Littlehampton
Primary & Preschool

Newsletter

Week 1 Term 1 2024

Welcome Back

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 12th February
Governing Council AGM
6.30pm

Wednesday 14th February
Acquaintance Night
6.30pm
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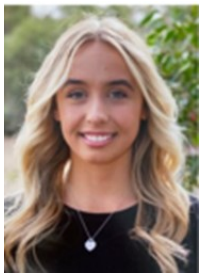
Thursday 22nd February
Whole School Assembly
2.25pm

Monday 26th February to Friday 8th March
Swimming weeks for Reception to Year 5's spaced over Week 5 & 6

Friday 1st March
Year 6 Aquatics Day
(Further information to come)

Welcome back to all of our school families and welcome to all of our new families. We hope that you have all had a great start to the year.

We would like to welcome our new staff to our school community:



Miss Sarah Hooper
I'm new to Littlehampton Primary School, but am returning to The Hills, where I grew up, after teaching in the country. Our class has Year 3 and 4 students, and I am loving working with them! I have a background in Special Education, and am passionate about creating safe and inclusive learning environments for all children to flourish. I am looking forward to an amazing year of learning, growth and fun!

Miss Hayley Surguy
I'm Miss Hayley, and I'm excited to be teaching Room 11 this year with Year 2 and 3! I live in the Adelaide Hills, have a baby girl called Annabelle and a dog called Bear. When I'm not teaching, I like to cook and spend time in nature. I look forward to meeting families and being part of this school community.

Mrs Katrina Duits
I am also new to Littlehampton this year and I am so excited to be here supporting children on their learning journey. I have been working in a Reception to Year 3 class for the last 13 years at a small school in Palmer, near Mannum. I have chosen to move to Littlehampton Primary School to be closer to work for my family, and have discovered that Littlehampton is a warm and welcoming place to teach. I have a husband and two children, Ella 6 and Mia 3 and we live in Nairne.

Mrs Nicole Nelson
Hello, I am Mrs Nicole Nelson and I am excited to be working at Littlehampton PS for the first time this year. I live in Aldgate with my husband Cameron, our three children Alby (8), Audrey (6) and Mae (3) and our dog Willow. My teaching background is in early childhood education and primary school libraries. Early literacy and fostering a love of reading and literature is one of my passions and I love helping children get excited about learning by tapping into their own interests. Outside of work I enjoy reading, cooking and spending time with my family and friends. I will be teaching in Mrs Mardell's classroom on Thursdays and across in Mrs Duits' Year 1/2 classroom on Fridays. I look forward to working with your children this year and being part of the Littlehampton PS community.

We welcome back Leonie Chatfield, and bid a fond farewell to Sam Corbin, who is taking maternity leave while awaiting the birth of her first baby.

We also bid a fond farewell to both Helen Kupczynski after 17 years and Gillian Bevan after 12 years who are both off to explore new horizons. We wish them all the best.

Acquaintance Night Wednesday 14th February

We are well and truly up and running for our new school year! The children and staff have had a great start with new and old friends, lots of learning and an equal amount of fun!

We'd love you to come by to our Acquaintance Night to meet the staff and have a look around.

Our Acquaintance Night is an informal opportunity to chat with teachers, meet the other parents in your children's class and check out other learning spaces in the school. Teachers are there to answer your general questions and will have an information flier for you. If you have specific questions or concerns about your child please ask the teacher for another time to have a chat.

Please join us on the oval at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th February for a short welcome before heading off to explore and connect. Your child will be your guide and take you on a tour of their classroom and other learning spaces.

What: Acquaintance Night

When: Wednesday Week 3, 14th February

Where: 6.30pm Everyone gather on the oval.

6.40pm Learning spaces open – Classrooms, Library, Music, Visual Arts and Gym.

7.35pm Home for a bath, story and zzzz!

How You Can Help Your Child with Issues?

Parenting isn't easy and neither is being a child at times! Kids get into arguments, experience conflict and feel things are unfair. Negotiating this is a normal and natural part of growing up. When this happens, a great way to support your child at school is to be their champion, but not their 'counsel for the defence' or their rescuer. When things get tough, help them learn the skills they need to continue their healthy emotional development.

Children are strong, and capable of learning to do things themselves. Going into fight their battles for them is not a sustainable strategy and a quick fix almost always means children haven't learnt an important skill they need in their life; you might be helping your child in the wrong way. A better way is to use the Parenting CCPR strategy.
Stay **C**alm, **C**onnect with your child, **P**roblem solve together then **R**eflect and **R**epair. Ask your child "what can you change or do differently?", "What worked, didn't work?". "How can you fix it/ make amends?" and make a plan for next time. Then check in to see how it went. "How did it go?" "What will you do next or from now on?" " I knew you could do this!"

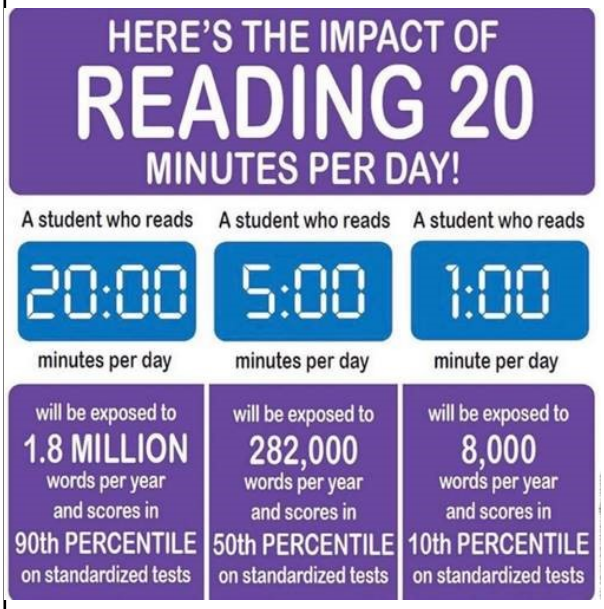
However, get in touch via email if there are issues which are bigger than 'kid sized' problems so we can work together to sort things out, or phone for anything urgent.

Preschool Sessions 2024

Children will attend 2 full-day sessions: 8.30am to 3.30pm (Group A: Monday & Tuesday) (Group B: Wednesday & Thursday) The shorter Friday sessions will now be converted to two learning experiences each term between 9am to 2pm so all of the children will come together for an exciting learning experience to make new friends and explore new places. Parents will have the opportunity to join in the Friday sessions and make suggestions for future activities. There will be plenty of notice so you can organise your family care requirements and if your child is 4 years old they can also attend Out of Schools Hours Care on these Fridays as well.

Take time to read every day

Mem Fox reminds us that reading should be like chocolate, not medicine!
However, we also know that children enjoying reading, and being read to, every day is just like medicine.
The research is clear; the more they read, and the more they are read to, the better learner they will be. And this applies to big and little children.



As we develop our 2024 school and preschool strategies around children's literacy, we are drawing on this important research. How can you help your child enjoy a book, or hear a story as part of your family routine?

Every Child, Every Day (*Richard L Allington, Rachael Gabriel)*
1. Every child reads something he or she chooses
2. Every child reads accurately
3. Every child reads something he or she understands
4. Every child writes about something personally meaningful
5. Every child talks with peers about reading and writing
6. Every child listens to a fluent adult read aloud

Healthy Eating and Caring for the Environment

Please send lunch boxes with as little packaging as possible. It's also really helpful fi children pop any rubbish back into their lunch box for recycling at home. If you are looking for ideas for planning lunches or having a family conversation about waste, visit Nude food info for families - Wipe out Waste (bing.com

Lunch Orders: Maria's Kitchen

This year our school will be offering lunches every Monday to students and staff from a locally based catering business called Maria's Kitchen. **Lunch orders will need to be placed on line no later than 4pm the day before delivery.** Information with all details of how to access this service was sent out earlier but has also been attached as a separate attachment to this email. Once you have downloaded the QKR app you will find an extensive menu to choose from and an easy to use checkout. We also have hard copies of the instructions available at the front office if you wish.