



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 4 2015

Diary Dates



**Wednesday 11th
November**

Remembrance Day

**Monday 16th
November**

Camp Quality
Puppet Show

**Thursday 19th
November**

School Assembly
2.25pm
Year 1 Classes

**Wednesday 25th
November**

Parents & Friends
Meeting 9am

**Thursday 26th
November**

French Performance
Year 5 to Year 7



**Friday 27th
November**

Pizza Day
Fundraiser

**Friday 4th
December**

Preschool Christmas
Concert &
Community Carols
Evening

Student Absence or Lateness :

Prior to 9 am

Text 0427 016 460

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

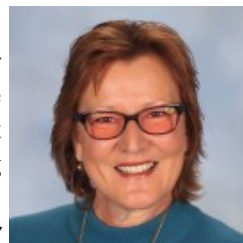
Thanks to our Teachers on World Teachers' Day!

During the week of World Teachers' Day (celebrated on Friday 30 October) It is good to take a minute to recognise our teachers, who make such a major contribution to our school and our students. I know parents really value the teachers, as comments in the parent surveys regularly reflect this. In last year's parent survey it was mentioned multiple times as something Littlehampton does well:



"Has a strong and stable teaching staff who genuinely care for children".

World Teachers' Day was celebrated at Littlehampton by a special morning tea provided by SSOs. We would like to thank all of our teachers for the work they do every day with our children. Thank you to parents who provide positive feedback to the teachers, when they especially appreciate something they have done.

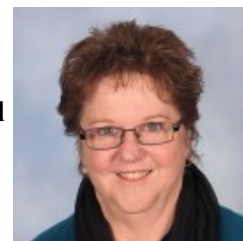


Public Teaching Awards (includes SSOs)

Congratulations to the following teachers and SSOs who were nominated by parents for the Public Teaching Awards in 2015:

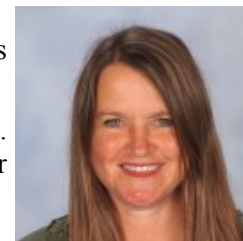


- Leonie Chatfield (Year 6/7 teacher)
- Lorna McLean (Reception Teacher)
- Liz Murphy (PE teacher)
- Janelle Robinson (SSO and Garden Specialist)
- Pauline Bolto (SSO leader of Student support programs)



Each teacher has received a certificate to recognise their nomination, and this year Janelle was shortlisted as a finalist for her category.

We are proud of these teachers and SSOs, and of all our teachers and SSOs. Why not find some time during the next week to thank your child's teacher for something they have done for your child that you have appreciated?



Reminders:

Have you completed your parent survey for 2015? We really value your feedback, and it is used to make plans and improve the school. So far 55 school families have responded online, and 14 Preschool families. We are hoping for double that number. Reminder emails will be sent out to all families, as we have no way of knowing which families have responded. Please ignore, if you have already completed a survey. If you have started, but not yet completed, please complete it, because we do not receive your responses until complete. We know from online data that the average time taken to complete the survey is around 10 minutes.

Class Placement Process: We are currently looking at our class structures for 2016, and have had many new families enrolling in the last week. We thank those families who have let us know if their children will be leaving us at the end of 2015, as that greatly assists with our planning. As outlined last newsletter, if you have important circumstances that you believe need special consideration (such as a request for twins to be in the same or in different classes), please address your concerns in writing, to the Principal, by Friday, 7 November, and mark the envelope "Confidential".



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Bike Education Week

Recently the Year 4&5's all took part in a Bike Education Program. Parents and teachers have noted what a valuable program this is, and everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the chance to learn new skills and how to be safe while riding a bike.



Kitchen Garden Query

Some parents have wondered why students in the Kitchen Garden program are not able to eat all of the treats that they bake every week. This was discussed at Governing Council last week and together we decided it would be worthwhile explaining the reasoning to all families.

Unfortunately the SAKG program and DECD policies are quite proscriptive about sweets. The students can only have dessert once a term as part of the program, and that needs to be fruit or vegetable based. If we did not bake these items, we would be replacing them with another vegetable dish, such as sautéed vegetables or a second salad.

The SAKG committee of parents and teachers decided a number of years ago to give students the opportunity to do baking more regularly, in order to:

- Learn baking and preserving skills, and
- Contribute to the program, in the way of community service.

Students rotate their lessons, so every fifth lesson they bake or preserve. Some of these baking sessions are for the stall and some are eaten by the class (usually savoury baked goods such as pumpkin scones, quiche). This means approximately once every ten cooking classes, or twice a year, the students do not taste what they cook. Some of these students purchase the items from the stall, and others ask for the recipe so they can bake them at home.

This is an act of community service, to give something back to the program and help it to run. This is supported by our Positive Education philosophy, and what research shows us about acts of kindness and generosity being important for our wellbeing. We have found the students to be really happy to contribute to the program in this way when they understand the reasoning.

Parents pay \$36 a year towards the running of the program. Although this is only a small percentage of the costs of running this program, we prefer to keep the costs low for parents and aim to raise the \$13,000 a year shortfall through fundraising. Parents and staff work hard to make this happen, and we thank families for supporting our fundraising efforts! The baked goods for the stall are the students' contribution to this program that we know they value highly.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

On Sunday 1st November, the school held a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings to raise funds towards the SAKG program.

The weather was perfect, and the day was very successful with a total of approximately \$1100 being raised.

This day would not have been as successful without the tireless efforts of our volunteers who helped out on the day.

We would like to thank the following parents and staff:

John Gaff, Sam Gray, Jack Hagemann, Janelle Robinson, Lisa and Sean Hutchinson, Kerry Camp, Andrew Thompson, Grant Davis, Amelia Hayes and Holly, Greg Bell, Margie and Greg Sarre, Suyin and Brian McDonald.



Achievement Awards

What do we value in our school more, wellbeing or achievement?... And how do we know? These were questions asked at a Positive Education Workshop at St Peters College, Adelaide last year. The presenter then outlined that for their school, despite a big focus on wellbeing and Positive Education, almost all merit certificates were given for achievement, not for effort, citizenship, or displaying values.

This challenged my thinking. Until then, I considered our school valued achievement and wellbeing equally, however we give almost no awards for achievement. Parents and teachers love our Principal's Awards, which are for displaying school Super Seven Values, as do I. These awards will continue for the majority of the time. In addition for two or three assemblies each year, teachers will nominate two students from their class for Outstanding Achievement in their classroom tasks. We would anticipate that each one of these students outlined below has also put in a very good effort, worked tough, and improved their thinking with a growth mindset. The awards vary from outstanding achievement in a curriculum area, working hard to complete a lengthy support program such as Multilit, or excellent demonstration of knowledge and skills in a classroom project. Here are our first Achievement Award winners for classroom based tasks. Congratulations to these students who received Achievement Awards at our last assembly:

Elijah O'Keefe	Georgie Schultz	Dylan McCauley
Mitchell	Owen Hart	Harriet Copping
Muster	Emily Bands	Noah Rose
Imogen Smith	Madeline Little	Noah Dunn
Emma McLean	Charlotte Copping	Lucy Hong
Seth Ormandy	Evie Clark	Aster Cassidy
Beau Riddle	Olivia Palmer	Sophia Jeitner
Baylee Pashley	Sara Culp	Lucy Bubner
Annalese Gore	Niamh Hill	Rupert Curran
Caylee Eichler	Keira Trevorrow	Sophia Dvorak
Theo Bell	Judd French	Samuel Grant
	Asha Linke	

Free Furniture

It's that time again! We need to clear out our furniture shed before new furniture arrives in a few weeks. We welcome families to help themselves to any furniture stacked outside the music room from Friday onwards. It is mostly student tables and chairs, some in very good condition. There are also 2 teacher desks. We invite you to bring your trailer on the weekend and load up!



Staffing for 2016 Staff appointments and Farewells

The staffing process for 2016 is not yet finalised, however we do have an update about some staff. We will be sorry to see a number of our valued staff go as they are appointed to other sites, and new staff have been appointed to our school.

Leaving:

Alison Marsh, our Coordinator who has led our staff in the implementation of the new curriculum, will be leaving us. She has been working at Littlehampton for the last 3 years. Hers was a tenured position, and her time with us will be up at the end of this year. She has been appointed to Hahndorf Primary School for 2016.

Candice Perkins has been with us for just one year working in our two Year 3 classes. She has been appointed to an ongoing position at Meadows Primary School.

Helen Forrest has been taking Reception classes at Littlehampton for the last four years. With fewer Reception classes in 2016 she will be leaving us at the end of the year. We thank her for her great teaching and contribution to our school.

Jenny Crossley has announced her retirement, after 43 years of teaching. She has supported all teachers in their teaching of Inquiry topics, and has had an outstanding impact on implementation of the History and Geography curriculum.

New Staff... or continuing staff:

Congratulations to Margie Sarre who won her position as Deputy Principal for another 5 years.

Nathan Sanders has won the position of Assistant Principal. This is a new position at our school, and this role will be supporting curriculum and similar to the role Alison Marsh has taken, with a classroom teaching role. In Nathan's case he will be teaching 3 days a week with 2 days of release to lead teachers through curriculum change in using Information and Communication Technologies, a new area of priority for our school from 2015—2017. Nathan's appointment is for 5 years.

James Murray has been appointed in an ongoing position to take the place of Gillian Bevan who left earlier in the year. James has been teaching in Cambrai Area School, mainly in the Junior Primary.

Tara Herewane will also be joining us for 2016, appointed into the Junior Primary School from Long Street Primary School in Whyalla.

It is important to note that the staffing process is not yet finalised. We hope to be able to give parents a complete picture of our staffing by around Week 8 of term.

Apologies

An apology goes to Sophia Jeitner whose name was inadvertently left off the list of students who Achieved in the top band in their year level in one or more areas in the NAPLAN tests, (see Term 3 Week 8 newsletter).

Text Messages Sent

Last Thursday the school sent out a test text message via the MGM messaging system. This is our means of contacting you should the school be closed for the day due to extreme fire danger. If for some reason you did not receive this text please contact Debbie Jackson on 8391 1194 so that your contact details can be updated and corrected. Thank you.

Butterfly Bench for Jill Revilla

Many of you will have already seen the beautiful bench in the Preschool front garden, made and installed last week by Chris from *Blue Temper Ironworks* in Victor Harbour. We thank the many families who sent along a donation for this project in memory of Jill, and we welcome you to come along and admire the bench at any time. We will be giving all students who were taught by Jill in the Preschool an opportunity to visit the bench with their class in Week 7, to share their memories of Jill and place a stone under the beautiful sculpture created by the Preschool students under the direction of volunteer parent artist Tania Kunze, to be completed in the coming weeks. We thank Tania for the many hours she has donated to this project! We would also like to thank Jack Hagemann who made the jarrah seat for the bench, Nigel Carmen for kindly laying the cement slab at no cost to the school and our Parents and Friends group for initiating this project and for their significant financial contribution.

If you would like to join your child's class in remembering Jill, please see their class teacher closer to Week 7 to enquire about their specific time slot, or contact Margie Sarre.



Snake Update

Parents will be aware that last week there were several snakes spotted in our school grounds, and that two snakes were taken away by a snake catcher. You will be interested to know that there have been no further sightings this week. We are continuing to monitor the situation, and Janelle Robinson is doing a thorough check of our gardens each day to make sure the areas are safe for children. Please make the time to discuss with your children what to do if they ever see a snake, whether at school or elsewhere: stay calm, do not approach the snake or make any sudden movements, stand still until the snake moves away, then back away from the snake slowly if safe and send for adult help.

Drama Production

Littlehampton Drama Students from CPC to year 7 are proudly presenting their own Christmas comedy: *An AGM @ Santa's HQ*. The performance will be held at 7pm on Friday 27th November in the school gymnasium. Entry will be by gold coin and all are welcome. For more information please contact Sally Hardy on sally@freerangetheatrix.com.

2016 OSHC Enrolments

We would like to let parents/caregivers know that enrolments for before and after school care are now open. Please contact Kathryn Schultz on 8391 4742 for further information and forms.

Have your Say Littlehampton & Blakiston Plan

If you missed the Community Consultation meeting at Littlehampton Primary School yesterday, please consider dropping in to the community consultation session at Littlehampton Market on 14 November.

You will find Penny Worland knowledgeable and informative, and great to chat to about possibilities and future plans. She is genuinely interested in hearing what facilities your family would value, and how to make existing facilities more user friendly. Make the most of this opportunity to have an impact in our community!

Pastoral Support Worker.... Kate Oglanby

Kate Oglanby has been working as our Pastoral Support Worker for 4 years now. As part of our regular funding agreements, we consult and seek feedback on an annual basis on the Pastoral Support Worker's Role, and Kate's work in particular. If you have any comments or feedback, could you complete the feedback form below and return it to the school by 20 November.

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| • I am aware of the work that Kate does in the school. | Yes | No |
| • I have met Kate or my child has spoken about Kate. | Yes | No |
| • I consider the CPS worker plays a valuable role in our school. | Yes | No |

Feedback _____