



## Public Education Awards

### Important Dates

Tuesday 29th May  
ICAS Science Comp

Friday 1st June  
Parents & Friends  
Hot Dog Day (*Pre orders*)



Friday 1st June  
Year 6&7 Cake Stall

*(Bring change on the day  
for the cake stall)*

Monday 11th June  
Queens Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th June  
Parents & Friends  
Meeting 9am

Monday 18th June  
Governing Council  
Meeting 7pm

Friday 29th June  
PUPIL FREE DAY  
TD Day for all staff

Get involved in the 2018 Public Education Awards!

In 2016 Pauline Bolto was a deserving award winner in the Support Staff section. So let's see if we can have another award winner from our outstanding educators here at Littlehampton Preschool & School. These awards not only acknowledge the fabulous work our educators do but they promote our achievements to the community and showcase what a public school is able to achieve. Please see the front office if you would like to nominate one of our fabulous educators.

### Reconciliation Week

This week will be held from the 27<sup>th</sup> May to the 3<sup>rd</sup> June with the theme for this year being: **Don't keep history a mystery: Learn. Share. Grow.**

The focus of reconciliation week is to learn more about our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and to share that knowledge. During the week your child may hear of personal stories, historical events and recordings about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and histories. For example, the successful 1967 referendum, which asked people to vote yes or no for the removal of a reference in the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Aboriginal people. Over 90% of votes said yes (the highest yes vote ever recorded in a Federal referendum), this is a significant event in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history. It is important that our children know, and are respectful of our own nation's history, both Aboriginal and European.

Have a great fortnight,

Regards,

Irene

### Nature Play area

Parents may not be aware that we have started to open up the 'new blocks' next door as a nature play area. This will be the location of our properly designed Nature Playground later this year, but we are finding our students are super keen and do not want to wait, so in the meantime we are taking small groups to play in this area under the supervision of a teacher. There are larger logs to climb over, trees to climb and sticks to build and play with. This is a very different type of space from the school playground, and students have to watch out for their own safety; making decisions like, "Is this log too far for me to jump to safely?" , "If I turn over that rock will there be a spider?" and act accordingly.

We think this is terrific learning for children, but if you would rather your child not play in this area until it has been properly developed, please let your child's class teacher know. You are also welcome to come along on the weekend with your child and discuss safety with them on site.

### SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Caiden Metcalfe, Noah Dunn, Daniel Collins and Will Trevorrow on being chosen in the Barker SAPSASA District Softball Team, which came Runner Up in their division for the State Championships.

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen in the Barker SAPSASA Netball/Football teams to participate in the State Championships in Week 5 of this term: Asha Marshall, Kaci Tarca, Lily Brown, Rachel Howse, Katie Thompson, Ashton white, Noah Dunn and Will Trevorrow. We wish them all the best.



## Premiers Reading Challenge

Over the last few weeks the following students have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge:

Asha Linke, Darcy Pallant, Makayla Sander, Sophie Nesbitt,  
Nicholas Dvorak, Matilda Lay, Cameron Princi, Sienna Herbig,  
Mia Grant, Bailey Grant, Nicola Davis, Aurelia Szilassy,  
Gabrielle Metcalfe, Frankie Beurskens, Bianca Neller,  
Max Hartshorne, Sophie Caust, Lucy Caust  
Daniel Van der Merwe

Well done everyone on completing this great challenge.

## Student Gaming issues

Do you know what your child is up to online?

Recently we have been made aware of a significant number of our older students participating in online gaming at home during the evenings and on weekends. We strongly encourage parents to monitor this carefully and to put restrictions on the types of games played and the hours of gaming. Younger children, too are increasingly telling us about online gaming and chatting to strangers as part of their game. One Year 3 student recently told me he had 150 'friends' playing with him online. This is obviously concerning since it is unlikely he actually knows these 'friends' or has met them in person.

For child safety, computers and devices should always be in line of sight of parents, and never in bedrooms. Some parents have been surprised to learn that their children have been gaming late at night, when they thought they were asleep. This has caused issues at school as well, since there is pressure on others to stay up late to participate, for fear of missing out.

Please talk to your children about their computer use. Be curious and ask them to show you the games they play and the programs they use. Check whether they actually know who they are playing with and how they know them.

Make sure your home filter is working properly too. Children are naturally curious and will search for taboo topics if they are able to, but can then be quite traumatized by the images and videos they discover while browsing the Internet. There are many free filtering software programs online— K9 is one that has been recommended to us: <http://www1.k9webprotection.com/> but there are many others.

Thank you for working with us to keep our students safe.

### Staff Car Park

**Please note that parents are not to park in the staff car park during school hours. This area is for school staff only.**

## Winners!!!

### Our Cross Country Team

We would like to say congratulations to all of our students who were involved in SAPSASA Cross Country Day last Tuesday. The team came home very excited as they were the outright winners for the day. Please look out for the full report and pictures in our next newsletter.

## Wet Weather Arrangements

We are back into the winter months, with some very welcome rain for our gardens. This does make outside play a bit tricky though on some days!

We would like parents and students to know that we will only be cancelling outside play in cases of heavy rain. You can expect that if it is drizzling, or if there are intermittent showers, that students will still be playing outside. Students please come prepared with rain jackets and umbrellas to keep you dry. Plain navy blue rain jackets are part of our school uniform policy, 'navy zip-up spray jacket'. These are available from the uniform shop, or you can purchase jackets elsewhere as long as they are plain navy, no logo.

If you are likely to play out in the open (eg playing footy on the oval), it might be worth popping a spare pair of trousers and socks in your school bag just in case, so you can be warm and dry for the rest of the day. Thank you!

## Principal's Awards

At our Week 3 Assembly the following students were presented with a Principal's Award for following our Super Seven Values:

**A POSITIVE ATTITUDE:** Malakai Maple, Rylan Henke, Jake Brown, Seth Peterson, Dante Stubbs, Milan Scamoni, Caitlin Witt, Finley Sappenberghs, Jessica Murphy, Jay Searl, Harrison Burt, Isaac Hooper, Sienna Baugh, Alexander Smyth, Connor Martin, Toby Boland, Bowie Donaldson, Chloe Cotton, Gus Brown, Thomas Koerber, Anika Hall, Abbey Gray

**VALUING OTHERS:** Tamiah Vignera, Joseph Sward, Logan Walker

**INCLUDING OTHERS:** Abbey Gray, Aurelia Szilassy, Baylee Pashley, , Meisha-Jay Read, Vincent Robson-Mullard, Molly Passmore, Caitlin Batge

**BEING TRUSTWORTHY:** Mia Grant, Emerson Reynolds, Isabel Haylock

**RESPECT:** Tegan Engley

**KINDNESS:** Clementine Wright, Evie Gardiner, Asha Gaff, Toby Graham

