



# Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

# NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 4 2015

## Diary Dates

### Friday 4th December

Preschool Christmas Concert and Community Carols Evening

### Monday 7th December

Parents & Friends Fun Day  
Rec - Year 2 (School Based)  
Year 3 - Year 7 (Woodside Pool)

### Wednesday 9th December

Volunteers Thankyou Morning Tea 10.45am

### Thursday 10th December

Parents & Friends Thankyou Morning Tea 11am

Year 7

Graduation Night 6pm

### Friday 11th December

Last day of Term 4  
**Final Assembly 1pm**  
**EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15PM**



*Thank you to all parents and community members who volunteered in the school in 2015!*

One of the key features of our school is the number of parents and community members who give of their time and their talents to support our students

through volunteering in our school. The staff and families at Littlehampton feel very blessed, and we know that there are hundreds of schools out there that would give anything to have the level of community support for their schools that we receive from you. Two groups once again need special mention.



## Thank you to Parents and Friends

During 2015 the Parents & Friends Group have been very busy providing community events and fundraising for the school. Events run included: Hot Food Days, Casual Days, Sausage Sizzles at Sports Day, School Disco, as well as running the Second Hand Uniform Sales and providing a 'Tea & Tissues' morning tea to all of our new and existing parents of the school and providing sandwiches to students without lunches. I think you will agree our Parents and Friends group plays a very important role in Building our Community.



With these funds that are raised by the support of our school community the Parents & Friends Group have been able to pay for our Reading Eggs Program, give an annual donation to our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

Garden Program, and pay for our school 'fun days' at the end of each year. We would like to thank the Parents & Friends for all their hard work and for volunteering their time to support our school.



## Governing Council

We would like to thank the members who have been on our Governing Council for 2015. This year we had many new members, who at this stage are beginning to become old hands. We thank all members for their hard work and would like to especially thank Jessica Caire who will be leaving us to move interstate. In 2016 there will possibly be some positions vacant. If you are interested in being part of the Governing Council in 2016 please contact Jenny Lewis at the school. This applies to new Preschool families for 2016 too.

## 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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## *Principal's Awards*

During our Week 6 assembly the following students were awarded for their efforts a Principal's Award. Congratulations to everyone.

**Including Others:** Jaime Gordon, Archer Hawkins, Connor Blakemore, Alex Lynch and Kate Worthley

**Respect:** Mia bishop, Nicholas Paech, Tyler Martin, Dylan Lea, and Samuel Passmore

**Valuing Others:** Sienna Van Den Ende, Lateisha Holt, Lily Brown and Jayde Reddy

**Positive Attitude:** Ethan Shultz, Izac Hooper, Summer Henderson, Jay Meulengraaf, Jay Searl, Valentina Fimmano, Tane Gordon, Brayden Muhlhausler, Daniel Van Der Merwe, Hugo Owen, Cooper Owen, Jack Pallant and Ella Rice

**Kindness:** Torrin McGill, Charlie Stradiotto, Bryce Van Eck Braine and Hannah Gray

**Fairness:** Annika Hall and Jack Bills

**Achievement:** Nicholas Collins, Devon West and Judd French.

## *Class Structure 2016*

We are now in a position to let parents know our class structure and teachers for 2016. You will notice not all the teachers have been appointed, and there are still a few spots yet to fill. (The teacher librarian for the year, and a one term appointment for PE teacher, as Liz Murphy will be taking leave during Term 1.)

I also have to announce that Simon Munt will be leaving us. After 14 years at Littlehampton Simon will be taking a more permanent break from teaching and will be pursuing other interests. I would like to thank Simon for his contribution to Littlehampton over many years, and many parents and former students will attest to the huge impact that he has had on students during his time at Littlehampton.

Parents will note from the list below that there have been a number of teachers appointed since the update in the newsletter in Week 4.

Lynne Asquith comes from Hahndorf primary school, and is appointed into a one year position in Simon Munt's place. Lynne taught at Littlehampton Primary School prior to 2008. Jodie Ellery will be tandem teaching with Alister Davies (who next year will be teaching 3 days a week), until Term 2 when Narelle Thomas will return.

<b>Class 1</b>	Room 5	Year 6/7	Debbie Taylor
<b>Class 2</b>	Room 7	Year 6/7	Leonie Chatfield
<b>Class 3</b>	Room 6	Year 5/6	Nathan Sanders Assistant Principal (3 days) Judy Tremaine (2 days)
<b>Class 4</b>	Room 8	Year 5	Julie Claridge
<b>Class 5</b>	Room 11	Year 4	Alison Bishop
<b>Class 6</b>	Room 12	Year 4	Alister Davies (3 days) Narelle Thomas (2 days)* T2-4 Jodie Ellery Term 1
<b>Class 7</b>	Room 10	Year 3	Lynne Asquith
<b>Class 8</b>	Room 15	Year 3	Danielle Stone
<b>Class 9</b>	Room 16	Year 2/3	Sara Weston
<b>Class 10</b>	Room 14	Year 2	Sue Close (4 days) Teacher (1 day)
<b>Class 11</b>	Room 13	Year 2	James Murray
<b>Class 12</b>	Room 3	Year 1	Helen Kupczynski
<b>Class 13</b>	Room 4	Year 1	Brigitte French 4 days Suyin McDonald 1 day
<b>Class 14</b>	Room 5	Year 1	Tara Herewene
<b>Class 15</b>	Room 2	R	Deb Tarca 3 days Kelly Shute 2 days
<b>Class 16</b>	Room 1	R	Lorna McLean
<b>Preschool</b>			Evelyn Lam Lisa Weidenbach Jason Fishers
<b>Specialists</b>		PE French Music Art Library	Liz Murphy* New teacher T1 Sarah Slee Sue Lohmeyer Alison Saunders New teacher

### *Littlehampton Primary School Carols Evening*

**Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

BYO picnic 5pm on the oval  
Carols 6pm

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

Stay after to socialise—

we'll have music until 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. There may even be a special visitor.**

**There will be a coffee stall running on this evening "Coffee Your Way".**

**Large Coffees: \$4.00 Small Coffees: \$3.50**

**With a small selection of muffins or cakes also available for purchase for \$1**



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!**

## *Littlehampton Preschool Survey Results*

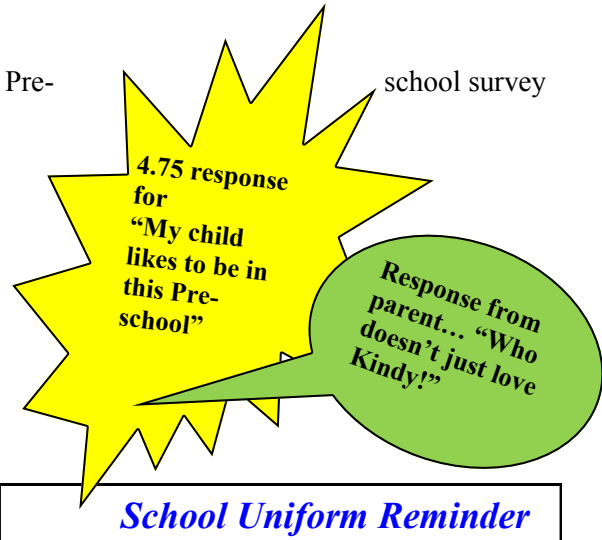
<i>Question</i>	<i>Score out of 5</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Score out of 5</i>
The teachers let me know how well my child is doing	4.1	My child likes being at this preschool	4.75
The interviews offered in May & November provide useful information about my child's progress	4.1	This preschool fosters a sense of belonging	4.5
The child profile folder provides useful information about my child's learning	4.3	This preschool encourages children to have a sense of pride in their achievements	4.3
I am giving the opportunity to provide information about my child's learning	4.3	My child talks about or demonstrates their learning at home	4.1
I am given the opportunity to be involved in the preschool	4.3	I am confident that my child would receive support for any special needs	4.5
I am given the opportunity to have a say in matters about this preschool	3.7	My child demonstrates a positive attitude towards challenges in their learning	4.3
I am aware that parents have the opportunity to be involved in ... Governing Council, Parents & Friends	3.8*	Staff provide positive learning experiences ....in social and learning activities	4.4
I am satisfied with the information provided about the preschool program and events eg. newsletters and Facebook page	4.1	This preschool allows time and space for children ...in both individual and collaborative pursuits	4.3
The preschool is always looking to improve what it does	4.5	Staff respond to children's evolving ideas and interests to guide planning and challenge children's thinking	4.25
Staff interactions with my child are positive, responsive & build trusting relationships	4.3	The preschool program takes into account my child's interests, capabilities and strengths	3.9*
The preschool has a family friendly environment which encourages open communication	4.4	Children know how they are expected to behave at preschool	4.3
I am comfortable approaching the preschool staff about my child's progress	4.4	This preschool supports my child by providing continuity of routines and experiences	4.5
The preschool has been well organised this year	4.3	The preschool environment is interesting and stimulating	4.5
Overall I am satisfied with the preschool's planning	4.2	The preschool environment is safe and supportive	4.5

### *Preschool Survey—Thanks for your Response*

Thankyou to the 16 Preschool families who responded to our annual Preschool Survey. While the response was a lower than we would have liked, the results affirm our Preschool with extremely high scores for most areas. I have lifted the bar for the preschool with highlighting those 4.3 or above out of a 5 point scale as strengths (for the school it was 4.0 or above.

The survey also helps us identify areas for improvement, and those scores starred are the areas our staff has already begun work on improving, and will be included in our 2016 Preschool Improvement Plan.

Pre-school survey



### *School Uniform Reminder*

We would like to remind people about some of our uniform policies so that you are able to consider carefully when making new purchases over the school holidays.

Please take note of the following requirements, which are sometimes overlooked:

- The only suitable shoes for school are sports sneakers in predominately school colours (small amount of coloured trim is fine), and proper school shoes or sandals.
- Hair Accessories need to be plain without decoration (no stripes/ flowers/ polka dots) in school colours.
- No jewellery. The only exception is plain and small studs or sleeper earrings in silver, gold or school colours.
- School Jumpers: Only the embroidered Littlehampton Jumpers sold from the uniform shop or here at our 2nd hand stall are acceptable. No plain jumpers please, even if they are in school colours.

Please ask at the front office for a uniform policy to check other items.

We thank you for your support in keeping our students looking smart!

### *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**

Peter Beeby on 0431 151 104 or email pbeeb@ gmail.com. Lessons are conducted during school hours.

#### **Drums: Shane Cox**

Lessons are held on Monday afternoons. Phone: 0411174151

#### **Brass and Woodwind: Ray Sadler**

Lessons for interested people are held on Tuesday at the school Phone:0412034930

## ***Parents & Friends Christmas Raffle***

Parents & Friends will be holding a Christmas Raffle, with all prizes kindly donated by the local businesses listed below. 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***

## ***Thank you to our Christmas Raffle Donors***

Littlehampton Primary School would like to thank the following people and businesses for their kind donations and their support towards our Christmas Raffle:

Hair FX  
Mount Barker Pet Care Centre  
Great Eastern Hotel  
Forty-one Hair Studio  
Littlehampton Vet Clinic  
Patrick Smyth (Woolworths)  
Mount Barker IGA  
Lisa Hutchinson  
Grounds for Coffee  
Home Hardware  
Mark Blatchford  
Neds Emporium  
Spuds Petrol  
Mitre 10  
Leanne & Damien Stewart  
The Garden Depot  
Alister Davies  
Artison Wine  
Theresa Fischer  
Foodland  
Barang Gifts  
Pet N Pedigree Dog Grooming  
Mova Hair & Body  
Jo Meerbach

## ***Reports Home Today***

Today the students will be taking home their end of year reports. Please take the time to talk to your children about their reports. You will find the reports give good feedback to the children about the positives, and also feedback for improvement.

### ***THANK YOU***

Littlehampton Primary School and the Parents and Friends would like to thank Castle Capers and Video Ezy Mount Barker for their contribution towards next weeks Fun Day. Video Ezy kindly donated the movies that the Reception to Year 2 students will be enjoying and Castle Capers has provided the fun castles for a discounted price. We really appreciate their support.

## ***Materials and Services Charges 2016 - \$295.00***

In the last few weeks our school families were polled regarding the Materials and Services Charges for 2015. A total of 64 families representing 96 students responded. The result was 58 families representing 83 students in favour of the increase, and 6 families representing 13 students opposed. As a result, the materials and services charges for 2016 will be \$295.00 which is legally recoverable.

2016 School Card application forms will be available from the school office from 1st February 2016. If you believe you meet the requirements you will need to complete a new application form even if you have been approved in previous years. It is important that this is done in the first week of school next year.

Payment of the Governing Council approved gym donation of \$100 is requested prior to 30th June 2016 so that you can take advantage of the tax deductibility in the 2016 financial year.

Year 3 - 7 students will participate in our Kitchen/Garden program and will be invoiced for \$36.00 to help cover this specialised curriculum area.

Rec - Year 5 Woodside swimming will be held from 29th February 2016 to 11th March 2016 and families will be invoice early in Term 1 when accurate costs are known. In 2015 our charges were Rec - Year 2 \$32.00 and Year 3 - 5 \$37.00.

Final costing of the Year 6/7 Aquatic at Murray Bridge on the 17th and 18th March 2016 has not been completed but will be similar to the 2015 charges of \$85.00.

## *Art Excursion and Cluckingham Palace Installation*

### Thanks Chooks

Over terms three and four students from Years 5, 6 and 7 have designed and painted a gratitude sign for the Cluckingham Palace gate. Statements reflecting how students believe the chooks benefit our school and ourselves were created during special art sessions last term. A separate corflute sign says a big thank you to the chooks. This wonderful art work is now on the gate of Cluckingham Palace.

Thanks to Caitlyn Gore, Levi Roberts, Harry Thomas, Sarah Culp, Hannah Gray, Brianna Fimmano, Kayla Riddle, Lilah Hogben, Mollie Demasi, Ava Roach, Saxon Eades, Zach Bell, Karli Roberts, Poppy Montague, Caitlin Bushby, Annie Kropp, Tahnee Adams, Georgia Amos, Nick Possingham, Paris Samwell, Thomas Wilmott, Jack Badenock, Bradley Noske, Amy Jocks, Rachel Odwell, Dylan McCauley and Cai Staunton for their very capable contributions.



### Bush Footy at the Art Gallery of South Australia.

**Tarnanthi** in Kaurna language means ‘to come forth or appear – like the sun and the first emergence of light, or a seed sprouting’. It is the title of a very important exhibition of art by groups of indigenous people from across Australia and the Torres Strait Islands now showing at the Art Gallery of South Australia. 60 students from years 6 and 7 visited the gallery on 19<sup>th</sup> November where they were given a free guided tour and workshop titled ‘Bush Footy’. All students attending the exhibition were asked to write their reflections on their experience. In his reflections Zach Bell wrote ‘Each and every piece of art work had a deep and interesting back story which the guides explained to us. The art work was very emotional – feelings such as sorrow, despair, joy, peace, pride, love and mystery – it’s like the skillful artists have woven or painted their emotions into their art.’

Jed Geary wrote ‘what impressed me most were the thousands of glass yams hung up on the ceiling to remember the devastation wrought by the nuclear bomb testing.’ Kayla said in her reflection that ‘all the art work was beautiful and unique’.



The exhibition is very diverse. The Star Wars display, the painted skirts, the wall flowers, the graffiti art all got favorable mentions by students and comments of surprise about the diversity of subject and the back stories to each work.

They saw dot paintings weavings made with sedges from the River Murray. Darcy wrote ‘What impressed me most were the different dot paintings. There was so much detail in them. The dots were placed carefully and the colors were so vibrant. It filled me with joy to see how much work they had put into creating such pretty art work.’



All were impressed by the woven fish and eel traps by Ngarrindjeri artists Yvonne Koolmatrie who creates elegant woven forms using hand-harvesting river sedge from the banks of the Murray River.



Many students wanted to learn more about her art and the back stories to each work. All were impressed by Bush Footy artists Dinni and Josie. Sophie Schultz wrote 'The stories Ryan told us taught me how the wooden footballers were carved just with an axe from a block of wood from a bean tree.'

Each student took part in 'Bush Footy' workshop given by Ryan. Ben Barrow wrote ' From the stories that Ryan told, I learnt that every year there is a Bush Footy Carnival where aboriginal communities play footy against each other and

that they each have their own team in their community. I was surprised that people decorated their utes and vans in their local colors to support their teams and some had to drive 4 to 5 hours to get to the carnival.'

Each student then used plasticine to make a small model relating to those stories which was put into their own personal box given to them by the gallery and brought back to school. Members from each class have put together a 'Bush Footy' diorama using the students' art works which you can see in our Resource Centre.

In their reflections so many of the students wrote that their only disappointment was that they wanted more time to see and learn more about the art. It is on until mid-January and 'Bush Footy' workshops are running daily throughout the exhibition and all is free for anyone.

Annelise Griggs wrote 'All the art there was unique and I haven't seen anything like it and will definitely be going back to look at it again.'



*Alison Saunders*  
*Art Teacher*