



# Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

# NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 3 2015

## Diary Dates

**Saturday 12th  
September**

**Festival of Music  
Performance  
2.30pm**

**Sunday 13th  
September**

**Tournament of  
Minds Competition**

**Thursday 17th  
September**

**School Assembly  
2.25pm  
Deahnn Copeland's  
Class**

**Wednesday 23rd &  
Thursday 24th  
September**

**Music Showcase  
Evenings 6.30pm**

**Friday 25th  
September**

**Last Day of Term 3  
Assembly at 1.45pm  
Early Dismissal  
2.10pm**

**Monday 12th  
October**

**First Day of Term 4**

## Our School Report Card - NAPLAN 2015

Two weeks ago students brought their NAPLAN results home, and I'm sure parents and students have been eagerly going through the results with their children.

	Year 3 Mean	Year 5 Mean	Year 7 Mean
<b>Numeracy state</b> Australian Mean Score	382.8 397.8	477.7 492.3	537.9 542.6
<b>Numeracy</b> School Score	382.0	479.9	544.7
<b>Reading state</b> Australian Mean Score	416.0 425.8	487.9 498.2	541 545.9
<b>Reading</b> School Score	407.5	483.5	550.7
<b>Spelling state</b> Australian Mean Score	401.8 409.2	498.6 498.1	540.8 546.4
<b>Spelling</b> School Score	400.9	475.4	557.4
<b>Grammar &amp; Punc. state</b> Australian Mean Score	416.3 432.7	491.5 503.8	534.6 541.3
<b>Grammar &amp; Punc.</b> School Score	427.7	475.2	538.9
<b>Writing state</b> Australian Mean Score	398.9 416.3	463.4 478.1	509.3 510.5
<b>Writing</b> School Score	384.4	468.5	524.6

### Highlights 2015

#### Attendance

- Our best attendances were for Year 7, where there was 100% attendance for all tests.
- At Year 3 & 5 level two to four students were absent from each test. These absences include 1 student with a sick certificate for the entire week, 4 students who were absent and had approval for extended holidays, and one who was exempted by the Principal. This is an excellent participation rate, and students and parents are to be congratulated.

Our scores are above the national mean in those areas marked in yellow.

### Highlights - Achievement

- Our best results were for Year 7 where our students performed above the Australian Mean in all areas except for grammar and punctuation.
- Our Writing results are beginning to improve at last after an extended effort by teachers in this area over the past few years. Year 7s results were above the National Mean, no Year 3 students were below National Minimum standards in Writing, and for Year 5 it was also an improvement over last year's results and the results for 2013. (See over page.)



## Positive Psychology and Better Parenting

How can the skills of Positive Psychology improve my life, and help me be a better parent. Staff at Littlehampton Primary School will be running a series of 2 parent workshops on :

**Learn It, Live it, Share it!**

**Dates: Monday 19th October and Monday 2nd November**

**Commences at 7pm**

**Parents are invited to attend these workshops in our Resource Centre**

### 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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16-30 Baker Street, Littlehampton S.A. 5250 Tel: 83911194 Fax: 83982154

## *Year 2 Zoo Snooze Camps*



Congratulations to the Year 2 classes for a very successful overnight 'Zoo Snooze' at the Adelaide Zoo during Week 6.

It was wonderful to get up close to the animals, and to have them all to ourselves at night and first thing in the morning.

We thank the teachers for planning this exciting excursion, and the parents who came along to help: Sam Gray, Jack Hagemann, Kate Hill, Daylan Riddle, Steve Fielding, Brook Gatt, Tamra Haylock, Belinda Bakker and Brianna McAvaney, Kellie Jones.



## *Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser Total*

Well done to all students for the terrific skipping! Together you all raised over \$10,000 for the Heart Foundation and we are currently the highest fundraising school for South Australia.

It is great to see student still skipping at recess and lunch too.

Thank you to Torrin Magill for your drawing of this event.



## *Riding of Bikes/Scooters in School Yard*

We would like to remind students and parents that the riding of Scooters, Bikes, Skateboards by students or siblings is not allowed during the school day. This includes before and after school. We have had a few incidents where the safety of others within the school yard has been put into danger due to this policy not being followed. We thank everyone for their cooperation with this.

## *Bunnings Fundraising BBQ*

We would like to let our school community aware that on Sunday 1st November we are raising funds for our kitchen garden program by running the BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse.



As this is a whole day event, we would like to ask parents for their assistance volunteering on this stall.

There will be various time slots available throughout the day, and the time required would not be any more than 2 hours at a time.

If you are able to help out please let Debbie know in the front office and also what time you would be able to help so that a roster can be made up, so that we are aware of who will be helping out and what time to expect them.

This is a fantastic and fairly easy way to make a great amount of funds towards our Kitchen/Garden program and we thank parents in advance for their support on this day.

## *Thank you to our parent 'Soup' helpers...*

We would like to thank parents who helped us to cook soup and count orders for Soup Day again this term. A giant 'Thank You' to Kerry Camp, Tammy Bands, Alice Possingham and Julie Lynch.

## *...and P & F Hot Food helpers...*

There was much excitement last Friday when it was both Casual Day AND Hot Food Day, run by Parents and Friends. Thank you to Nicole Roberts, Anna Bell, Jessica Szilassy, Lisa Davies, Maureen Liebelt, Tamra Haylock, Rochelle Samwell for providing this special day for our students.

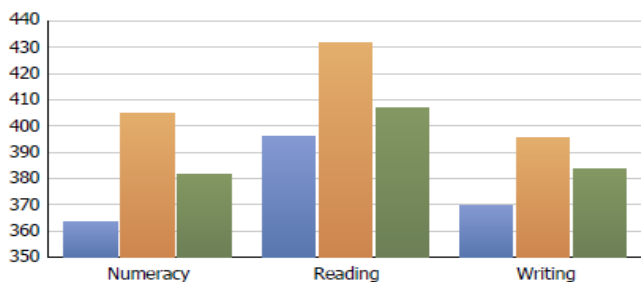
## *...and to our Craft Group members too! !*

Congratulations to Tamra Haylock, Kate Oglanby, Jessica Szilassy, Amanda Pashley, Kelli Schmidt, Val Bubner and Jayne Passmore who have started up a parent craft group and sold their crafts for the first time at the student Father's Day Stall last Thursday and Friday. It was a huge success, and the children really loved having so many wonderful gifts to choose from to spoil Dad and Step-dad.

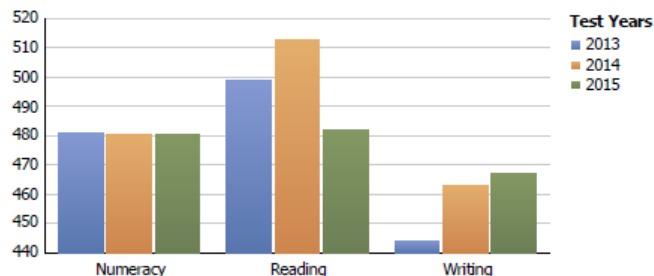
*Well done and thank you!*

**NAPLAN continued..... Results over time**

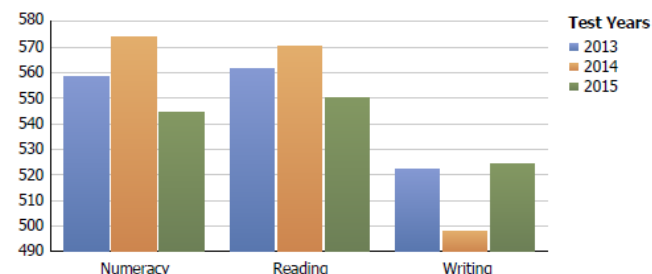
**Year 3 results over time**



**Year 5 Mean Scores over time**



**Year 7 mean scores over time**



**What are the areas of most concern?**

We always like to see our students perform above the National Means, and this did not happen at Year 3 or 5 level, though we were above State means in many areas. Note that we do have students who are receiving support, and we track the progress of these students very carefully.

**High Progress & Achievement**

**High Progress** We always aim to have a greater number of students in the top Band for Progress (Highest 25% nationally), and lower number of students in the bottom band for Progress (lower 25% nationally.) This year our progress does not differ greatly from the norm, except in upper band achievement for Year 7s in Numeracy, where 33% of students achieved in the top band for progress.

**High Progress Year 3 – 5 Reading**

- Jack Bills
- Sarah Culp
- Molly Demasi
- Simone Harnett
- Lilah Hogben
- Lucas Jordaan
- Edward (Jimmy) Lynch
- Alana McDonald
- Sophie Medlin
- Noah Mialaret
- Joshua Miels
- Jayde Reddy
- Poppy Samwell
- Nicholas Streng

**High Progress Year 5 – 7 Numeracy & Reading**

- Tahnee Adams
- Ben Barrow
- Cooper Clarke
- Darcy Hutchinson
- Noah Muster
- Ethan Roberts
- Cai Staunton

**Congratulations to these students for their progress since last sitting the tests!**

**High Achievers** Congratulations to the following students who achieved in the top band of achievement for their year level in one or more areas:

Year 3	Year 5
Emily Bands	Sarah Culp
Theo Bell	Marlee Curnow-Harrold
Isaac Blatchford	Mollie Demasi
Cooper Bowry	Sophie Medlin
Evie Clarke	Noah Mialaret
Charlotte Copping	Mitchell Muster
Nicola Davis	Imogen Smith
Abbey Daws	<b>Year 7</b>
Bella Denton	Tahnee Adams
Noah Dunn	Georgia Amos
Georgia Grant	Georgia Barrow
Eden Hopkins	Cooper Clarke
Corey Johns	Darcy Hutchinson
Brooke Linke	Jade Marshall
Madeleine Little	Isaiah Pollifrone
Jessica Luxon	Nicholas Possingham
Caiden Metcalfe	Ethan Roberts
Claudia Robson-Mullard	Paris Samwell
Tyler Searl	Sophie Schultz
Ashton White	

**Why acknowledge Top Band Achievement?**

DECD has the goal of not just increasing our averages, but of increasing the number of students in the top band, and retaining children in the top band over time.

**Music Showcase Update**

We would like to inform you of an interesting development that has emerged for the Wednesday night Music Showcase. The audience numbers for the Wednesday night are extremely high. To make the seating for this evening more comfortable for you we are suggesting the following possibilities:

- If it doesn't matter which night you attend could you please consider coming on the Thursday evening.
- Would you please consider not bringing young children or students who are not performing on the Wednesday night.
- Please sit any children who are in the audience on your lap.

Thankyou for your overwhelming support for our Music Showcase. Practices are going well and the students are excited about performing for you.

**Students who are performing need to wear school uniform for the evening unless their class has a special note. We do ask that students stay for the entire evening.**

Looking forward to seeing you at our Music Showcase.





## Premier's Reading Challenge News

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

Imogen Smith	
Josh Miels	Kai Zinchiri
Noah Mialaret	Niamh Hill
Brock Stephenson	Paris Samwell
Levi Roberts	Carmen Bubner
Jack Badenoch	Tynan Read
Imogen Meulengraaf	Lachlan Burns
Bailey Camp	Abbey Daws
Holly Taylor-Masson	Emily Bands
Evie Clarke	Jaime Gordon
Georgia Bannister	Jordan Gatt
Nicholas Possingham	Evie Gardiner
Dylan McCauley	Jade Marshall
Cooper Clarke	Simone Harnett
Patrick Littlewood	
Alex Houlahan	
Isaac Formston-Crilly	
Cai Staunton	
Lola Ormandy	
Aster Cassidy	
Max Hartshorne	
Lucy Bubner	
Jonty Longbottom-Burzacott	
Meisha-Jay Read	
Theo Bell	
Will Bollmeyer	
Tane Gordon	

The Premier's Reading Challenge has finished for this year. Our school's information, for those students who have completed the challenge, has been sent to the Premier's Reading Challenge office. You can now look forward to receiving your award in November.

Join Michael Grose for a 4-week online parenting course

### Mood Meter Program for Parents

Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier. The 4-week Mood Meter Program for Parents starts on 11 September. Full details and registration at: <http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/Info/Membership>

## Principal's Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received Principal's Awards During the Week 6 Assembly:

**Including Others:** Bella Denton, Takoda Meerbach, Caitlin Gore

**Respect:** Dylan Lea

**Trustworthy:** Toby Germein, Dhiren Karunanithi-Carter, Patrick Littlewood, Tahnee Adams, Darcy Hutchinson.

**Positive Attitude:** Lola Ormandy, Asha Linke, Bonnie Roy, Fin Gautier, Emma Forbes-Paul, Jackson Heinike, Emmy Roach, Harvey Muster, Keira Guest, Sanujaya Kalugala Hewage Don

**Kindness:** Keira Trevorrow, Ella Smith, Abbey Gray, Jayden Nykamp, Samuel Bakker

**Fairness:** Hayden Hill



## Lost Property & Donations

Is your child missing an item of clothing? If so please come and check out the Lost Property Room to see if it is in there.

We would like to remind parents to name students' clothing with their last name and then their first initial. This way it can be easily identified when our room gets sorted out by our fabulous parent volunteer: Maureen Liebelt. On behalf of the school parents, we would like to thank Maureen for all of your work that she does to return clothing to its owners! We really appreciate it.

Did you want an easy way to label your children's clothing? We currently are running a fundraiser. Head to 'My Name Label' at [www.mynamelabel.com.au](http://www.mynamelabel.com.au) and quote our Fundraising School Code of e3205ce6.

If you have any spare uniform items which you would like to donate to the school please bring them into the front office.

If your child has a need for a change of clothes while at school, and brings home a borrowed piece of clothing, please wash and return items asap. All borrowed clothing will have a 'Littlehampton Primary School - Spare/Borrowed' label on them.

Again we thank everyone for the cooperation in this matter

## *Safety Issues and School Parking Patrols*



We have been generally pleased to see how safely parents pick up and drop off their children at school. There are just a few reminders that make things easier and safer for everyone.

When you enter the 'Kiss and Drop' zone in the morning or afternoon, it is really important to move to the front of the zone so other drivers may enter in behind you. Although you may be the only car in the zone at the time, other cars come up behind quickly and then need to queue on the road, or manoeuvre dangerously past cars in the zone to park in front if there is no space behind. This is particularly a problem on William Street at the moment, where some parents like to pick up and drop off students at the top of the ramp, rather than the front of the 'Kiss and Drop' zone. We ask all parents to please make things run more smoothly by pulling to the front of the queue, and students by waiting to be picked up at the front of the queue rather than at the top of the steps!

Please keep your speed below 25km/hr as the speed sign indicates. Remember that this is an area where children are crossing the road frequently. We also know that some motorists have recently received speeding fines for travelling above 25 km/hr around our school, so please be careful to observe the limits!

Although you may have to wait an extra minute or two to pull in to the 'Kiss and Drop' zone, please do not collect children when your car is still on the road. This causes a very dangerous situation since as cars in front move out of the Kiss and Drop zone, other cars behind pull out around cars stopped on the road, sharing passing space and squeezing through with oncoming local traffic, and putting children at risk of being hit. As staff we often witness 'near-miss' situations which is quite terrifying.

And finally, a reminder that children should all use the 'Safety Door' - the passenger door rather than the rear driver's side door - to enter and leave vehicles, to avoid being hit by passing vehicles.

If you find you are regularly feeling frustrated by the wait to pull in to the 'Kiss and Drop' zone, we recommend coming 5 or 10 minutes later. Children are supervised at Baker and William Street until 3.25 pm, and by 3.20 there are virtually no cars. Parents can pull straight up and collect their children easily at this time. Thank you for keeping our students safe!



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