

World Teacher's Day and Farewells

Important Dates

Friday 24th November

LAP/Multilit Celebration

12 noon SAKG Kitchen

Mon 27th to Wed 29th Nov

Year 4/5 Camp Group 1

Wednesday 29th November

Parents & Friends Meeting 9am

Wed 29th to Fri 1st December

Year 4/5 Camp Group 2

Monday 4th December

Governing Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 7th December

School Band Party 1pm

SAKG Kitchen

Friday 8th December

Quicksmart Celebration 12.30

SAKG Kitchen

Whole School's Carol Evening

5pm—7.30pm

Monday 11th December

Parents & Friends Whole School

Fun Day

Wednesday 13th December

Volunteers Morning Tea

Celebrations 10.45am

SAKG Kitchen

Thursday 14th December

Whole School Assembly 2.25pm

Year 7 Graduation Evening 6pm

Friday 15th December

Last Day Term 4

Assembly 1pm

Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Last Tuesday we celebrated World Teacher's Day. We are proud of all our teachers and thank and acknowledge them for their hard work, commitment and care of our students. This year we are farewelling a number of our staff and we would like to wish them all the best in their new adventures.

Retirements



Parents will be aware that I am retiring after 10 years of being Principal here and a 40 year teaching career.



Alister Davies is taking leave for a year and is considering retirement after 4 years of teaching at Littlehampton and beginning his teaching career 36 years ago. We have valued Alister's contribution to our school and his active and continued interest in ICT and SAKG.



Alison Saunders, our highly talented art teacher will retire at the end of this year. During her 7 years here, Alison won the Minister's Award for Excellence in the Arts. Alison's contribution to education has been across 48 years. Alison established our highly successful community Art Exhibitions, last held in 2016

We wish these teachers a fulfilling and well deserved retirement .

Farewells

We also thank and farewell the following staff members who will be leaving our school community for 2018. We are aware that while their appointments are for one year, and we would love them to return, one never knows if they will find greener pastures....unthinkable though that possibility is!

Debbie Taylor will be heading to Reynella East R—12 College to take on an Assistant Principal's role for 2018. Debbie has been



at our school for more than 14 years, 10 years as a Year 6/7 teacher. She has also taken a lead in providing challenges for students, including Tournament of Minds.

Sarah Slee, our French teacher, will be taking

a year's leave to explore teaching options closer to home at Victor Harbor. Sarah has been at our school since 2012, and we are proud of the all-oral French Program she has established which has our students speaking French with a degree of fluency exceptional for a primary school.



Sandy Mitchell, our Finance officer has already finished up and is heading to Melbourne, where she joins her family for the year. We thank Sandy for her great work for the last three years.



Just Too Deadly Awards



Congratulations to our Aboriginal students who participated in the Regional Just Too Deadly Awards at Auchendarroch recently.



Meisha Jay received an achievement award, Deven West was acknowledged as a Year 7 graduate, and Tait and Jonas were awarded for 0 unexplained absences.

It's also great to have Tasma Rudeforth, our Aboriginal Community Education officer back with us!

Finance News

Could all outstanding account please be finalised by 6th December. If Paying by Direct payment into our bank account please remember to put your Family ID or just your surname and child's name.

Thank you.



Volunteers' 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 thank all of our volunteers by inviting you all to a morning tea on

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

10.45am

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS
KITCHEN DINING ROOM**



We will be sending out an invitation in the next few days. If you are able to come along please send your RSVP back to the front office by Monday 11th December. We would love to see you all.

**Littlehampton Primary School
Community Carols Evening
Friday December 8th**

Once again this year we will be hosting a fun Carols Evening for all of our school families.

Picnic from 5pm on the oval

BBQ provided by Littlehampton Community Association, or BYO

Carols 6pm

Carols will be led by the 'Singing into the Community' student forum group.
Stay after to socialise.

Evening to finish at 7.30pm

This event is 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 Littlehampton Primary School students all welcome. There may even be a special visitor!

Please note that parents will need to attend with their children, as this event is not supervised by teachers.

No glass containers please.



Annual School Surveys—What do you think of us?

We thank all parents who completed the 2017 Parent survey, this year only 33 parents. There is a dip in the average rating on a 5 point scale in some areas, which may be due to the smaller proportion of respondents. Whatever the reason, this survey is viewed carefully and improvements are planned as a result. For example, changes were made as a result of the 2017 survey.

We were happy to find a new lunch provider as a result of 2017 parent suggestions.

This year, the response was mixed about communication. Many parents commented that they have been very happy with Schoolstream which has enabled them to keep in touch with what is happening in the school. Other parents commented that while some class teachers email regularly, or use the See-Saw App or Class Dojo and this is very much appreciated, other teachers do not. It is likely that in 2018 a communication policy will be developed to guide communication from school.

More than one parent listed the following as things that the school does well:

- Supportive Community
- Positive Education Focus

Parent Survey, and Year	2013	2015	2016	2017
Number of respondents	80	72	61	33
I think LPS does a good job of keeping me informed and seeking my opinion	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.8
LPS does a good job of teaching my child mathematics	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7
My child talks about their learning at home	3.4	3.5	4.0	3.9
The report format provides accurate information about my child's education	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6
The teacher's comments on the school report provide helpful advice & show a deep knowledge of my child	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.4
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	3.2	3.5	3.7
I think LPS fosters a strong and supportive community	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.0
As a result of the SAKG program I've seen an improvement in healthy eating and wellbeing for my child	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.2
I think the SAKG program is beneficial to my child's learning in sustainable gardening and/or science	4.3	4.2	4.4	3.9
I think LPS provides well for the students in the area of Information and Communication Technologies		3.7	3.4	3.0

The questions above are school generated questions to gain information on school specific goals.

- Pride in school appearance
- SAKG
- Fantastic Teachers
- Band and Music programs
- All Specialist programs, French, Art PE & French
- New technology coming along wonderfully
- Interesting fundraisers and events— date night & fun day.
- Supporting students with diverse needs

Suggestions mentioned by more than one parent included:

- More notice about Pupil Free, School Closure Days,
- Ability to pay excursions, performances once a term
- More information for parents about the Words Their Way spelling and word study program.
- Discussion of Pastoral support worker vs School Counsellor.
- Support programs for students—would like more!

Parent Comment

The Gratitude learning has been fantastic and we incorporate it into our everyday lives now. The children look forward to hearing and sharing their gratitude at dinner each night.

Parent Survey cont....	2013	2015	2016	2017
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.9
Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about his/her school work	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.7
Teachers at this school treat students fairly	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.7
This school is well maintained	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2
My child feels safe at this school	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
Student behaviour is well managed at this school	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.8
My child likes being at this school	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.2
This school looks for ways to improve	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.1
This school takes parents opinions seriously	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.5
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0
My child is making good progress at this school	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.9
My child's learning needs are	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.6
This school works with me to support my child's learning	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.5

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 and we have highlighted these in yellow.

The questions above are standard for all school

Class Structure for 2018

With the staff farewells, we have been busy finding new teachers for 2018. The staffing process is well underway, and we are anticipating all new staff will be appointed in the next two weeks. We are now pleased to announce the class structure for 2018. We anticipate all new staff will be appointed in the next two weeks, and we will be able to announce the teachers for the classes in the Week 8 newsletter.

	Year Level		Year Level
Class 1	Rec	Class 10	Year 3/4
Class 2	Rec	Class 11	Year 4
Class 3	Rec	Class 12	Year 4/5
Class 4	Year 1	Class 13	Year 5
Class 5	Year 1	Class 14	Year 5/6
Class 6	Year 2	Class 15	Year 5/6
Class 7	Year 2	Class 16	Year 6/7
Class 8	Year 3	Class 17	Year 6/7
Class 9	Year 3	Specialists	PE French Art Music Library ESL
Preschool			

Starting a 17th Class

Parents will notice that we are starting a 17th class for the very first time. Our school will get very much squeezier next year. There is a classroom we can take over for this, however all other office and withdrawal areas used for our other programs will now be much more in demand.

New Principal Visit

On Monday Irene Scriven, the newly appointed Principal for 2018 visited the school and met students and teachers. When asked what is special about our school that you would like to share, many students in different classes replied:

- Great teachers who care for you
- A great Kitchen garden program
- Lots of programs other schools don't offer
- Student Forums

Several students also stated that teachers challenge to think.

One student stated:

The teachers tell you what you did well in a project, then they will give you some challenges to make you learn even more.

SAPSASA Congratulations

Congratulations to Annika Hall on being chosen in the Barker District SAPSASA Tennis team to compete in the State Championships during this week. Well done on being chosen Annika.

Awards for Writing

Langhorne Creek Writers Festival - Charlotte Copping In Year 5 won the Open category for her age group writing a personal story on the theme of "memories and remembering". Congratulations to Charlotte who received a cash prize and a large collection of books donated to the school library. Another student Ella Pollard was also commended for her writing ability. Well done to all the students who participated.



Premiers Reading Challenge and RSPCA South Australia Animal Awareness Writing Competition - Littlehampton Primary has a champion writer from the collaborative competition between Premiers Reading Challenge and RSPCA South Australia. Mitchell Jacobson from Year 2 was the R – 2 winner in the State joint Animal Awareness Reading Challenge. Huge congratulations to Mitchell. His book about goats absolutely wowed the judges and gave us all great reading pleasure. He received a special certificate and variety of prizes from the RSPCA for his efforts.



Camp Quality Visit

On Monday we had a visit by the Camp Quality Puppeteers who presented an entertaining program to our Year 3 to Year 7's. This team provides very good information at an appropriate level for children about childhood cancer. This is especially important as one of our own students is affected by leukaemia.

