

Littlehampton Primary School and Preschool

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 1 2016



Important Dates

Monday 15th

February

Governing Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 17th

February

Acquaintance Night 5.30pm to 7.45pm
Sausage Sizzle 6pm to 7pm

Thursday 18th

February

School Assembly 2.25pm
Leonie Chatfield's Class

Friday 19th February

Courier Selection Day

Tuesday 23rd

February

LAP, MultiLit & Fun & Games Afternoon Tea
Information Session 2.30pm

Wednesday 24th

February

Courier Cup Practice

Friday 26th February

STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 5 & 6

Swimming Weeks

(Calendar on Back for Class session Times)



Mrs Melcan's Reception Class

We also have 7 new teachers who have joined our staff. They are: Jason Fishers, Preschool teacher, and Thursday teacher with Mrs Close's Year 2 class, Tara Herewane, Year 1 teacher, who joins us from Whyalla, James Murray, Year 2 teacher who has been at Cambrai Area school, Lynne Asquith, Year 3 teacher from Hahndorf, and Deborah Hagger,



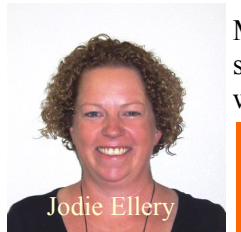
Tara Herewane



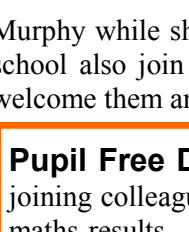
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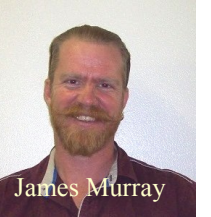
Nathan Sanders



Jodie Ellery



Lynne Asquith



James Murray



Jason Fishers

Welcome Back 2016

Well done to the 430 students, 27 teachers and 17 ancillary staff who have slotted right back into school routines, meaning we're off to a flying start for 2016. This includes 48 eager and confident Reception students, just embarking on their school experience and 51 children in our Preschool.



Ms Deb Tarca & Mrs Kelly Shirte Reception Class

our new teacher librarian and Mr Nathan Sanders, our new Assistant Principal to work in the leadership team (alongside Margie Sarre, Deputy Principal). Nathan teaches a Year 5/6 class from Monday to Wednesday, and the remaining time he undertakes his leadership role in Digital Technologies and 21st Century Learning. We welcome him from Holy Family Catholic School in Parafield Gardens. We would like to also welcome Mrs Jodi Ellery who is standing in for Narelle Thomas while she is on leave in Term 1 and welcome back to Deahnn Copeland who is standing in for Liz Murphy while she is away this term. 20 students new to our school also join us from interstate, and other schools. We welcome them and their families to our school community.

Pupil Free Day Friday 26 February: Staff will be joining colleagues across the district to look at improving maths results. This includes Preschool teachers who will be looking at Numeracy.

New Spelling Program from Years 1—7.

From the beginning of this year, all teachers of Year 1 to Year 7 classes will be introducing a new program called "Words Their Way". It will replace our spelling programs and will be called Word Study. The program focuses primarily on the patterns and features within a word, as well as the history behind our English language. This new program has been introduced as a result of training undertaken last year by our teachers with Christine Killely who inspired our teachers with impressive research about the effectiveness of the program. During the first two or three weeks of school, most classes will not begin their spelling program, however teachers have not been idle!

More information see on Page 3

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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Holiday Helpers in the Garden

On behalf of the school and our Garden Specialist Janelle Robinson, we would like to thank the following people for all their hard work during the Christmas holiday break. They have done a great job!



Thank you to Alice Possingham, Emma Patton and Heidi Kumnick.

Premier's Reading Challenge



The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2016 has begun. Forms have been distributed to class teachers. Please record books as they are read and get them signed off. Please return forms to Miss Hagger or Paula in the library or to your class teacher as soon as you have finished. The Challenge will be ending on Friday the 9th of September.

Free App : Learning Potential

There is a free app called Learning Potential, developed by the Federal Government with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents to help their children with their learning. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit www.learningpotential.gov.au

Adelaide Hills Hockey Club

Adelaide Hills Hockey Club would like to invite your family to our Club Come 'n' Try Day. It will be on Sunday February 28th between 4pm and 5pm at Cornerstone College, Mount Barker.

We have the following teams: Girls & Boys Under 9's, U11's, U14, U18's, Mens, Womens and Seniors team. Hockey sticks will be available to loan on the day. No experience necessary. For more information call Sally on 0428 849753 or email secretary@adelaidehillshockey.org.au

Port Adelaide Football Club Visits

On February 8th our school welcomed Port Adelaide Football Club team members Ollie Wines, Cam O' Shea and Paul Stewart who came and spoke about eating well (food groups, 2 vegetables and five fruits, water consumption) and being active (60 minutes of activity a day). The students then asked the players some excellent questions. The football club was in our area as part of the 2016 Australia Post AFL Community Camp and we thank them for taking time out to visit our school.



**Deahnn Copeland, PE
Teacher**

Parents & Friends Christmas Raffle

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle last year. We raised \$741.00. Congratulations to all of our winners:

Major Wheelbarrow Prize: *Skye Gaff*

1st: *Samantha Gray* **2nd:** *Debbie Jackson* **3rd:** *Sharon*
4th: *Nicole Roberts* **5th:** *Kylie Linke* **6th:** *Jo Hopkins*
7th: *Susie Witt*

Lucky Squares: *Kylie Linke, Rochelle Samwell, Alex Wallace, Paul Amos.*

Child Protection Curriculum

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a brochure about the DECD "Keeping Safe – Child Protection Curriculum". All students in Preschool to Year 7 are learning about what it means to be safe, and how to stay safe in Term 1. Our topics for this year are: The Right to Be Safe and Protective Strategies. Please see your child's teacher or visit the DECD website for more information about this important learning program.

Then and Now

Did you attend our 2015 Year 7 graduation assembly? Those who did were impressed to see our Year 7s now as confident articulate young men and women who are leaving our school at the completion of their primary education. The photo to the left depicts some of the graduates... those that began school on the same day that I began here as Principal in 2008. To the right we have restaged the photo.



Left photo: *Tahnee Adams, Carmello Pollifrone, Jemma Lawson, Oliver Fuss, Georgia Amos, William Gourlay, William Forbes, Cameron Selby and Alex Houlahan (Absent, Tye West).*
Can you pick the students in the right?
Jenny Lewis, Principal

New Spelling Program Years 1 to 7 cont...

Teachers have been surveying the students, and noting exactly what students can and cannot spell using spelling inventories. They will use the results to tailor instruction to the class, exactly where children need it.

Please be patient with us as we move together as a staff with this new program! We have a committee of 8 teachers meeting regularly to plan the next steps and support their colleagues. More information will be provided in the next few weeks, as the program is progressively rolled out!

Invitation to attend Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 15th February in the Library. This is your opportunity to find out more about the school, including reporting on how we have progressed against the goals in our Site Learning Plan during the 2015 school year. It will be followed by a short Governing Council meeting with the new members for 2016. Preschool parents are also welcome to attend.

Code Red Catastrophic Days

Days of Code Red Catastrophic Fire Conditions - Our school stays OPEN:

Even this late in the season there could be a day of Catastrophic fire conditions for our area. This is a reminder about what happens at our school.

1. Level of bushfire risk for our school.

Our school has been identified as at **Moderate** risk of bushfire. It is not on the list of schools that will automatically close on Code Red Catastrophic Days because this only applies to schools at High, Very High or Extreme risk of bushfire. However, there could be days when we will be directed to close if a decision is made to close all the sites in the Hills region.

2. How will parents know if the school will be closed?

You will be sent a text message to your mobile phone. The school has installed a MGM text messaging system which enables us to send a message from any on-line computer. You will receive a message which reads:

“We have been notified by DECD and by the CFS to close the school on (day and date). No student is to attend school.

To test our system we will be sending out test text messages in the next few school days. **If you do NOT receive a test text message from the school, please contact the school to ensure your details are updated.**

Acquaintance Night Reminder Wednesday 17th February 5.30pm to 7.45pm

We would like to remind parents that our Acquaintance Night will be held next Wednesday 17th February, commencing at 5.30pm. Notices were sent home last week detailing the times that your child/childrens class teachers are going to hold their information sessions. The information sessions will be held in your child/children's classrooms.

Preschool: 5.30pm to 6pm

**Year 3 : What's the Buzz' information Session:
5.30pm to 6pm**

Reception to Year 1: 6.00pm to 6.30pm

Year 2 to Year 4: 6.30pm to 7.00pm

Year 5 to Year 7: 7.00pm to 7.45pm

There will be a sausage sizzle held between 6pm to 7pm (Sausages \$2.50 & Fruit Boxes \$1) in the lower lunch shed to raise funds for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

A note about Child Safety: Please keep your Preschool children and toddlers with you at all times. Last year a number of toddlers were found wandering alone in the school grounds and had to be returned to parents. School aged children will be supervised in the lower lunch shed and in the basketball courts.

Learning Assistance Program (LAP) Coordination Program (Fun & Games) And Multilit (Making up for lost time in Literacy) Afternoon Tea Information

L.A.P, Fun & Games and Multilit are 3 programs that our school supports. These programs are a vital part of children's learning experiences. Our students gain many achievements through sharing challenges with parent VOLUNTEERS.

If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING to work with children and are looking to enjoy sharing time with students who would benefit from some extra support then please consider working with me on one of these programs. Your valuable time would be greatly appreciated BY ALL STAFF.


Please come to an Afternoon Tea Information Session on TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY in the staff room commencing at 2.30pm.

You will be able to meet other volunteers and learn more about these programs that we can offer our students.

If you are unable to come along but are very interested in finding out more about these programs and how you could help please contact the school on 8391 1194 and ask for Pauline.



2016 Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	1/2 Day 1 Term 1	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2
Week 2	8/2 Port Power Visit	9/2	10/2 Parents & Friends Mtg 9am: Staff Room	11/2	12/2
Week 3	15/2 Governing Council Meeting 7pm	16/2	17/2 Acquaintance Night 5.30pm to 7.45pm	18/2 2.25 Assembly: Leonie Chatfield's Class	19/2 Courier Cup Selection Day
Week 4	22/2	23/2 LAP, Fun & Games & Multilit Information Afternoon Tea 2.30pm Staff Room.	24/2 Courier Cup Practice Day	25/2	26/2 STUDENT FREE DAY
Week 5 <i>Swimming Week</i>	29/2 Choir Cluster	1/3	2/3	4/3 Courier Cup Day	5/3
<p><i>Session 1: 9.45 to 11.15am</i> Classes: Lorna M, Julie C, Sara W, Alison B <i>Session 2: 12.30 to 2pm</i> Classes: Deb Tarca, Brigitte F, Lynne A, Alister D.</p>					
Week 6 <i>Swimming Week</i>	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3 Assembly 2.25 Alison Bishop's Class	11/3
<p><i>Session 1: 9.45 to 11.15am</i> Classes: Helen K, James M, Danielle S, Nathan S (Year 5 only) <i>Session 2: 1.15 to 2pm</i> Classes: Tara H, Sue Close</p>					
Week 7	14/3 ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	15/3	16/3 Parents & Friends Mtg 9am: Staff Room All Welcome	17/3 Year 6/7 Aquatics	18/3 Year 6/7 Aquatics
Week 8	21/3 Governing Council Meeting 7pm	22/3	23/3	24/3 P&F Casual Day LAP, Fun & Games & Multilit Information Afternoon Tea 2.30pm Staff Room.	25/3 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 9	28/3 EASTER MONDAY	29/3	30/3	31/3 School Assembly 2.25pm Danielle Stone's Class	1/4 SPORTS DAY
Week 10 <i>Saturday 2nd April 9am to 1pm WORKING BEE</i>	4/4 Parent Interview Week	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/4
					
Week 11	11/4	12/4	13/4	14/4 Year 5 & 5/6 Art Excursion	15/4 Last Day Term 1 Assembly 1.45pm Early Dismissal 2.15pm