



Important Dates

Monday 7th August

Governing Council Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 8th & Wed 9th August

Monarto Excursion : Preschool

Wednesday 9th August

SAPSASA Basketball

Thursday 10th August

Whole School Assembly

Brigitte French's Class

Friday 11th August

Jump Rope Demonstration

Sunday 13th August

School Band Strathalbyn Band
Festival 11am

Friday 18th August

Student Free Day

Gymnasium Building Donations

\$24,000 goal

\$15,058.50
to date



Positive Education focus: Grit

We all enjoyed our school focus on Gratitude last term. It's terrific to hear that some families are now in the habit of reflecting on the things they are grateful for every day, since we know this improves our PERMA+ significantly.

This term we have started a new Positive Education focus: GRIT. Have you ever considered why it is that some people succeed where many fail, and wondered, what is it that sets them apart? Research shows that although we tend to think people succeed because they are more talented than the rest of us, that talent actually doesn't have much to do with it. It is mostly because they show more 'grit', that is, they have the passion and the perseverance to succeed, even when the going gets tough.

Take the example of learning to play an instrument. For many of us, we get excited at first about starting this new challenge. We practise for awhile until we can play a few pieces. Then, it starts to get difficult. We might think, "Well that's been fun but now I want to do something else," or "I'm not very good at this," or "This is good enough".

People who show grit know to expect setbacks. They understand that learning can be hard work, and that you have to push past obstacles in order to improve. They set themselves challenging goals and then small achievable goals along the way. They check in to see how they are going, asking others for feedback and suggestions how to improve, then they revise their goals and get back to work. People with grit show a 'growth



mindset', thinking "I can't do this YET," rather than "I can't". Most of all, they expect to have to work hard in order to achieve something, and they welcome the challenge.

We are working with our students to develop grit for learning. Students have latched on to a metaphor called the 'Learning Pit', which suggests if you want to achieve deep learning, you need to allow yourself to fall into the 'Pit', get muddy by having a go, be unsure of what you are doing, learn from mistakes along the way, and think deeply about the learning, before experiencing that 'Eureka' moment.

So the next time your kids have trouble with their homework, don't be too quick to fix it for them. Sometimes being a bit gritty in the Pit is all they need!

Watch the Learning Pit video here

<https://vimeo.com/128462566>



Library News

Local Legends

On 3rd July, eleven “Local Legends” were interviewed by the Year 6 class in the Library as part of their Inquiry into “Australian Identity”.



A number of local residents from Littlehampton and surrounding areas who have lived in the District for many, many years were willing and able to share their memories of growing up in Littlehampton.

The students asked questions about attending school, personal interests, dreams, pastimes, transport, jobs, family and community life. The students filmed the interviews and provided and served morning tea to their guests. It was a morning rich in learning and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Special thanks to Frank Jacobs and the following people who attended the session:

Ray Altmann

Brian Bart and Jean Bart

Dean Bolto

Peter Chester

Geoff Cleggett

Joylene Liebelt

Glenn Liebelt

Helen Raison

Wayne Reddy

Darian Stringer

Preschool Enrolments 2018

Do you have a 4 year old or a 3 year old who will be turning 4 prior to May in 2018? If so they will be due to start preschool in 2018! If you would like to enrol your child in our Preschool, or if you know someone living in Littlehampton who wishes to enrol their child in our Preschool please come into the school or ring Debbie Jackson on 8391 1194 and enrol your child. **We have been informed that our enrolments will be capped next year, and that we will not be able to enrol children above a certain number, so it is important not to delay.**

To ensure your child's place, enrol your child now!

Lone Pine Memorial Garden Project Grant

A Grant of \$1,270.00 has been approved by the **Anzac Day Commemoration Council**. The project brief is to create a commemorative memorial around the school's Lone Pine. This will involve students making ceramic poppies and creating a plaque to recognise the Australian men and women who have served in war, defence and peace keeping over the last 100 years. This lasting memorial site will educate students about the significance of Anzac Day and our nation's military heritage with an emphasis on the rich heritage within the local community of Littlehampton. This project will be established in line with the school's Master Plan in the New Year.

Our New Logo Letter from Dean Bolto

I appreciated the opportunity to visit the school Barbara and I very much enjoyed the interaction with Year 6 students who impressed me with their maturity, interest and helpfulness. A credit to their school and the staff. I must say I'm impressed with the new logo. I immediately like the look of it but when I read the explanation I was even more impressed. I think it was due for a change as I was President of the School council when we ran a competition amongst students for the last one. I think it was 1974—43 years ago! Incidentally, the name of the student who designed it was Anthony Myatt. Thanks again Barbara.

Cheers,

Dean Bolto, Former School Council Chairperson.

SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Matthew Davis (Captain), Bradley Schultz, Angus Schmidt and Noah Dunn (Noah was chosen but was unable to compete due to injury) who were chosen in the Barker District Hockey team to compete at the SAPSASA State Hockey Carnival in Adelaide last term. They had a successful week winning 3 games, drawing 3 and losing 3. They represented Littlehampton Primary School well. Well done boys.

Music Showcase 2017



*Wednesday 27th &
Thursday 28th September*

It is almost time for our famous Music Showcase, held every two years to showcase the development of musical skills and understanding from Reception through to Year 7. We will hold our Music Showcase over 2 nights again this year due to the popularity of the event and the expected numbers attending. This way we can welcome all parents and grandparents who want to attend, and hopefully almost all audience members will have a seat.

To help with scheduling we are letting you know that this year's event will be held on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September from 6.30pm to 8pm in our gymnasium. A note has been sent home to parents/caregivers to advise you which night your child's class will be performing. Please mark the correct date on your calendar and then return the tear off section by Friday August 11th to your child's teacher.

All classes from Reception to Year 5 will be participating as well as our school band and choir, and there is a growing sense of excitement about the performances.

Free On Line Program

We are looking forward to seeing you there! **Tired of fighting with your teen? Worried about their behaviour? Sign up now to our free online program for parents of tweens and teens!** Parents want to raise teenagers who are respectful and responsible, happy and confident. But, helping your teen navigate adolescence can be stressful and unpredictable. The University of Queensland are offering Australian parents of pre-teens and teens (aged 10 to 16 years) the opportunity to try a brand new online parenting program for free as part of a research trial. To find out more or register for the study, visit: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/online>

Parent survey about learning

As part of our visible Learning approach at Littlehampton Primary School we are developing an Effective Learner Profile, including our own definition of what we think are the most important characteristics of effective learners. Our Effective Learner Profile will help children to understand how they can become better learners. Staff and students have already gone through a process of choosing what they consider to be the most important learning characteristics and we'd love your help. Over the next few days you'll receive an email with a link to a survey. We'd love you to vote for the characteristics you believe are most important in being an effective, lifelong learner. Our team will look at what families, students and staff have to say and come up with a Profile that brings together our collective beliefs.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the students to date who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. As you can see by the extensive list of names on the next page we have many avid readers at Littlehampton Primary. We are hoping to achieve 100% participation this year. The Challenge involves students reading 12 books (either fiction or non-fiction) between the beginning of the school year and early September. Library staff are happy to provide reader guidance and support with selection of titles.

Booklists can also be accessed on the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/books/challenge/>

Please ensure that students return their completed forms to the library by the 8th September 2017 so they don't miss out on this wonderful reading incentive! "So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall."

— Roald Dahl.

REMINDER: STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

Kathryn will be taking OSHC Bookings for this day. Please phone Kathryn on 8391 4742 or 0409 920 446 prior to Friday 11th August.

We will also be having a School Closure day on Wednesday 6th September

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of our students who have now completed the Premier Reading Challenge:

Sithuki Kalugala Hewage Don

Isabel Haylock

Lily McDonald

Charlotte Petschel

Georgia Grant

Nicola Davis

Elsie Bloffwitch

Haidee Hutchinson

Sophie Nesbitt

Rolie Wells

Charlotte King

Anna Kaluzinski

Logan Walker

Sophie Caust

Lachlan Parry

Leo Roach

Ryan Simpson

Remy Salter

Jaia Eckert

Max Trojan

Harvey Muster

Lily Beauchesne

Alexandra Smyth

Caitlin Batge

Riley Parr

Owen Steer

Cayleigh Timmins

Aurelia Szilassy

Marlia Reynolds

Rachel Howse

Dylan Lea

Darcy Pallant

Riley Love

Katie Thompson

Lithum Pallege

Cameron Fuss

Naite Lawson

Emily Bands

Soleil Bogdanowicz

Madeline Little

Felicity and Emma Faber-Paul

Harry Donaldson

Archer Nicholas

Caitlin Witt

Jasper Szilassy

Louisa Synwoldt

Ella Cotton

Bailey Grant

Brayden Muhlhausler

Joseph Sward

Charlotte McAvaney

Seth Oaklands

Asher Gaff

Mia DeCaux

Zara Trojan

Amalia Sampson

Stephanie Herbert

Levi Sappenberghs

Ayla Read

Chloe Cotton

Sanuka Waduge

Nicky Paech

Jade Lea

Nadia Koerber

Breanna Luxon

Sabine Salter

Abbey Hutchinson

Nicholas Bakker

Hannah Innes

Matilda Lay

Emily and Olivia Palmer

Bethany Willis

Halle and Jonte Longbottom Burzacott

Hayden Hill

Teagan Engley

Judd French

Finnley Raven

Corey Johns

Lateisha Holt

Hayden Zadow

Chelsea Witt

Theodore Van Den Ende

Thomas Christian

Alicia Gevers

Taya Kumnick

Charlotte Copping

Tennessee Stephenson

Gabriella Metcalfe

Edwina Morris

Matilda Schmidt

Chloe Davis

Claudia Robson-Mullard

Declan Elliot

Nicholas Dvorak

Primrose Miles

Abbey Carman

Ashton Davis

Frankie Beurskens

Hallie Paech

Caitlin Neller

Elliot Black

Summer Henderson

Ashton Muhlhausler

Olivia McAvaney

Lochlan Hill

Lucy Hewer

Sienna Hague

Peyton Grubb

Spencer Fitzsimons

Jack and Amelia Eckert

Imogen Metcalfe

Jaime Gordon

Samuel Grant

Sharnee Carter

Max Hartshorne

Jessica Luxon

Lachlan Burns

Chase Clark

Cruz Thiele-Modra

Caiden Metcalfe

Jake Hutchinson

Ella Rice

Zach Hutchinson

Czarina Heppner

Jack Geary

Georgie and Bradley Schultz

Matthew Davis

Amelia Poole

Mia Biddle

Zoe Haylock

Grace Vanderbom

Abbey Gray

Talon Hart

Warren Liu

Cooper Bowry

Zachary hart

Tait and Jonas Ludvigsen

Frankie Nicholas

Harper Bailey

Liam and Noah Dunn

Clint Van Eck-Braine

Demi Linke

Marcus Bontenakel

Harrison Burt

Makayla Sander

Thomas Koerber

Edison Love

Sebastian Gollan

Jett Barnes

Brodie Pool

Finley Sappenberghs

Gracie Semple

Vincent Robson-Mullard

Wade Riddle

Emerson Reynolds

Harrison Nesbitt

Sophie Durdin

Mallee Duffield

Jasper Carbray-Tann

Billy Badenoch

Rhylan Allen

Alaistair Snell

Jacob Sorensen

Leza Van Der Merwe

Elizabeth Whalan-Cordes

Flynn Carman

Evie Sward

