Dear parents and carers, staff, students and community members,

Parents and staff waved the year 6 students off to camp on Monday morning. They were all very excited and well prepared for their week at Pemberton Camp School. We have heard that they are having a great time and although its been cold there hasn't been any rain. They are due to return to school around 2.30pm on Friday, however this always varies depending on weather, toilet and lunch stops etc. The school will SMS parents when an estimated time of arrival has been established on Friday. A big thank you to Mr Davies, Mrs Gower, Mrs RT and the volunteer parents that have made this experience possible for your children.

The students have been enjoying an orienteering program during PE lessons over the past few weeks. Some year 5 students will represent our school on Friday at an inaugural Interschool Orienteering event. We wish them good luck.

Thanks to all the parents, staff and students who have supported the P and C School Readathon Fundraiser. A special thank you to Mrs Bassett who has supervised students during lunch breaks to bring a pillow and a rug and catch up on their readathon reading. I know that some students have raised over $400 so far and although this is an amazing effort, it would be great to see everyone bringing in their forms on Friday with a couple of sponsors so we can all contribute to this fundraiser. The P and C do a terrific job raising funds for the school to support your children's learning and we all need to support their efforts.

NAPLAN online - Trial of the new online assessment platform:
You may have heard that NAPLAN online is being introduced from 2017, with an aim for all schools to be administering NAPLAN online by 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child’s results will be returned to you faster, within a couple of weeks rather than a couple of months.

Our school has been selected to trial the new assessment platform (the computer system the test will be taken on). This trial shouldn’t be seen as a ‘test’ of content, it is a chance for the new platform to be tested in a real-life classroom environment. This trial is called the Platform Trial and Readiness Test (PTRT).

During the last 2 weeks of August 2016, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking two online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform.

Have a great fortnight.

Julie Blogg
Principal

Jeff Scott
Associate Principal

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**Coming Events**

**INTERSCHOOL ORIENETEERING**
5 August

**P&C MEETING**
9 August

**Y6 NASHS ORIENTATION**
12 August

**BOARD MEETING**
16 August

**FOOTY COLOURS DAY**
18 August

**STUDENT FREE DAY**
19 August
Eagles Cup

26 July LGPS vs St Joseph's Game

We had an excellent game against St Joe’s last Tuesday. Our team came back strongly in the second half and the endeavour and teamwork was again a feature. Well done to our midfielders Kiya, Jack, Henry and especially Ollie who came back despite injury.

James and Harvey acquitted themselves well as our year 4’s, and Bastian was full of energy at full forward. Many other good players were in evidence, and with the final score of St Joe’s 9 goals 1 (55) to LGPS 6 goals 4 (40), it is worth noting that we had the same number of scoring shots.

We look forward to improved accuracy and continued effort against Great Southern this Tuesday 9 August at Great Southern Grammar.

School Photos

School photo day will be held in Week 8 this term

Kindy photos will be held on Thursday 8 Sept 2016.

School photos will be held on Friday 9 Sept 2016.

Order envelopes will be sent home next week to enable families to see the packages on offer and budget if needed.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT MISPLACE YOUR ENVELOPE : each envelope is coded to a specific child and must be returned on photo day whether you purchase photos or not.

ENVELOPES & orders need to be bought to school with the students on Photo day. DO NOT RETURN envelopes to the school prior to photo day.

FAMILY PHOTOS are available. Those wishing to have family photos need to collect a Family/Siblings envelope from the school office. Family photos will be taken before school –actual times will be advertised prior.

Congratulations LGPS !!

Our school received a huge compliment last week!

A Strategic Asset Planning officer from the Department of Education visited Little Grove to check and report on our school grounds.

This gentleman has visited hundreds of schools across Western Australia and he told us that our school is the best presented and cleanest school that he has ever seen.

He was so impressed that he took photos of our facilities to show his colleagues in Perth.

We wish to thank our groundsman, Mr Reeves for his dedication in keeping our grounds in tiptop condition.

We also thank and acknowledge Mr Tanner, Ms Johnstone and Ms Faulkner for the great job they do every day in cleaning our school to a very high standard.

The care and respect that our local community shows our school also contributes to this great outcome.

Working and learning in this wonderful environment should not be taken for granted- we are all extremely lucky .
**We need you!** The canteen is in desperate need of new volunteers. If you are able to assist for one Wednesday or Friday morning per term—please contact Jo in the canteen.

**Roster:**

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**Found**

A set of child’s motocross clothing has been handed in to the office. It was left at the school after the election.

The clothing is in the school office and will need to be described to be collected.

**Lost Property**

After cleaning out the huge pile of lost property at the end of last term we are amazed at the amount of clothing that has already accumulated in the lost property baskets.

All the items in the basket do not have names on them!

Please ensure that your children’s clothing is clearly marked with their name.

Please check the lost property basket if you have lost any clothing this term.

**P&C Fundraiser Movie Night**

**FRIDAY 19 August**

**P&C Fundraiser Movie Night**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**FRIDAY 19 August** is a pupil free day.

The school will be closed as all staff are attending Professional Development sessions.

**BOOK WEEK**

Week 7 will be Little Grove Primary School’s annual book week celebrations.

Staff and students are invited to dress as a favourite character from a book. Start organising your dress up outfit now!!

Information on Competitions and Book Fair will be coming out soon!

**LOST PROPERTY**

Our school community is super excited to finally have flashing ‘40’ safety signs placed on Gordon Street.

These bright warning signs will hopefully stop motorists travelling too fast at crucial times when our students are coming to and from school.

Everyone is asked to adhere to the speed limit, parking and road rules around our school, to ensure the safety of all children.
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Whooping Cough

There have been several confirmed whooping cough cases in the Albany region.

Parents and care-givers are advised to watch for signs and symptoms of this infection and take any child, adolescent or adult showing symptoms of the disease to see a doctor for testing and possible antibiotic treatment.

Symptoms of whooping cough include persistent coughing, breathing difficulties and often coughing to the point of vomiting. A flu-like illness may precede the coughing stage. Young infants and children may also make a ‘whooping’ sound during coughing bouts, but this sound does not always occur.

Adolescents and adults can have the disease with the only symptom being a persistent cough lasting several weeks or months. It is important to have such coughs assessed by a doctor because if one person in the family has whooping cough, it is likely to spread to the rest of the family, including vulnerable young children.

Whooping cough is a debilitating disease for young children who are not immunised and can be fatal in children under 2 years.

Vaccination is the most important way of reducing pertussis in our community.

If your child is due or overdue for his/her routine 4 year old booster vaccinations, please make an appointment to see your immunisation provider. If you are unsure of your child’s vaccination status, please see your doctor or community immunisation provider for information and vaccination if necessary. You can also call the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

Attached is a fact sheet for your information. Should you require further information please contact the Public Health Unit – Kathleen Smedley on 98 427525

Sincerely,
Anne Taylor
A/Regional Disease Control and Immunisation Coordinator
WACHS GS Population Health
Albany 6330