes a weed? We found the answer at the Natural Resource Centre in Mt Barker.
- Why do people keep pets? Thanks to Mt Barker Pet Care.
- What can you discover at the local library? We discovered a wonderful archivist, Rhiannon Agutter who helped us research early Littlehampton teachers.

The purpose was to inspire teachers to use direct experience in teaching our students.

Camps This week rooms 6, 8, 10, 11 and 12 headed off to Arbury Park to take part in a truly amazing inquiry-based learning opportunity. The children will take part in many hands-on experiences that will enable them to search for answers to their questions.

The impact a learning experience such as this can have on a child is immeasurable and it sets the stage for a lifetime of invaluable learning experiences.



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Music is Fun Band



Grandparents Day at Preschool

On Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd the Preschool celebrated Grandparents Day. It was a chance for grandparents to visit and see what their grandchildren get up to at preschool.

As a follow up from their excursion to Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village, the students were encouraged to also dress up in 'olden day' clothing.



Thank you

We would like to thank John Lewis for his volunteer work that he has been doing in our Sports Shed making many improvements, including a new roof and shelving. It has been transformed and will now be able to keep stored equipment dry and organised.

We would be lost without our many volunteers that help out at our school, camps and other events.

SAPSASA News

As mentioned in the previous newsletter on Thursday 4th June six of our students participated in State Day for Cross Country at Oakbank.

The '10 Year Old' girls : Asha Marshall, Emmy Roach, Jorja Heinicke) all performed very well to gain a bronze medal in the Team Event.

A special mention also to Annie Krop who came 16th out of 150 competitors. Congratulations also to Tiah Hough and Karli Roberts who competed on the day as well.

Congratulations to Annie Krop for being selected as a reserve for the State X-Country Team.

Congratulations to the following students on being selected in SAPSASA District Hockey and Soccer Teams to participate in State Championships next week . **Soccer Team:** Annie Krop

Hockey Team: Sophie Medlin, Oscar Hong, Seth Ormandy, Jack Badenoch and Dhiren Karunanithi-Carter



Reminder! \$100 Gym Building Levy Now Due!

To take advantage of your donation as a tax deduction in this financial year,

we would encourage school families to make their payment by **June 30**

Principal's Awards

During the Week 6 Assembly the following students received a Principal's Awards. Congratulations to everyone.



INCLUDING OTHERS: Cooper Clarke, Tahnee Adams, Sophie Barrow, Judd French
RESPECT: Halle Longbottom-Brzacott
TRUSTWORTHY: Abbey Carmen
POSITIVE ATTITUDE: Amalia Sampson, Tyler Evans, Harry Donaldson, Jura McGill, Lily Beauchesne, Beau Smith, Jasper Szilassy, Sophia Dvorak, Keanu Stewart, Imogen Shute, Tynan Read
KINDNESS: Ledger Martlew, Sithuki Kalugala, Ava Roach, Jordan Hunter, Caitlin Gore, Seth Oaklands, Finn Roach, Lucy McAvaney, Cameron Fuss

Crazy Hair Day

Last Friday the Fundraising Forum held a Crazy Hair Casual Day to raise funds for our World Vision Child.

Everyone really got into the spirit of the day and some of the hairstyles were incredible. In total the day raised a total of \$447.35 which will be a great addition towards helping our World Vision Child.

Thank you to everyone who donated.



Community Notices

Local Adelaide band
Birdie and the Tweets
presents

Liam loves Christmas!

**A 'Xmas In July' fundraising gig at
The Olive Branch Cafe, Balhannah
3.00 pm, Sunday 19 July, 2015**

What

A mid-winter afternoon of Christmas Music, Christmas Food, Eggnog and Mulled Wine...plus Christmas craft and games for the Kids, and a few sets of (non-Xmas) old favourites for the Adults!

Why

To raise funds and spread the love for 6 year old Littlehampton local Liam Dunn, and other kids just like him, currently fighting childhood cancers.

Cost

Tickets \$7. Proceeds will go to Liam's family and the Childhood Cancer Association.

Bookings

Tickets available at The Olive Branch (8398 0009), or email Sally: sally@freerangetheatrix.com (Get in quick, as the small venue means tickets are limited!)

P.S.

There's no obligation, but you might like to bring a wrapped present to put under the Christmas tree... a little something to cheer Liam up!



Drama Classes for LPS Students



This week you would have received a note home advertising Drama lessons being available for students after school for a fee of \$10 - \$12 per session.

These are being offered by Sally Hardy (Parent/Playwright) during Term 3 and 4 this year, leading up to a Christmas Play concert.

There will be a free 'Come and Try' session for different age groups after school in Week 10 of this term. For more information contact Sally on 0402334413 or email her sally@freerangetheatrix.com to register your interest.