Littlehampton Primary & Preschool

Newsletter

Week 6 Term 1 2022

Governing Council 2022

Important Dates

Courier Cup

***Practice* 18/03 at 7:30am**
Woodside Pool

Event Tuesday 22/03/2022

Harmony Week
Week 8

Well being & Engagement Collection Survey Week 9

Oakbank Athletics

Tuesday 5th of April

Parent/Teacher Interview Week

Week 10
(More information to come)

Pupil Free Day
Week 11

Thursday 14th of April

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Term 2 Week 2-3

Our recent AGM and first Governing Council meeting for the year was well attended. At this meeting we farewelled some long serving Governing Council members and welcomed 5 new members. We farewelled Ben Marsland, Cory Beauchesne, Kate Hill, Lorna Duigan, who was very active with the Parents and Friends group, and Dale Schmidt. Dale was a Governing Council member for almost 10 years, with a good part of that ten years being on the Finance Committee. We value the contribution each of these members made to our active and diverse Governing Council. Our 5 new members this year are Jen Edwards, Nadia Luck, Alan Neilson, Chris Lay and Marnie Aldred. We are looking forward to working together with our 2022 Council.

Our Governing Council is made up of 21 members: the Principal, 2 staff representatives and 17 parents representing families with students in year levels ranging from CPC to year 6, as well as representation of the local community.

Our GC meets twice a term to talk about the direction of the school, preschool and OSHC. In recent times, meetings have been a mixture of online and face-to-face. GC are also the employing authority of OSHC and work closely with school to ensure its success. GC is active in helping develop policies and are involved in discussions around our site improvement plan. GC members are also called upon if the need arises to deal with media in response to an event as well as being on an interview panel to select the site's principal or OSHC Director.

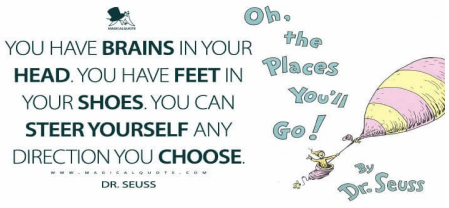
This year Lea Hague was re-elected as Chairperson with other office bearers being Wendy Hammond—Secretary, Greg Bell—Treasurer, Johan van der Merwe—Deputy Chairperson, Marnie Aldred—Deputy Secretary.

We asked our current GC members to provide us with the best piece of advice they would give a primary age student, and here is what they told us;

Lea Hague (Leanne.hague@sa.gov.au) Joined GC in 2017; *"Every day can be an amazing adventure if you let it!"*

Andrew Thompson (athompson5001@gmail.com) Joined GC 2007; *"Don't let fear stop you from trying something new. If you don't have a go you will never know if you like it or not."*

Marnie Aldred (marnie.aldred@gmail.com) Joined GC 2022.



Jen Edwards (chickandegg@yahoo.com.au) Joined GC 2022; "Be curious….let yourself be curious. There is so much to learn that "isn't on the test""

Renae Gollan. Joined GC in 2020.

Paula Love (paula.n.love@gmail.com) Joined GC 2018 "How wonderful it is that no one needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world"- Anne Frank

Chris Lay (chris.lay106@schools.sa.edu.au) Joined GC 2022 "We don't come to school to be better than others, we come to school to better ourselves."

Alan Neilson (alanjmantelpiece@gmail.com) Joined GC 2022 "Find something, anything, that you are passionate about and pursue it!....but make sure you keep having fun along the way."

Governing Council 2022 cont...

Samantha Homfray (samanthahomfray@hotmail.com) Joined GC 2021 "Always try your best and be happy with that."

Crystel Newman (crystal@outlook.com.au) Joined GC 2021 "Be kind, always try your best and have fun."

Daylan Riddle (daylanriddle@bigpond.com) Joined GC 2012 "Learn to love to learn by learning how you learn best."

Jess Szilassy (jszilassy@hotmail.com) Joined GC in 2012 "Don't be afraid to make mistakes, they are some of the best teachers. Instead, learn how to be okay with mistakes, and learn from them."

Johan van der Merwe (outbackjohan@outlook.com) Joined GC 2018 The Golden Rule: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you" Matthew 7:9

A word from Suyin

Dear Families,

I am hope this newsletter finds you all safe, well and healthy. We have had a very busy time since the last newsletter. Week 3 and 4 saw us trying to get back into the swing of things as hybrid learning finished and students came back to school. The students have done a fabulous job of adjusting back to routines, enjoying the time to re-establish relationships with friends, make new friends and develop that ever so important rapport with their teachers. It has been really nice to have students back and enjoy the buzz and energy that they create in our school community. Week 5 and 6 we were still lucky enough to be able to take the children swimming and participate in Aquatics and we thank families for getting on board so quickly to make that happen. We have been able to welcome volunteers back to our Kitchen and Garden classes and reading support and we are really grateful for their support. In weeks 4, 5 and 6, some of our teachers have enjoyed time to be able to do some deep thinking around curriculum and directions forward for the school which has been super exciting. Leadership have also been working with curriculum leads within the department to support progress on our goals outlined in our Site Improvement Plan (available on our website). They have also been working closely with us to plan our Pupil Free Day (Thursday 14th April) where all staff will continue to develop their curriculum knowledge and skills.

I would also like to do a special shout out to our new Governing Council for 2022. I was lucky enough to be part of our AGM and first Governing Council meeting for 2022 and was so pleased and humbled by the willingness of our parent body to put themselves forward to contribute their effort, knowledge and skill to support our students, staff and school. I really look forward to working with Lea Hague, our re-elected chairperson and all the members this year. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have already provided us, it doesn't go unnoticed.

As you can imagine it hasn't been the usual start to a year, which has certainly stretched our staff in more ways than one but it has been so heartening to feel the support that everyone has had for each other and the kind gestures that staff have shared. The encouraging words of support, chocolate fairies with special deliveries for everyone and the little gifts left in pigeonholes all make this a really nice place to be. So thank you staff, students and families for supporting us in our endeavour to create a positive learning space for all and your continued patience in these COVID times as we continue to navigate the various directions from the department.

I hope that all of our families have a really lovely 3 day break this weekend and you have a chance to rest, relax and have a bit of fun. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday.

Take Care,
Suyin McDonald (Acting Principal)

The most COVID recent updates include:

COVID Update

- COVID-Safe QR check-in is no longer required. However, please adhere to normal visitor registration processes at the front office.
- Parents and caregivers must wear a face mask when indoors in an education setting at all times. This includes when they are attending preschools or schools for events and volunteering (e.g. excursions, student support). Parents and caregivers who are unable to wear a face mask indoors should advise the site leader or teacher that they have an exemption.
- SA Health has advised that classroom contacts can attend extra-curricular activities, excursions and camps if they don't have any symptoms. Teachers or students should not go on camp or participate in other extra-curricular activities if they are in a classroom where SA Health has required action beyond the testing, isolating and quarantine requirements.
- Please continue to keep children at home if they are unwell and have any symptoms. If children are sent to school unwell or have symptoms, families will be notified to collect their children as soon as possible.
- Please continue to limit coming on site where possible and please adhere to social distancing.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome a number of new staff members to our teaching team. Gisela Obst our Music teacher will be taking long service leave for the rest of the term and Jen Edwards a Performing Arts specialist will be backfilling her position. Jen is a parent in our school community and comes to us with great experience in teaching drama and music to children aged 3-12, so we are really excited to have her on board and can't wait to see what she can share with our students. We would also like to welcome 2 new SSOs that will help support a number of our students this term, Sandra Weston and Ashleigh Hamilton who will be with us on Monday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday respectively. Ashleigh is an experienced SSO who comes to us from Nairne PS and Sandra did a fabulous job training with us last year, so it is nice to have her back since completing her training. Welcome ladies and we hope you enjoy your time here at Littlehampton PS.

Safety around our school

We have recently had discussions with council regarding various safety issues around our school which was flagged to the council by a member of our school community. We are pleased to report that some worthwhile discussions were had with leadership, where concerns were raised and some next steps generated. This will include possible solutions to our concerns and discussions with Governing Council. In the meantime can we remind all families of the following guidelines regarding safe driving behaviour:
The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

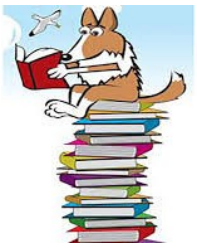
You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 25km/h school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

Note – Council officers patrol school parking in the morning and afternoon during school terms. To report dangerous driving, please contact SA Police.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Student Acknowledgement:



Premiers Reading Challenge has begun and Sebastian Gollan is the first student in the school to complete the challenge! A true and honest effort! Congratulations Sebastian! Our plan this year for the PRC wall display is to create a "Dreaming fire" with the artistic help of lovely Mandy Herbert. As a special acknowledgment of his success we have invited Sebastian to help create and paint the fire with Mandy.

Library Lover's Lucky Dip

The following students received a "Library Lovers' Lucky Dip"

Prize for writing about why they like to visit the library during "Love your Library" week.
Congratulations to Ava Oaklands, Austin Bloffwitch, Macey Crichton, Olivia Dalby and Saxon Searl. You will see their "Love your Library" comments displayed on the Accessit Library Landing each week.
https://au.accessit.online/LTT02

Below are the Library Lovers' comments:

"I love the library because I love books and every time I visit I learn something new. Every night I read in bed and my favourite type of book is graphic novels." ***Ava Oaklands***

"I love the library because the Premier's Reading Challenge is good fun. There is always something good to read and we learn in the space. The people in the library are kind and we are allowed to come in at lunchtime." ***Austin Bloffwitch***

"I love sitting down and reading books. I learn lots of different things and the library is a great place to discover new books to borrow." ***Macey Crichton***

"I love the books because I get better at reading and I learn more each time. Thank you for building this library. I love the library." ***Olivia Dalby***

" I love the library because I love spies and there are lots of spy books. I also love research and learning." ***Saxon Searl***

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Multilit & Lap Programs

Multilit (reading support) & LAP (Learning Assistance Program) 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. These programs cannot run without our wonderful community volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor and volunteering to work with children, please consider working with Kylie Moult-Smith and some great volunteers on one of these programs. No experience necessary!

Your valuable time would be greatly appreciated by all Staff.

Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March 2022 in our school kitchen at 2.00pm

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.

Thank you Bunnings Mt Barker

A huge thank you to the wonderful support from Bunnings Mt Barker for kindly donating a very sturdy box for our Nature Play area. This storage container will keep our loose parts play items safe and out of the weather when they are not in use.

Parents & Friends Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Littlehampton Parents & Friends on Thursday, 17th of March at 9:00am at the Hill's Kitchen cafe, (the one attached to the Littlehampton Marketplace).

We'll be planning some fund raisers, giving updates on what's happening at the school and just chatting over coffee.

If you want to become more involved at the school or just want to meet some other parents please come along.

Alan Neilson & Nadia Luck
Co-Chairs

Upcoming Events

Election BBQ and donut fundraiser
On Saturday March 19th the school will be one of the local voting sites in the district. The Kitchen Garden program will dovetail into this event and provide a sausage sizzle, donuts and drinks for voters on the day. The stall will run from 8-4pm so come down with a big appetite and say hi, we are looking forward to seeing you and raising some funds for our popular program. The school will also be supporting the local CFS on the day so bring your coins and donate in the tins to a really worthy cause.

Harmony Week
The students and staff will be celebrating Harmony Day Monday 21st with a week of events to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Activities will include a whole school picnic lunch on the oval, where children can wear harmony day colours of red, orange and yellow, daily cultural music, flag decorations, dancing, chalk drawing, arm painted art for a gold coin donation, a roving friendship photo frame to take pictures in, books to read in different languages, making of friendship pins, bracelets and Mexican Ojo do dios and various activities in the library. We are really looking forward to this week of togetherness, diversity and inclusivity and we hope to share lots of photos in our week 9 newsletter.

Dream Big Festival Poster Comp

The Dream Big Festival poster competition is on again this year, calling for entries for the Dream Big 2023 artwork and design for promotional material. A few years ago several students took part and enjoyed the experience of creating art for the wider South Australian community to view. It is a fantastic competition for our R- Year 6 students to get involved with the possibility of having their artwork being selected to go on the posters for Dream Big 2023. Opportunities will be given to interested students to work on their artworks in sessions offered at lunch times towards the end of the term. See the details below and hop on the website to find out more. If you have any questions please email me. Mandy Herbert (Visual Art Teacher)

DreamBIG 2023 Poster Competition

Now open until 13 May

Do you have a wonderfully creative student that could be our next poster winner? We invite all Reception – Year 12 students to enter the DreamBIG Children's Festival Poster Competition!

One lucky student will have their artwork professionally incorporated into a poster for the 2023 DreamBIG Children's Festival. Their design will be used throughout the festival in a suite of promotional material. The winning student will have the opportunity for a professional designer to create the final poster image, and will receive a $500 tech gift card!

The theme this festival is 'Our World'. We want your students to think laterally, imaginatively, and creatively to produce a visual work of art. A panel of judges from the Department for Education and DreamBIG Children's Festival will select a winner in May and an announcement will be made in June.

Junior Softball State Champs

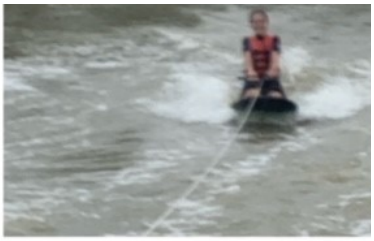
Some of our students were involved in the recent Junior State Softball Championships.

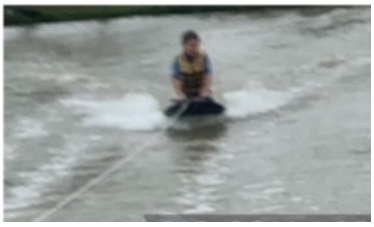
Junior State Champs is open to all South Australian softball associations. These students was a collaboration of teams that represented Hills Softball Association.

Both Hills U14 teams won with the U12's coming second in a tight Grand Final. Congratulations to all of our students who took part in this competition.

Aquatics Fun

On Friday 4th March our Year 6's enjoyed taking part in an Aquatics Day up at the Murray Lands Aquatic Centre.
It was a fun filled day for all who were involved.





Swimming Fun Days

During the last couple of weeks our Reception to Year 5 students have participated in swimming lessons at the Woodside pool. This has been an amazing experience for all. Even though it has been a bit cooler than usual the students all gave their best with outstanding behaviour mentioned by teachers, parents, and instructors present. It was great to see all the different opportunities provided to the students by the instructors and the enthusiasm shown by the eager swimmers.

A word from Joey

International Social and Emotional Learning Day

The second Friday in March is International SEL Day (Social and Emotional Learning). I find this so exciting! A day to celebrate everything I love to do at school.

Research shows that children's social, emotional, cognitive and academic development are deeply intertwined, and come together to create successful adults. This means that we need to work together between home and school to foster all learning.

As we combine education, health, and science terms and concepts, the jargon can get very confusing. Sometimes this means we just give up. Thank you if you have even read this far!

I wanted to explain some frequently used terms:

***Social, emotional, and academic development*:** This means life skills, the things you use everyday in life, school, jobs and families

***Resilience, perseverance and persistence*:** This translates to bouncing back, sticking with it, learning from mistakes, overcoming obstacles. This does not mean that your child is unhappy or struggling

***Grit*:** This means taking on challenges, pushing yourself, learning from efforts, learning from mistakes
Executive function: This means organisation skills, setting goals, ability to focus, managing time well

***Self-regulation*:** This means self-control, being ready to learn. This does not mean that your child is going through some sort of therapy

***Growth mindset*:** This means learning from mistakes, hard work pays off, and it's all in the effort. This is not about a child's mind growing as they mature.

If you would like any more support with this, or anything regarding 'life skills' or mental health please feel free to contact me by calling the front office to leave me a message, or sending me an email. This year I am at school on Monday and Tuesday as I am now a preschool parent.

Joey,
PASTORAL CARE WORKER
at LPS on Mondays and Tuesdays
Joey.Traeger704@schools.sa.edu.au

Chop & Chew Kitchen News

With the glorious weather for our Year 6 kitchen lessons we decided it was a great opportunity to get outside in the sunshine and eat outside picnic style. The students enjoyed the change from indoors and really enjoyed the fact that there was no clean up in kitchen to do after eating.

Senior Choir

Students from Year 5&6 have had the opportunity to "come and try" choir this week. They listened to some songs and learnt a few snippets from a couple of songs. One class missed out due to swimming this week, but those students will have an opportunity to give it a go next week.

Now that they have had a taste of choir, students should have taken home a notice about joining the choir. If this notice has gone astray, please ask your child to visit Debbie in the office to get another copy. Please read the information in the brochure and discuss the commitment with your child. Joining is easy, simply:

- complete the half of the form that contains the choir agreement and give that to Debbie at the office ASAP.
- The payment half page is returned with payment by 17th March.

Thanks to everyone who has already returned their form. I love that the students are so excited to join and start!

Choir will be held every Tuesday. Next week, will be our last "come and try session" before choir starts in earnest with the combined school rehearsal in week 8.

Littlehampton Primary School OSHC
Vacation Care

19th April 2022—29th April 2022 (closed Monday 18th & Monday 25th)

OPENING TIMES 7:00AM—6:30PM

Monday 18th April 2022 **Closed** **Easter Monday**	Monday 25th April 2022 **Closed** **Anzac Day**
Tuesday 19th April 2022 **Dinosaur Bouncy Castle** Plus Dinosaur craft and activities **(Incursion) Cost $70 Less CCS**	 Tuesday 26th April 2022 **Woodwork & Pet Rocks** Create your own pet rock and woodwork design to take home **Cost $55 Less CCS**
Wednesday 20th April 2022 **Medieval Festival** Come dressed as royalty, knights or a magical creature and join in our medieval festival. **Cost $55 Less CCS**	Wednesday 27th April 2022 **3 in 1 Sports Inflatable** Wear your team colours and enjoy this sporting inflatable + other sporting challenges **(Incursion) Cost $70 Less CCS**
Thursday 21st April 2022 **Sushi Making** Today we will be making sushi for our lunch **Cost $55Less CCS**	Thursday 28th April 2022 **Harry Potter Day** Come dressed for a magical day of witches, wizards, wand making, potions and more **Cost $55 Less CCS**
Friday 22nd April 2022 **Spin Art Incursion** Create a beautiful and unique piece of art to take home **(Incursion) Cost $70 Less CCS**	Friday 29th April 2022 **Music + Crazy Hair or Hat Day** Wear your craziest hair or hat and bring along your musical instruments for a fun filled day **Cost $55 Less CCS**

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Bookings close Monday 4th April 2022

Book early to guarantee a spot as spots are limited and may be booked out before closing date (Bookings after 4th April will not be accepted)

Enrolment and Booking forms: http://www.littlehaps.sa.edu.au/OSHC.htm

Please note: Some programmed experiences will only be occurring if we are back in the OSHC space. If there are further delays in the build we will be altering the program.