



Welcome to 2020

Important Dates

Monday 10th February

Governing Council AGM
7pm Resource Centre

Tuesday 11th February

Acquaintance Night
(Timetable inside)
5.30pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 13th February

Whole School Assembly
Run by Tracey Barnes
Year 7 Class

Thursday 20th February

LAP/Multilit Meeting
2pm Staff Room

Friday 21st February

Murraylands Aquatic
Excursion for KW & TB
Classes

Monday 24th to Friday

6th March

Swimming Weeks for
Reception to Year 5's

Friday 28th February

Murraylands Aquatic
Excursion for HK & RB
Classes.

Welcome back to a new school year. The end of 2019 and beginning of 2020, saw our state and country experience a scale of bushfires that was unprecedented worldwide. Our beautiful Hills region was hit hard, as was Kangaroo Island. We would all know someone that was impacted directly and experienced loss. It has been incredibly moving to see the support and level of fundraising that has occurred during this time. The feeling of wanting to do 'something' has been intense, not just here in Australia but worldwide. The students have been talking to their teachers about the things that they would like to do to support those involved and impacted by the bushfires. Teachers have also been utilising the resources provided by the Department to work through any questions and/or concerns the students have. As a school we are also able to provide support for those who have been directly impacted. If you have any concerns in regards to your child/ren and the impact of these bushfires, please contact their teacher, myself, or a member of our leadership team. Being back at school and into a normal routine will help the students in making sense of this stressful time.

This year we have 55 preschool and 48 reception children. It is so uplifting to see the enthusiasm and excitement these children have as they begin their school journey.

We also welcome another eight students to our school in a variety of year levels.

Welcome to all of these students and their families to our school community.

There are also some new staff to our school. Welcome to Hayley Roberts: Yr5 teacher, Alberto Abarno :Spanish teacher, Jenn Lock : General classroom teacher, Gisela Obst : Music teacher, Andy Buchmann :Grounds, Joey Traeger: Pastoral Care Worker, Jodie Ellery: Kitchen Garden Specialist and Sarah McInnes :SSO Special Education.

Just some reminders of events coming up. We have our AGM on Monday night at 7pm. This will be held in our Resource Centre. There are still a couple of GC member positions to be filled. If you think this would be something you would like to do, please contact the front office for a nomination form. Tuesday night is our Acquaintance night, a timetable has been sent out on School Stream, email and a hard copy this week, with the times of classroom visits. If you have not received one please contact your child's teacher, or the front office for a copy. **A reminder that pre-schoolers (including those that attend our preschool) must be kept with you at all times and not sent to the supervised play area.**

Have a great fortnight, Irene



Introducing our new PCW



Hello, my name is Joey Traeger and I am the new Pastoral Care Worker, providing a Chaplaincy Service at Littlehampton Primary School. Pastoral Care Workers offer a unique dimension of care and support to all members of the school community. My role includes working alongside and complementing other welfare and wellbeing staff in the school.

As the School Pastoral Care Worker, I will be available in the yard at break times, I will work alongside teachers and students in the classroom, and I will be an extra resource to teachers to support extra-curricular events and activities. I also provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family. At the moment I am spending many hours dressing up and doing puzzles with my 2 year old, not to mention watching far too much Wiggles. In my grown up time I enjoy playing board games and being a little bit crafty. I also volunteer on youth camps during the school holidays. I am passionate about helping people, particularly children, and I'm so delighted to have the opportunity to serve this school community.

I will be at the school on Mondays and Thursdays, and I can be contacted by parents and care-givers through the school front office or by email. I am really looking forward to assisting the school staff to provide the best outcomes for students and their families.

I am excited to get to know the entire school community, so if you see me around the school please come and introduce yourself.

Joey
PASTORAL CARE WORKER
at LPS on Mondays and Thursdays

Joey.Traeger704@schools.sa.edu.au

Littlehampton AGM

Invitation

Littlehampton Primary and Preschool will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 10th February. This meeting will be held in our Resource Centre and commences at 7pm.

All parents are welcome to attend and we would like to especially encourage our new families to come along to find out more about your children's school.

Nomination forms for Governing Council membership are available on our website.

KickStart for Kids



After a successful trial of KickStart for Kids, our breakfast program, it is going to continue in 2020. KickStart for Kids will recommence in Week 5. It will run on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.25am – 8.45am in the kitchen. Weet-Bix and toast with jam or vegemite is available for students. Students learn to make their own breakfast as well as wash and dry their dishes. KickStart for Kids is a South Australian not-for-profit organisation that provides a breakfast and lunch program for children in South Australia. They rely solely on donations from community members.

SAKG - Kitchen

This year we have a new kitchen specialist, Jodie Ellery. Jodie has a passion for cooking and a new vision for the kitchen. We are very excited about the new skills students will learn.

We would like to adopt a "Grow Free" attitude at our school and send the message out to the community that we will happily accept donations of any excess produce you may have growing at home, so that we can develop a sustainable attitude with the children to avoid waste in our kitchen garden program.

I am very excited and ready to take on the challenge of managing the SAKG Kitchen at LHS. Teaching children how to prepare and cook food is something I am very passionate about and I look forward to sharing this with the students, I am very excited and ready to take on the challenge of managing the SAKG Kitchen at LHS. Teaching children how to prepare and cook food is something I am very passionate about and I look forward to sharing this with the students, parents, staff and SAKG volunteers.

Jodie Ellery

SAKG Kitchen Specialist

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 28th March

We are holding a Bunnings BBQ to raise money for the SAKG program. There will be more information as the date gets closer.



Acquaintance Night

A letter was sent out on Tuesday giving you information about our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday February 11th. . We encourage all families to attend our Acquaintance Night

The most important part of the evening is making yourself known to your child's class teacher/s. We really value regular communication between school and home, and the class teacher is the first person you would normally speak to if you have any concerns, or need to let us know what is happening in your child's life (eg important family events, holidays). Acquaintance Night is also a great opportunity to find out about class routines, specialist lessons for the year, the learning program at your child's current year level and important details such as communication and homework expectations.

Wondering what you can do for tea?? The Littlehampton Community Association will be running a BBQ in the bottom lunch shed during the evening, bring along your change and grab a quick snag before or after you have met with your childrens teachers.

We remind parents to keep their preschoolers (including those attending our Preschool) with them at all times.

Swimming Information

During Week 5 & 6 of this term (24th February to the 6th March) the Reception to Year 5 students take part in our Swimming program at the Woodside Pool. On the Term 1 Calendar are the session times for all classes, so please check when and what session your child/children will be taking part in.



Every student should have received a letter giving you which session your child/children will be involved in. There is also other important information you will need to know regarding what your child needs to bring along, what parents need to do if they want to attend the session and a reminder that we have a school policy in place re the taking of photos. Please leave cameras at home and do not use Smartphones to take photos.

Along with this information letter there is a health consent form that must be filled out and returned to the teacher or your child not be able to take part in this great program.

An invoice was also attached showing the cost of the swimming program and transport to and from the pool.

Room	Teacher & Time of Session
Preschool	Evelyn Lam & Jason Fishers 5:30-6:00 pm
Rainbow Room (in Molly Miels)	LLI (Levelled Literacy Intervention) information session in the Rainbow Room for parents of students in this program 5:30—6:00pm
1	Renee Cooper Reception to Year 1
2	Deb Tarca 6:00 – 6:30 pm
3	Leonie Chatfield
4	Lorna McLean
Maths Room (in Molly Miels)	QuickSmart information session in Maths Room for parents of students in this program 6:00 – 6:30 pm
13	James Murray Year 2 to Year 4
14	Sue Close 6:30 – 7:00 pm
15	Tara Herewane/Courtney Graeber
16	Kelly Shute / Narelle Thomas
9	Sara Weston
10	Gillian Bevan
11	Hayley Roberts Year 5 to Year 7
12	Danielle Stone 7.00—7.30pm
Library Class	Lynne Asquith
5	Kristi Wandner
6	Tracey Barnes
7	Helen Kupczynski
8	Ruby Bambrick/ Liz Murphy

Multilit & Lap Programs



Multilit & 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

Thursday 20th Feb 2020

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



Materials & Services Charges

In early October 2019 parents were informed of the proposed M&S charges for 2020 and invited to attend the Governing Council meeting on 28/10/19 where Governing Council approved the **M&S fees for 2020 at \$310**. Parents were then polled with a result of 72 families representing 123 students in favour, and 13 families representing 26 students opposed. As a result, the materials and services charges for 2020 are \$310 which is legally recoverable.

Invoices were sent home in Week 1 and payment requested in full by 26/2/2020. A Payway option is available for families to make regular equal payments over a set period, commencing in February with payment completed prior to September 2020. Payway forms are available from the front office (or a copy was sent last week on School Stream) and will need to be completed and returned promptly. Please note that the first payment is required in February. Charges will be incurred if payments are declined. **Preschool invoices for \$440** have been sent home and payment of this account is due by 26/2/20. 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 for 2020 Materials and Services charge** please complete and return the application form, available from the front office (or online at www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard) by the end of next week. There are due dates set by DfE that we need to meet to allow for verification of applications. Please note that the income limit increased in 2019 and can be checked on www.sa.gov.au. It is important that we receive application forms as soon as possible. DfE is encouraging online applications and you can get more information from the school office if needed.

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, K/G, Swim etc, and email remittance to dl.0225.finance@schools.sa.edu.au. 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 26/2/20 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/Wed) or Michelle Calderwood (W/T/F), either by phone or at the school finance office.

Woodside swimming invoices have been sent home this week with costs set at R-2 \$45 and Yr3-5 \$50, and Yr 6/7 Aquatics information and payment request of \$36 has also been sent home this week. It is important that payment and all forms are completed in full and returned to the school asap.

Information on the kitchen/garden program will be sent out shortly and there is a cost of \$25 associated with this program in 2020. Please do not pay until you have received the payment request form, this payment will need to be made before the end of Week 4.

\$100 (or \$70 for approved school card families) tax deductible Building Fund donation is requested this term. Our commitment for 2020 is \$23969.23, with our first quarterly repayment due in March. We rely on all families contributing to the Gym as it is such a wonderful facility and used by all students.

LHPS Gym available for Hire

Attention Sporting Clubs and Community Organisations.

Did you know the school gym is available for hire? If you are interested in hiring the gym on an ongoing basis please contact Nathan Sanders on (08) 8391 1194

We currently have availability on all but Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Library Matters

Do you have any overdue Library books or Class readers borrowed from the school?

If the answer is "Yes", we are holding a Book Amnesty until the end of February.



The Library staff are willing to clear the record and waive any fees or replacement costs. Just drop any Library books or Class readers that may be still lurking at home into the return box provided at the Library loans desk. No embarrassment. No questions asked!

The Book Amnesty finishes at the end of February. Thank you for your support.

2020 Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	27th January Public Holiday	28th January First Day Back	29th January	30th January	31st January
Week 2	3rd February	4th February Finance Committee Meeting	5th February Parents & Friends Committee Mtg 9am	6th February	7th February
Week 3	10th February Governing Council AGM 7pm	11th February Acquaintance Night 5.30pm to 7.30pm	12th February	13th February Combined Assembly Class: Tracy Barnes 2.25pm	14th February
Week 4	17th February Choir Cluster 9.15am to 10.30am	18th February	19th February	20th February LAP/Multilit Meeting 2pm Staff Room	21st February KW & TB Classes Murraylands Aquatic Excursion
Week 5 Swimming Week	24th February	25th February	26th February	27th February Courier Cup	28th February HK & RB Classes Murraylands Aquatic Excursion
Week 6 Swimming Week	2nd March	3rd March	4th March	5th March No Assembly	6th March
Week 7	9th March Public Holiday	10th March Finance Committee Meeting	11th March Parents & Friends Committee Mtg 9am	12th March	13th March
Week 8	16th March Governing Council Meeting 7pm	17th March	18th March	19th March Rec- Yr 2 Sports Day	20th March Yr 3 to Yr7 Sports Day
Week 9	23rd March	24th March	25th March	26th March Yr 3 -7 Assembly Danielle's' Class	27th March
Week 10 Saturday 28th March Bunnings BBQ	30th March	31st March	1st April LAP/Multilit Meeting 2pm Staff Room Oakbank Athletics	2nd April	3rd April
Week 11	6th April	7th April	8th April	9th April Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.15pm	10th April Good Friday Public Holiday