

Welcome Back

Important Dates

Monday 12th February
Governing Council AGM
Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 13th February
Crows Football Club Visit
11.30

Acquaintance Night
5.30-7.30

Thursday 15th February
Whole School Assembly
Run by Mrs Bevan's Class
2.25pm

Monday 26th February
Student Free Day

Tuesday 27th Feb to Friday
March 9th
Swimming Weeks

Thursday 8th March
Whole School Assembly
2.25pm

Monday 12th March
Public Holiday
Adelaide Cup Day

Thursday 15th &
Friday 16th March
Year 6 & 7 Aquatics



Mrs Irene Scriven

Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to all our new students and staff. We have started the year with 59 new

reception students and 10 new students from other year levels. All the best to these new students, and we look forward to getting to know them and their families better over the coming weeks. We know you will enjoy your time at this wonderful school.

Welcome also to our new staff: Vanessa Williams is joining our Admin team as an additional Finance Officer. Simo Moussa is our new French teacher, Jane Mant is our Art specialist, Courtney Graeber is backfilling for Alison Bishop and Kristi Wandner is teaching year 6/7. I hope you have an enjoyable and professionally fulfilling year.

Thank you for the kind welcome I have received, this school has such a positive and energetic vibe. It has been lovely to see all the smiling faces of our students returning from their school holidays. Littlehampton Primary School strikes me as being a school that truly values its community, staff and students. The

students are articulate and seem to really enjoy being at school and this also seems to be the case with staff. The staff at Littlehampton Primary School are professional, and their care and consideration for their students is a pleasure to see. This school proves that quality education = public education!

I am very excited about being at Littlehampton and look forward to a positive and enriching year for all.



Mrs McDonald's Class



Mrs Tarca's Class



Mrs McLean's Class

Courtney Graeber



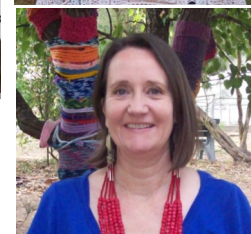
Vanessa Williams



Simo Moussa



Kristi Wandner



Jane Mant

Visible Learning

What makes a good learner?

This is a question that we have asked our students to reflect upon since we began our work in Visible Learning last year.

When we first asked students this question we were surprised to find that approximately 60% of them had a perception that good learners are passive.

Students responded with comments like;

"Someone who sits still and listens to the teacher."

"A student that is quiet and follows instructions."

We believe that it's vital that our students are able to confidently talk about themselves as active, self-aware learners and that they are armed with a 'toolkit' of strategies to help them learn.

To foster this we have recently launched our **Effective Learner Profile** to assist students understand the characteristics of an effective, life-long learner. To establish this we had input from staff, students and parents to get a sense of the learning characteristics that our community most values. During the first term these characteristics will be taught explicitly in all classrooms across the school. We are developing a shared language of learning that we all understand and can use from preschool, right up to our oldest, most experienced staff members.

Please take some time to have a look at the Effective Learner Profile. We encourage you to adopt this language at home too. Please keep an eye out on School Stream, the website and future editions of the newsletter for more information about Visible Learning.

Effective Learner Profile

Brave

- Resilient
- Risk Taking
- Challenge-seeking

Creative

- Thinking
- Flexible
- Resourceful

Gritty

- Persistent
- Doing your best
- Growth-minded

Connected

- Collaborative
- Open-minded
- Communicating

Engaged

- Mindful
- Curious
- Questioning

Self-aware

- Organised
- Reflective
- Goal-setting

Materials & Services Charges



On 17 October 2017 parents were informed of the proposed M&S charges for 2018 and invited to attend the Governing Council meeting on 30/10/17 where Governing Council approved the M&S fees for 2018 at \$300. Parents were then polled with a result of 75 families representing 117 students in favour, and 17 families representing 35 students opposed. As a result, the materials and services charges for 2018 will be \$300.

Invoices were sent home in Week 1 and payment requested in full by 26/2/18. A Payway option is available for families to make regular equal payments over a set period, with payment completed by November 2018. Payway forms are available from the front office and will need to be completed and returned promptly. Preschool invoices have been sent home and payment of this account is due by 26/2/18. The Payway option is available for this fee. School card does not apply to preschool charges.

If you think you will qualify for School Card assistance please complete and return the application form, available from the front office by the end of next week. There are cut off dates set by DECD that we need to meet to allow for verification of applications.

Please note that the income limit has increased and can be checked on www.sa.gov.au. It is important that we receive application forms as soon as possible.

It would be appreciated if payments being made at the school are done between 8.15 - 11am. This allows us to receipt and complete banking before lunch so we are not holding cash. Alternately, payments can be made by Direct Deposit to our account number: 115050840 BSB 105.025 please reference your family ID (eg DANI00) and a short description, eg M&S, Gym, SAKG, Swim etc. If paying by direct deposit please allow an extra day for the transaction to appear on our bank statement, so if the last day to pay is 26/2/18 payment will need to be done on the 25th. We also accept credit card, cheque and cash. Card transactions can be made over the phone or complete the return slip on the bottom of the invoice. Receipts will be sent home via your child.

If you have any concerns at all about payments, please do not hesitate to contact Judi Daniel (Mon/Tues) or Vanessa Williams (W/T/F), either by phone or at the school finance office. Invoices for the SAKG program have been sent home any once again payment is requested by 26/2/18. Woodside swimming invoices will be coming home soon. Please do not pay until you have received the invoice, this payment will need to be made before the end of Week 4. \$100 (or \$70 for approved school card families) Building Fund donation is requested this term. We must meet our first repayment in March and rely on all families contributing to the Gym as it is such a wonderful facility and used by all students. This payment is tax deductible.

Chess Club

Chess lessons will begin in Week 3 in the Library at recess on Thursdays. Students can start at the basics, or aim to improve their current skills. Chesslife is run by David Koetsier who has been a chess coach for over 20 years. David is well known for his lively delivery, wide chess knowledge and incredible enthusiasm. David is the current South Australian Representative on the Australian Junior Chess League committee, the Australian coach for the World Youth Chess Championships and will be coaching the Australian Olympic Team. Chesslife enrolment forms containing further information about cost etc. are available from the front office. Students will need a signed parent permission form to participate and will need to attend each week.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program introduced to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading. Many children improve literacy levels as a result. Last year many enthusiastic readers completed the Challenge. A special mention must go to the following students from 2017 who achieved the Award of **Hall of Fame Reader for Life**. Congratulations to Samuel Bakker, Jack Bills, Amie Davis, Nyah Gaff, Zachary Hart, Hayden Hill, Patrick Jeitner, Dylan Kohlhagen and Noah Rose. We would love all students to join in the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2018. So start reading now.

Story Box Library



Story Box Library is an online "reading room" where you can access the wonderful world of Children's books. Children can view a wide range of quality stories across different age groups, cultures and backgrounds read by a smorgasbord of storytellers; ranging from actors, musicians, sportspeople, comedians, grandparents, teenagers and children. Littlehampton Primary School families can access Story Box Library from home by using the following sign on information.

Go to www.storyboxlibrary.com.au

Log in = **School and Early Childhood**

User name = **Storybox LHPS** Viewer password = **lhps**

What a great way to relax and engage with books!
All the best for the 2018 school year.

Ms O'Connor
Librarian

Multit & Lap



Multit and LAP are 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 mentors.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor and volunteering to work with children, please consider working with Pauline Bolto and some great volunteers on one of these programs.

Your valuable time would be greatly appreciated by all Staff.

Next meeting will be held

Wednesday 21st February

Staffroom

2.00 pm



You will meet other volunteers and we will discuss the programs over a cuppa! Please come and join us. I am sure you will find the experience very rewarding.

Pauline Bolto, Co-ordinator.

End of 2017 Swimming Fun Day



The Grit Challenge



Last term all classes participated in a Grit Challenge. They designed a challenge for another class, and then worked with them to complete the challenge. Teachers were impressed by the students' willingness to have a go, and their determination to complete the challenge, showing resilience when things didn't go to plan, and persistence in finding a solution.

This is a key component of our Visible Learning focus, and we celebrate students showing grit in this way. Congratulations to those who completed the challenge successfully!

Your child's wellbeing

We are really pleased about the smooth start that most students and staff have had to the new school year.

Sometimes students have a few troubles settling in, adjusting to a new group of students or the expectations of a higher year level. If this is the case for your child, you may be feeling unsure how to support them through this time. We recommend that you remind them that it's normal and fine to feel a little insecure and worried during times of change. We can't always be happy, but we can be brave and get through difficult times. In a way, this is another way to show 'grit'.

Children sometimes need a bit of help from an adult to guide them through, and we would like to remind families that in addition to your child's teacher there are two staff members at school whose role it is to provide support to students in this way: Margie Sarre (Student Wellbeing Leader), and Kate Oglanby (Pastoral Care Worker). Please let us know if your child is needing help with friendships, worries, separation from mum or dad, not wanting to come to school or any other concerns. We would be really happy to help.

Safety Procedures

Just a few safety reminders for students coming and going from school:

- Children and families, please remember not to walk through the staff car park. If you are walking from Preschool to the school, there is a painted walkway, leading to the steps by the dragon seat. A number of children and families have been walking through the car park entrance or through the middle of the car park to get to classrooms, which is very dangerous since staff are often arriving or leaving just before and after school and are not always able to see children easily. There have been a number of 'near misses'. Parents, please model pedestrian safety and show your children the safest route for entering and leaving school.
- Please do not ride scooters or bikes down the gym driveway. This is for the safety of riders (since cars are sharing this drive), and also pedestrian safety, since students ride down this steep driveway going very quickly and are unable to stop in time to protect those walking. Please remember that once you enter the school grounds, bikes and scooters must be walked.
- Students **please please please** look carefully and stop at the pedestrian lights on the main road when they are red. We continue to get reports about students riding or running across and into the oncoming traffic. We are very worried that one day a student will be injured. Parents please walk with your children and practise safe crossing behaviour together. Thank you for working with us to keep our students safe!

Community News

- **Littlehampton Netball Club** is holding its Registration Day on Sunday 18th February commencing at 11am to 1pm at Sportfirst 2A Hampden road Mount Barker. Existing and new players of all skill levels are welcomed at our club. Junior players must be turning 7 before the end of December. Our club would also love to hear from anyone interested in coaching for any age and skill level. Experience not essential as training and support will be provided. For further information please email: littlehamptonnetballclub@gmail.com
- **Host Family Opportunities:** Take home a big brother or sister experience - France at home host family opportunities. In June each year, students aged 15 - 16 years from France will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Opportunities are available to become a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. For further details please contact Jenny Hanson (Placement Co-ordinator) Ph: 08 83230973 Mobile: 0409 890 184 or email: info@studentplacement.com.au

2018 Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	29th January First Day Back	30th January	31st January	1st February	2nd February
Week 2	5th February	6th February	7th February Parents and Friends 9 am All welcome	8th February	9th February
Week 3	12th February Governing Council AGM Mtg 7pm	13th February Crows Visit to school	14th February	15th February Whole School Assembly 2.25pm Mrs Bevan's Class	16th February
Week 4	19th February	20th February	21st February	22nd February	23rd February
Week 5	26th February Student Free Day	27th February Crows Visit	28th February	1st March Courier Cup Swimming	2nd March
Swimming Week					
Week 6	5th March	6th March	7th March	8th March Whole School Assembly 2.25pm	9th March
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Week 7	12th March PUBLIC HOLIDAY ADELAIDE CUP DAY	13th March	14th March Parents and Friends 9 am All welcome	15th March Year 6/7 Aquatics Day	16th March Year 6/7 Aquatics Day
Week 8	19th March Governing Council Meeting 7pm	20th March	21st March Harmony Day Performance	22nd March	23rd March
Week 9	26th March	27th March	28th March Junior Primary Sports Day	29th March School Sports Day	30th March GOOD FRIDAY
Week 10	2nd April EASTER MONDAY	3rd April	4th April	5th April Whole school assembly 2.25 pm	6th April
Interview Week					
Week 11	9th April Interviews Mon & Tuesday only	10th April Oakbank Athletics	11th April	12th April	13th April End of Term 1 Early Departure 2.15pm.