Littlehampton
Primary & Preschool

Newsletter

Week 9 Term 4 2019

Principal's News

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday11th December

Volunteers Celebration
Morning Tea
10.45

Thursday 12th December

Year 7 Graduation Evening

Photos 5.40pm
Graduation Ceremony
6.00pm

Friday 13th December

Last Day of Term 4
Whole School Assembly
1.30pm
Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Tuesday 29th January 2020
First Day Back Term 1

Dear families, Here we are again, almost at the end of another action packed year. It always amazes me as to how much gets packed into the school year. Thank you to our school community for their support and dedication to our students. There are many ways that you, as parents, extended family and community members support us. Without your support many of our programs and extra-curricular activities would not run.

Staffing for next year is almost finalised. However, we have had a couple of last minute changes of staff and roles that need to be sorted. We welcome some new teachers and say thank you and farewell to others. In particular we farewell Julie Claridge who is retiring, Alison Bishop who is taking leave for the year, Chelsea Easton and Kieran Sandow. I would like to thank these teachers for their commitment to our student's education and their service to the school. Welcome to Alberto Abarno who will be commencing as our Language teacher (Spanish) next year and to Gisela Obst our new Music teacher.

Other staff who are changing roles or leaving are; Kate Oglanby, who is due to have her baby soon and will be concentrating on her role as a mum! Sam Butcher who has decided to not continue in her role as Kitchen Specialist and Janelle Robinson who has decided to focus on her student support role in the school and not continue as the garden specialist. Thank you to these staff for their work in supporting programs to be run here at school. Their work with our students over the years has made a difference for the students and the school. We are in the process of recruiting a new Pastoral Care Worker and a Kitchen and Garden Specialist. Please see further on in the newsletter details about our new timetable enabling our year 6 & 7s to be included back in the program.

At the last Governing Council meeting Sarah Hart and Sam Gray were farewelled and thanked for their contribution to Governing Council and the school over many years of service. Both Sarah and Sam will be leaving the Governing Council as their youngest child will be starting high school next year. Sarah has been the Finance Treasurer for seven years and a Governing Council member for ten. Sam Gray has been a Governing Council member for eleven years and has served on sub committees over that time. Thank you both, your contributions and support of the school will be missed.

In 2020 we will be going down to 17 classes. Unfortunately, this is a result of the amount of year 6s leaving to go to private schools. With the imminent loss of our Year 7s in 2022 it seems the private schools are now placing more pressure on families to begin their child's middle schooling in Year 7 with them. We will be doing our best to counter balance this loss in our budget.

I wish you a peaceful and Merry Christmas. Please stay safe over the holidays and enjoy the time with family and friends. We will see you back on **Tuesday, January 28th** (Monday 27th is a public holiday).

SAKG News and Thankyou

Dear parents and helpers, we have had a busy term in the garden planting up our summer vegetables, ready for next year. The children have been enjoying picking from our patch of strawberries and cooking up chocolate and strawberry brownies.

When you walk past the patch it often smells like a big pot of strawberry jam. In the kitchen the children have also been immersed in the art of making delicious fettuccine. Our winter crops of beetroot, broad beans, kale, cabbage and spinach have now been used productively to make some delicious dishes. Kale chips are always a favourite with the children.

We had a lot of fun making our Santa scarecrow! Each year we create something unique and special, a little imagination and creativity go a long way. It is not a job for hay-fever sufferers! We think he looks wonderful.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our helpers, some that have devoted an entire year to helping our groups of children.

Not just in the kitchen garden but throughout the entire school. You do make a huge difference. Also thankyou to our little junior gardeners, Taj, Dom, Sadie and Louis. Its a little hard to hold the floor when these little cuties are in the room!

Hoping you all have a wonderful Xmas with friends and family. Janelle and Sam

LAP Morning Tea Celebrations

What a great Celebration we had. The children made Thankyou Cards and Gifts for their mentors. Thank you to all of our volunteers. Your time and efforts are appreciated by all.

SAKG News for 2020

As a result of feedback from parents and staff the SAKG is having a makeover. In 2020 all Year 3 – 7 class will be participating in the SAKG program. Each class will attend a gardening lesson once a fortnight for the year and a semester of kitchen lessons. Year 4 and 6 classes will have kitchen in the first semester and Year 3, 5 and 7 in the second semester. This is to allow Year 3, 5 and 7 students to prepare for NAPLAN in Term 2.

Unfortunately both our current garden and kitchen specialists will not be continuing in their roles. We have begun the recruitment process for both positions and will let you know once the process is complete. We would like to thank both Janelle and Sam for the hard work they have done over the years with the SAKG. Janelle will be continuing to work at Littlehampton to support students.

Glebe LPS Enrichment Stall

On Friday 29th November the Littlehampton Primary School Enrichment students had a stall at the Carols where we sold our hand made coasters, some cards, lollies, biscuits, play doh and bubble wands.

Students were rostered on in shifts and rotated through sales and customer service roles as well as taking money and giving change to customers. It was a fun and valuable learning opportunity for all involved and the pride on faces when selling their wares to supportive family members was priceless.

We also had a 'guess the lollies' jar on our school stall and with a guess of 213 it was Councillor David Leach who was the closest guess.

Remaining coasters are still available through Mandy Betts. Please make contact if you could not make it to the Carols and would like to have a look or purchase a set of 4 for $6.

Migration Museum & Central Markets

During this term Ms Barnes and Miss Wandner's class have been learning about migration to Australia. On November 26th the two classes then participated in an excursion to the Migration Museum and the Adelaide Central Markets. Students were able to develop their understanding of migration to Australia over the past 200 years as well as the impact immigrants have had on Australian culture and society. After visiting the Migration Museum the group then ventured and explored the Adelaide Central Markets. It was a very enjoyable day for all.

Finance Information for 2020

The Material & Services Poll closed 4/12/19 and as a result the charge of $310 will be legally recoverable.

Materials & Service Charges (School Fees 2020)
The 2020 School Fees have been set by the Governing Council at $310. Our Preschool charge will remain at $440.

Voluntary Gym Levy: We would like to thank all the families who have made their Gym donation this year and remind families that it is not too late to make your donation of $100 (or $70 for approved school card families). Although this is voluntary we rely on each families contribution in order to meet our annual repayment of $23969.23. This contribution is tax deductable.

Additional Fees: Students in Yr 3 to Yr 7 will be charged $25 for a semester to help fund the kitchen/garden program.

Our Payway option for payments of Materials and Services charges will be available again in 2020. This is only for Materials & Service Charges. **This plan must commence in February with the final payment made prior to the end of September 2020.** Forms will be available from the Finance Department at the start of 2020 school year.

Payments in Full can be made via cash, cheque or direct deposit into our Bank SA account no: 115 050 840, BSB 105-025. Please quote your family code (which will show on your invoice) and what you are paying for. EG DANI00—M&S. Once payment is made please email your remittance to dl.0225.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

School Card Applications will be available from the school office in Term 1 2020. **If you believe you meet the requirements a new application must be filled out each year even if you have been approved in previous years.** The Education Department is encouraging applications to be completed on-line, but please forward a copy to the school as soon as you have completed it on-line as we need to key in details at a school level. **Please ensure that this is done in the first week of Term 1 2020 to allow verification by Centrelink and DECD.**

Woodside Swimming Program: This will be held early in Term 1 for Reception to Year 5 students and families will be invoiced when costs are known.

Aquatic activities: The Yr 6 &Yr 7 students will be involved in this activity in March and families will be invoiced when costs are known.

2019 SCHOOL CHARGES

Several families still have outstanding school charges and we would appreciate payment of these charges prior to 13/12/19. If necessary, payments can still be made during the holidays by direct deposit into our account—BSB 105-025, account number 115 050 840, but all current charges need to be finalised prior to the start of the 2010 school year. If you have any queries please ring 8391 1194 and speak to Judi Daniel or Michelle Calderwood or email dl.0225.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

Thank you for your cooperation.

Class Structures 2020

We have now finalised our class structures and all but one teacher (Year 5) has been allocated to these classes. Please see below our 2020 Classes and teachers:

Reception	(Rm 1)	Renee Cooper
Reception	(Rm 2)	Deb Tarca
Year 1	(Rm 3)	Leonie Chatfield
Year 1	(Rm 4)	Lorna McLean
Year 2	(Rm 16)	Kelly Shute & Narelle Thomas
Year 2	(Rm 14)	Sue Close
Year 2/3	(Rm 15)	Tara Herewane & Courtney Graeber
Year 3	(Rm 13)	James Murray
Year 3/4	(Rm 10)	Gillian Bevan
Year 4	(Rm 9)	Sara Weston
Year 5	(Rm 11)	Danielle Stone
Year 5	(Library)	Lynne Asquith
Year 5	(Rm 12)	**Unknown at present**
Year 6	(Rm 7)	Helen Kupczynski
Year 6	(Rm 8)	Ruby Bambrick
Year 6/7	(Rm 5)	Kristi Wandner
Year 7	(Rm 6)	Tracey Barnes

Top Ten Literacy Tips for Holidays

We've put together ten activities to get your kids reading and viewing, speaking and listening and writing these school holidays … and have fun doing them!

1. Read: Read anywhere and read anything. School holidays are a good time for children to read. Find a huge variety of choice at your local library or bookshop.

2. Tune into Story Box Library: Stories that are 'a little bit cheeky, a little bit charming, and a whole lot of fun' are right at your fingertips, and you don't even have to get out of your pyjamas! Simply use your child's school log in details.

www.storyboxlibrary.com.au

Login as a school. Username = Storybox (space) LHPS Viewer password = lhps

Don't forget to access the Activity Time for each story, which is usually an art or play-based activity to help children further engage with the story.

3. Go on a letter or word hunt: You can do this in the local neighbourhood, but cities are a fun place for this activity too. Create a list of letters or words, such as a four letter word or a funny word, and search for them in nature, architecture and signage.

4. Write: Get creative by creating your own line of stationery, then get busy writing and sending Christmas cards, post cards, and letters to family and friends.

5. Plan a fun day out: This involves initial research by reading the local paper or searching the internet for ideas. Once kids have chosen their activities, they can write a detailed itinerary for the family, including reading maps and train timetables to work out how to get there and how much money will be needed for travel, entry fees and lunch.

6. Make a movie: Use an iPad or tablet and movie-making software to create a news report about your school holidays or write a fun script about something you love. Get your family and friends in on the action by giving them a starring role.

7. Go to the movies: Do some research first; read reviews about the movies currently showing. Find out where and when you'll see your chosen movie, and then have a go at writing and publishing your own movie review.

8. Set up a footpath stall: Whether it's homemade lemonade, your own artwork or selling some pre-loved treasures. Make posters to attract shoppers and use emotive language and advertising to promote your product. A footpath stall is a fun way to get to know your neighbours too.

9. Get cooking: Find and follow a recipe to make a delicious treat. Once baked, send invitations to friends or family to enjoy your treats with you.

10. Play board games: Board games are so deceiving. It feels like you're just having fun, but there are actually many skills at play, including reading, comprehending, strategizing, counting, calculating, speaking, listening, turn-taking and negotiating.

***Barb O'Connor* (Teacher Librarian)**

Future Writer

Annabelle Boland is a passionate environmentalist who wants to raise greater awareness about the problems caused by plastic pollution. She has published her own book and donated a copy to the library to encourage our school community to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Kids who read succeed! 2019 was another successful year for students completing their Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the 400 students who completed the Challenge!