



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 3 2015

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Student Absence or Lateness :

Prior to 9 am

Text 0427 016 460

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

★ Our Gym Continues to Star, and So Do You, ★ our Generous Parent Community! ★

Thank you to all the parents listed on page 2 and to all those who have donated each year towards our Gymnasium Building Fund.

In the next two pages you will see some of the activities we were able to provide for our students in the last 12 months due to your generous contributions.

So far, our parents have donated more than \$14,000 in regular donations, and we also have a generous gold sponsor for \$3,000!

On the downside, our gym hire revenue will be down for 2015 due to the discontinued use by Trinity Church, so for those who have not yet donated... it is not too late, we are relying on you!

Here are a sample of the activities provided in our gym in the last 12 months: Book Week Parade, Sporting Schools basketball clinic, Traffic Safety with Humphrey B Bear, Music is Fun Band, Art Exhibition, Jump Rope demonstration team, The Colonial Show, Wellbeing Performance, Parents and Friends Disco, Sporting Schools Cricket (page2). So thank you parents for making this possible through your generous donations!



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*Family Contributions to our Gymnasium
Thank You!*

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SAPSASA Basketball Report



This year for the first time we were able to enter a girls' basketball team and hope to be able to continue each year to give both boys and girls this opportunity to represent Littlehampton in basketball. On Wednesday 5th August six excited and enthusiastic girls

travelled to Pasadena stadium to compete in the SAPSASA Basketball Knockout competition under the guidance of their wonderful coach James Rattus. The Year 5/6 team consisted of Ava Roach, Caitlyn Gore, Annie Krop, Charli Symons, Karli Roberts and Lilah Hogben. They won 2 games, drew 1 and lost 3. A special thank you to James Rattus for coaching the team and coming in at lunchtimes to train the girls and boys.

The boys' basketball competition was on Thursday August 6th. The Year 6/7 boys team consisted of: Bryce Colotti, Alex Houlahan, Nicholas Possingham, Isaac Warhurst, Kade Harvey, Patrick Littlewood, Isaac Formston-Crilly and Mitchell Streng. They had a very successful day with 5 wins and 1 loss. All the girls and boys played very well displaying both excellent skills and sportsmanship, and represented their school in a commendable manner. A big thank you to Jason Warhurst for giving up his time to coach the boys. Once again we had 100% attendance from families which is incredible, thank you.

This is our final school based event in a very busy SAPSASA year. There are still district tennis and cricket carnivals next term. Thank you to all the students for their enthusiastic participation, special thanks also to parents for helping out with transport, scoring and supporting the students and teachers for your patience and support.



Look What's Happening at Mount Barker High School

Last Wednesday four of our Year 6 Student Leaders were invited to an Appreciative Inquiry Student Summit at Mount Barker High School.



LPS students:
Hannah Squillace, Kayla Riddle, Sam Lanes,
Isaac Warhurst

Following the *Discover, Dream, Design, Destiny* process, students planned their own change initiative that would make a difference to our school, with action plans for getting there. They began with identifying what is already working very well, and considering what their peers, our Year 6/7 students, value deeply. The process was run entirely by Year 11 student leaders and other SRC reps from Mount Barker High (including Jarred Riddell former student.)

Attending were 40 students from other DECD primary schools, who will lead this process in their own schools.



Jason Cavorto and Lauren Grant

Littlehampton staff were greatly impressed with the skills, culture and presentation of the Mount Barker High School students, including the new uniform with blazer.

Thank you! Jump Rope Report

Thank you to all of our students for their efforts in raising \$4394.85 so far plus \$4175.27 online donations towards this great cause. We would like to thank the parents for getting behind their children and helping them obtain sponsors as well as the teachers for your support with this event.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER !

- **Wednesday 9th September: PARENTS & FRIENDS DISCO**
- **Thursday 10th September: SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY FOR SHOW DAY**
- **Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September: MUSIC SHOWCASE**

OSHC Holiday Program



With this newsletter you will find enclosed the Vacation Care Program for the school holidays coming up. If you would like to book into any of these fun activities during the holidays, please make sure that you book early as places are limited. Booking forms are available either at the OSHC or from the front office of the school.

Build up Frequent Father Points By Michael Grose

Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up Frequent Father points, and the benefits for both dads and for kids.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed. He was having some 'dad time' with his kids. Good on him!

Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain him to the kids ('Your dad's very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can't make it.') As well, she'd keep him up-to-date with the children's lives.

Blokes, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids **on their own**. Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads. And the kids usually just love it.

Mothers can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (**Most mums I meet welcome this!**)

Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to **do together** with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling....the list goes on.

It's through shared activity and involvement in kids' lives that dads build up **frequent father points**. It's hard to build good connection with kids when you are not there! **Don't wait until adolescence!** These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I'm not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child's space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

Author's note: Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way.

New Staff

We would like to let our families know that Sam Gray will be our Kitchen Specialist teacher while Sam Butcher is currently on leave for the rest of the year. Also Alister Davies is on long service leave for the rest of Term 3 and has been replaced by Ben Jones. Ben has been working at our OSHC so is already quite well known by a lot of our students.

We welcome you both.

Father's Day Stall

Next week on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September, the student forum groups will hold a Father's Day stall in the bottom lunch shed during the lunch break. There will be lots of small gifts that kids can buy for dad, step-dad or grandad, from \$1 - \$5.



Students in Reception and Year 1 who wish to purchase items will be taken to visit the stall by their class teacher during lesson time, and all others will visit the stall during their lunch play break.

We thank all of the students from the Celebrations Forum, the Activities Construction Forum, and the Kitchen Garden Forum groups who have been busy making gifts to sell. Our Parent Craft group has been busy making items to sell on the stall as well.

So kids bring along some change and a bag to take your gifts home so they can stay secret until Father's Day on Sunday September 6th. Shhh! :-)

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge (as at 24th August). Well done! All of these students will be given a school completion certificate at this week's Assembly and will then receive their official Premier's Reading Challenge Award in November:

Ella Smith, Tahnee Adams, Sophie Nesbitt, Xavier Ormandy, Abbey Carman, Gus Brown, Riley Lucas, Jamieson Adler, Darcy Hutchinson, Alex Lynch, Hannah Squillace, Mikyla Gerrard, Keira Gerrard, Isabel Provis and Jimmy Lynch

For those **students who are yet to finish** – you need to have your completed Reading Challenge form handed into the Resource Centre by **Monday 31st August** – that's this coming Monday!!

Safety Houses no longer Safe

We used to teach kids and families that if they were in trouble they could go to the closest 'Safety House', displaying a sticker with the logo shown on their window or front door. The Safety house program has been struggling due to funding for quite some time, with no funds to check that houses with the stickers were in fact currently certified 'safe'. The SAPOL Crime Prevention team in Mount Barker have informed us that just last week the Safety House program has been shut down. The Council will need to remove signs of any houses still displaying the stickers; but in the meantime we ask that parents/caregivers talk to their children about it at home and decide what processes they will put into place so that children can be safe.



LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OSHC

VACATION CARE

28th September—9th October 2015

(Closed Monday 5th October 2015 for Labour Day)

<p><u>Monday 28th September</u></p> <p>Lunch & Tennis at Miles Park <u>Bring your tennis racquet—Please be at OSHC by 10.30am</u> Spring planting and flower craft</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Monday 5th October</u></p> <p>Public Holiday</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 29th September</u></p> <p>Cultural Day Dreamcatchers & Dragon masks Help make Sushi for Lunch</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 6th October</u></p> <p>Top Secret Spy School Secret code writing, laser avoidance training, nerf guns and more <u>Incursion—Please be at OSHC by 10am</u></p>  <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 30th September</u></p> <p>Adelaide Zoo <u>Please be at OSHC by 9am</u></p>  <p>Zoo</p> <p><u>No spending money please</u> Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 7th October</u></p> <p>Canvas Painting Create your own masterpiece to take home</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>
<p><u>Thursday 1st October</u></p> <p>Children's Choice Anything can happen Thursday as children choose the experiences for the day.</p>   <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Thursday 8th October</u></p> <p>Port River Dolphin Cruise Lunch included—Please see booking form for options <u>Please be at OSHC by 9am</u></p>  <p><u>No spending money please</u> Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>
<p><u>Friday 2nd October</u></p> <p>Mt Barker Cinema— Oddball Lunch at Keith Stevenson Park <u>Please be at OSHC by 9am</u></p>  <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Friday 9th October</u></p> <p>Amazing Race around OSHC Join us for our annual day of group challenges and fun games all around the School. <u>Please be at OSHC by 9am</u></p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>

OPENING TIMES 7AM—6.30PM

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Bookings close Friday 18th September 2015

Book early to guarantee a place as spots are limited and may be booked out before closing date

(Bookings after 18th September 2015 will not be accepted)

Enrolment and Booking forms: <http://www.littlehaps.sa.edu.au/OSHC.htm>