



Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 4 2015

Diary Dates

**Wednesday 25th
November**

Parents & Friends
Meeting 9am

**Friday 27th
November**

P&F Pizza
Fundraising Day

**NO LUNCH
ORDERS FROM
ON THE RUN ON
THIS DAY**

**Monday 30th
November**

Governing Council
Meeting 7pm

**Tuesday 1st
December**

Lap, Multitilt, Fun &
Games Celebrations
12 noon.

**Wednesday
Thursday 2nd and
3rd December**

Year 5 to Year 7
French
Performances

**Friday 4th
December**

Preschool Christmas
Concert and
Community Carols
Evening

**Wednesday 9th
December**

Volunteers
Thankyou Morning
Tea 10.45am

Student Absence or Lateness :

Prior to 9 am

Text 0427 016 460

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



Great Work Team! Fundraising for Little Heroes \$1483.60 raised!

Thanks to students and school families for a fantastic fundraising event, our final student fundraising forum event for the year.

Fundraising forum members supported by the Year 6 and 6/7 classes baked home baked goodies and prepared a host of sweet treats for sale on "Sweet Treats Day". Our fundraising forum leaders Ben and Georgia also made "Team Liam" badges to sell for a \$5.00 donation. This was so popular that orders continued to roll in after the deadline, and we ran out of supplies. This fundraising event was chosen especially to show our support for Liam Dunn, a Year 1 student who has missed a lot of school this year due to childhood leukemia. "Little Heroes" is an organisation that has supported Liam and his family. I would especially like to thank the Year 6/7 students who overwhelmingly supported this event, with over 30 students and their teachers volunteering to bake goodies to sell, and Debbie and Sandy and Sam who worked out how to use the badge making machine, and helped with admin. This was followed up by a visit from Camp Quality Puppets, a group who provided fun and fantastic education to the whole school on the tricky topic of cancer.



Go Liam! Team Liam!



School Surveys: What Do You Think of Us?

Thankyou to all the parents who took the time to provide feedback in the parent surveys this year. You will note that 72 parents completed the surveys. Once again we asked parents to list three things they consider Littlehampton does well, some things to improve, as well as ideas seen elsewhere. We value your feedback highly, and your suggestions for improvement are considered carefully by staff and Governing Council

What do parents value about our school? The following were mentioned multiple times by parents:

- Buddies system
- Sense of Community, including fundraising events
- Children feel safe and happy
- Broad and balanced curriculum offerings
- Great staff who care for kids
- Extra curricula options such as TOM
- Music and specialist Programs
- Positive Education
- Children behave well, supported by good discipline
- SAKG



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Children, please take care

Recently our lovely birdbath in the dragon seat area outside Mrs Forrest and Mrs French's classrooms was damaged, and mosaic tiles have been pulled off. We think it may have been accidental, but we are really sad about it since it was made especially for our school by local artist Irene Pearce. Please ask your children to be extra careful when playing near this birdbath and other school artworks, such as the sculptures made by students in recent years. Also please remind your school children and pre-schoolers that there is no climbing of trees at school, and to be careful of plants in the garden, since some of these have also been damaged in this area.

Thank you for your help in keeping our school property in excellent shape!

We remember Jill Revilla

Next Wednesday children from Years 2-7 will have the opportunity to share their memories of Jill Revilla, our much-loved Preschool teacher of 18 years who sadly died last year. Students who were taught by Jill will be invited to come to the front of the Preschool, to view the new butterfly bench and sculpture, to speak to their classmates about their memories of Jill and to place a stone at the base of the sculpture in Jill's memory if they wish (stones provided). Parents are welcome to join their child's class. If you would like to do this, please find out from your child's class teacher the time they will be visiting the Preschool.

Littlehampton Primary School Carols Evening

Friday December 4th

BYO picnic 5pm on the oval
Carols 6pm

led by the 'Singing into the Community' student forum group

Stay after to socialise
from 6 to 7.30pm

Free of charge! Just come and have fun. Join in some Christmas Karaoke. Feel free to bring your favourite Christmas song on iPod or cd for us to play for all. Wear Christmas colours and throw on a bit of tinsel. :-)
Families of LPS students all welcome.



See next newsletter for more information about food and drink available for purchase at the carols evening.

Please note that parents will need to attend with their children, as this event is not supervised by teachers.
No glass containers please.

We hope you can come!

SAPSASA Tennis

Congratulations to Jemma Lawson, Ethan Roberts and Anders Hall who were selected in the Barker District Tennis Team to compete at the State Championships during Week 4 of this term. They were in Division 1 so were playing against a high standard of tennis. They each achieved success in winning some of their sets and gained valuable experience in playing at this standard. Well done to all three students who represented Littlehampton and our district well.

Christmas Gifts Stall

Our Parent Craft Group and student forums have been very busy this term creating some wonderful Christmas Gifts.

These low cost gifts will be on sale for children to purchase for family and friends during lunchtimes on Thursday 3rd December and Friday 4th December.

Prices for gifts range in price from \$1 up to \$5 each.

Collection for the Salvos

Our school is collecting non perishables to donate to the Salvation Army. If you would like to donate an item please bring it into the front office and place it in the box provided. We thank you for your support.



Celebrating with our Aboriginal Students

On 4 November I had the pleasure of accompanying our Aboriginal students to the "**Just Too Deadly Awards**" at Auchendarroch. Congratulations to Deven West who won the achievement award for his persistence and achievements in playing the trumpet. He also was filmed earlier playing the trumpet, and presented this solo on the big screen.

Other students to achieve awards were Tye West, who was honoured as a Year 7 student graduating this year, and Tye and Deven West, Will and Keira Trevorror for 0 unexplained absences in the past year.



It was a day of celebration for Tynan, Meisha-Jay and Ayla Read, all of whom appear in this photo. We would like to congratulate all of these students for their excellent efforts during the past year.

What Do You think of Us..... School Surveys cont.

The surveys results are outlined in full here. The right hand chart indicates how parents have responded over the past 3 years, and the left hand, for students in the past two years. Scores for both surveys over 4.0 out of a possible 5 indicate that parents (or students) consider we are doing this very well, and these have been shaded in yellow. Each year we take the opportunity to ask parents some school specific questions that will help us with our planning. This appears at the top. This year scores are generally higher than last year, though there are some notable exceptions. We are especially concerned about the student response to the statement “*I can talk to my teachers about my concerns*”. Further analysis shows the while 65% of students agree or strongly agree with this statement, 24% neither agree nor disagree, and 13% disagree or strongly disagree. This is an area staff will be looking to address in the next year. Other areas for improvement from the parent survey and comments are:

- Knowing about the strategies used by teachers in Positive Education
- Keeping parents informed and seeking their opinion
- Recognising Academic Achievement
- Communications, including via email
- Oval maintenance
- Recognising indigenous perspective in history
- Technology programs– more computers
- Uniform policy
- Several comments and questions on the French program (which will be addressed in more detail next year)
- Relief teachers... wish for not so many. (This will also be addressed in more detail in a future article)

The survey also included two complaints of a relatively serious nature, and we would encourage the parents who made this complaint to contact the school as we are keen to do something about it.

Parent Survey, and Year	2013	2014	2015
2013 : 80 respondents, 2014: 67 respondents , 2015: 72 respondents			
I think Littlehampton PS does a good job of keeping me informed and seeking my opinion	4.1	3.8	3.6*
Littlehampton Primary School does a good job of teaching my child mathematics	4.0	3.8	3.8
My child talks about their learning at home	3.4	3.2	3.5
The report format provides accurate information about my child's education	3.6	3.7	3.8
The teacher's comments on the school report provide helpful advice and show a deep knowledge of my child	4.2	4.0	3.8
I know about the strategies used by my child's class teachers in the area of Positive Education/Positive Psychology and understand the reasons they are used : 3 good things, mindfulness and gratitude	3.8	3.3	3.2*
I think Littlehampton Primary School fosters a strong and supportive community	4.3	4.1	4.1
As a result of the SAKG program I've seen an improvement in healthy eating and wellbeing for my child	3.7	3.4	3.4
I think the SAKG program is beneficial to my child's learning in sustainable gardening and/or science	4.3	4.1	4.2
New Question 2015 I think LPS provides well for the students in the area of Information and Communication Technologies			3.7

The questions above are school generated questions to gain information on school specific goals. Below are questions from the National Survey designed to be completed by all schools in Australia.

Note that 45% of the parents surveyed this year either agree or strongly agree with the statement As a result of the SAKG program I have seen an improvement in healthy eating and wellbeing for my child. This is very high!

Student Surveys, for students in Yrs 4-7	2014	2015
Number of students answering the survey	107	144
My teachers provide me with useful feedback about my school.	5.5	4.6
Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	4.0	4.1
My school is well maintained.	3.9	4.0
I feel safe at school.	3.9	4.1
I feel safe at my school.	4.2	4.3
I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.	3.7	3.6*
Student behaviour is well managed at my school.	3.6	3.7
I like being at my school.	4.1	4.2
My school looks for ways to improve.	4.1	4.2
My school takes students opinions seriously.	3.6	3.7
My teachers motivate me to learn	4.2	4.3
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.	4.2	4.2

Parent Survey cont....	2013	2014	2015
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best	4.3	4.2	4.3
Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about his or her school work	4.0	3.8	3.8
Teachers at this school treat students fairly	4.2	3.8	4.0
This school is well maintained	4.2	4.3	4.3
My child feels safe at this school	4.4	4.3	4.5
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns	4.5	4.3	4.3
Student behaviour is well managed at this school	4.1	3.9	4.1
My child likes being at this school	4.6	4.4	4.4
This school looks for ways to improve	4.2	4.1	4.2
This school takes parents opinions seriously	4.0	3.8	3.8
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn	4.3	4.0	4.1
My child is making good progress at this school	4.3	3.9	4.2
My child's learning needs are being met at this school	4.2	3.8	4.0
This school works with me to support my child's learning	4.2	3.6	4.0

Scoring: 1 Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Don't know or neither disagree or agree, 4 Agree, 5 Strongly Agree. A score of 4.0 or more is very good.

Parents & Friends Christmas Raffle

Parents & Friends will be holding a Christmas Raffle, with all prizes kindly donated by local businesses. We thank these businesses for their support and ask in return, that if you are able to support these businesses, please do.

Tickets are available to purchase from the front office, the Littlehampton Vet Clinic and Paul Amos. The prizes will be on display at the Carols Evening on December 4th and we hope to sell lots of tickets at this event!

There are over 7 prizes with 1 major prize up for grabs as well as 4 Lucky Envelope draws.

Ticket prices are:

Major Prize Draw:
Purchase 3 tickets for \$5.00

Other Prizes: Tickets: \$1.00 each.

Lucky Envelopes: \$1.00 each



*Tickets will be drawn
on the last Thursday of the term
10th December*

Re-usable Snack Bags for sale

Are you looking for a great way of supporting 'Wipe-out-Waste' forum's goal for 'No Rubbish' lunches.

Why not try a reusable snack bag. Heidi Kumnick (one of our talented parents) creates reusable snack bags in a variety of sizes, colours and designs.

The are free of BPA, Phthalate, Lead, Latex and Heavy Metals and can be washed daily.

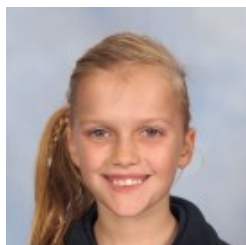
Prices range from:

Large \$15 Medium \$12 Small \$7

Heidi Kumnick will be selling these items at the Garden Stall each Thursday for the rest of the year.

If you would like to see what they look like jump onto Heidi's business facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ReusableSNACKBAGS2
Or call her on 0407 970153



Congratulations to Charlotte McAvaney: State Trampolinist.

Charlotte McAvaney trains at Marion 4 days a week as a Trampolinist in the Junior Elite Talent Squad. She has recently made the State team and will start preparing for the National Championships in 2016 during Term 2.

She will compete in Melbourne for 1 week in both the individual and synchronised events against other state teams from all over Australia.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA



The staff of Littlehampton Primary School appreciates the

many ways in which parents/caregivers of our school provide assistance to us and the children

We would like to say
THANK YOU
by inviting you to **MORNING TEA**
on **WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

at 10.45 am in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

We would like to see you there

To help with catering needs, please reply to the Front Office by Wednesday 2nd December 2015 if you plan to attend

Music Lessons 2016

Our school provides a variety of Music Lessons which are taught by visiting Specialist Music teachers. If you are interested in finding more out about this please contact the following people:

Piano/Keyboard/Guitar: Peter Beeby

Any parents who would like to enrol their child in piano, keyboard or guitar lessons for 2016 please contact Peter Beeby on 0431 151 104 or email pbeeby@gmail.com. The cost is \$25 for a 30 minute individual lesson (to be paid per term).

Lessons are conducted during school hours.

Vacancies are limited so it is best to enrol early.

Drums: Shane Cox

Lessons are held on Monday afternoons . Lessons start at \$22 for a 30 minute individual lesson. Phone: 0411174151

Brass and Woodwind: Ray Sadler

Ray provides half hour lessons for interested people on a Tuesday at the school. Costs are \$15 per half hour for individual lessons or \$10 per half hour for a shared lesson. Phone:0412034930



Littlehampton Primary School OSHC

Vacation Care Program

Monday December 14th - Friday 18th December 2015 , Monday 4th January—Friday 29th January 2016
 (Closed From 19th December 2015—3rd January 2016)

<p><u>Monday 14th December</u></p> <p>Christmas Decorations</p>  <p>Ornaments to take home. Plus 2016 calendars</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 15th December</u></p> <p>Hahndorf Farm Barn</p>  <p>Please be at OSHC by 9am</p> <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 16th December</u></p> <p>Xmas Cooking</p> <p>Baking gingerbread for home Christmas art & craft Belonging—how our families celebrate Christmas Please bring Christmas family photos from home</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Thursday 17th December</u></p> <p>Christmas Presents</p> <p>Come and make your family Christmas presents.</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Friday 18th December</u></p> <p>Movie/Disco</p> <p>Join other OSHC's from the hills for a movie /disco day at the Mt Barker Cinema. Advanced Screening of 'Snoopy & Charlie Brown'</p> <p>Please be at OSHC by 9am</p> <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>
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We wish you a happy Christmas and a safe New Year. We will see you on the 4th of January.

<p><u>Monday 4th January</u></p> <p>Show & Tell</p> <p>Bring along your favourite Xmas presents.</p> <p>Bring Electronic Games We will also be playing 'Game Shows'</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 5th January</u></p> <p>Water Fun</p> <p>Wear your bathers. Bring a towel & shoes you can get wet</p> <p>Water Relays & Games Coloured water craft</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 6th January</u></p> <p>Mt Barker Cinema 'The Good Dinosaur'</p> <p>Please be at OSHC by 9am</p>  <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Thursday 7th January</u></p> <p>Cubbies</p> <p>Bring from home boxes, old sheets, old blankets & tents to spend the day making cubbies</p> <p>Plus bring your favourite teddy for our Teddy Bear Picnic</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Friday 8th January</u></p> <p>Slot Cars at Lobethal</p> <p>Recess: Balhannah Playground Lunch: Woodside Playground</p> <p>Please be at OSHC by 8.30am</p> <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	
<p><u>Monday 11th January</u></p> <p>Water Fun</p> <p>Wear your bathers. Bring a towel & shoes you can get wet</p> <p>Bring your water pistols Plus messy play</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 12th January</u></p> <p>Plaster Painting</p> <p>Using molds from the Plaster Planet in Nairne, paint and decorate your own amazing creation to take home</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 13th January</u></p> <p>Wellbeing Day</p> <p>Make your own moody cow jar Yoga with Sam Stress balls, fill your bucket</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Thursday 14th January</u></p> <p>Cinderella</p> <p>Pantomime at Stirling Theater Come dressed as your favourite fairy tale character</p> <p>Recess/Lunch at Stirling Park Please be at OSHC by 8.30am</p> <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Friday 15th January</u></p> <p>Tie Dying</p> <p>Please bring a white cotton T shirt to tie dye.</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	
<p><u>Monday 18th January</u></p> <p>Laygo Lego</p> <p>Come and check out the huge lego we have today for all your building fun. Everything you need to create.</p> <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 19th January</u></p> <p>Music Day</p> <p>Bring in your musical instruments for a jam session Make your own music shaker</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 20th January</u></p> <p>Inflatable World Morphett Vale Lunch at Jubilee Park</p> <p>Please be at OSHC by 8.30am</p> <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Thursday 21st January</u></p> <p>Water Fun</p> <p>Bring bathers, a towel & shoes you can get wet</p> <p>Slip n Slid fun Plus painting</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Friday 22nd January</u></p> <p>Sun Catchers</p> <p>Come and make these beautiful creations</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	
<p><u>Monday 25th January</u></p> <p>Australia Day</p> <p>BBQ Lunch provided Cricket, Australian craft, Australian games</p> <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p>Closed</p>		<p><u>Wednesday 27th January</u></p> <p>Photo Booth</p> <p>Come and try on our crazy costumes. Have your photo taken in Kate's Photo booth Plus Giant Board Games</p>  <p>Cost \$50 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Thursday 28th January</u></p> <p>Bumper Bowling Cross Road Bowls</p> <p>Please be at OSHC by 9am</p>  <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>	<p><u>Friday 29th January</u></p> <p>Water Slide</p>  <p>Wear your bathers. Bring a towel & shoes you can get wet</p> <p>Cost \$65 Less CCB&CCR</p>

OPENING TIMES 7AM—6.30PM

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Bookings close Friday 4th December 2015

Book early to guarantee a place as spots are limited and may be booked out before closing date
 (Bookings after 4th December 2015 will not be accepted)

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