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

Reports
Reports will be sent home as soon as possible on or after Monday 12 December. If you wish the school to post your child’s report, please supply a postage paid envelope to the office. Any reports not collected by 15 December will be kept in the office until 2017. Parents wishing to have a teacher/parent interview can contact their child’s classroom teacher to make an appointment.

A School Position Report provides parents / carers with written information that clearly shows your child’s achievement in the subjects studied compared to that of other children in the child’s peer group at Little Grove Primary School. This information shows you the number of students in each of the achievement levels A – E. If you would like a copy of this additional report, please contact the office and request this additional report by 1 December 2016.

Student Leaders Speeches
On Monday 28 November our current Year 5 students who have nominated will present their leadership speeches at 9am in the undercover area. Elections will then take place to select 8 students for the 2017 Year 6 Leadership Team, consisting of 4 girls and 4 boys. Included in this team will be a Head Girl and Head Boy. Parents are welcome to come along and support the students who have nominated to take on this important role for 2017 and to hear their speeches.

Interschool Athletics Carnival
I hope to see you at the Interschool Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Jump and Throw events was held yesterday. Athletic events will be held on Thursday 24 November starting at 9.30am. Both events will be held at the Albany Athletics Track, corner of Sandford & North Roads in Albany.

Please come and support our school and your child. A huge thank you to Mr Scott and Mrs Blogg for co-ordinating our part of this event, and our parent volunteers who assist on the day. Also a big thank you to our dedicated staff who have volunteered in their lunchtime to help train our students for this event and the staff and parents who help set up and pack away.

Staff vs Parents Volleyball Game
A reminder that our annual Staff vs Parent Volleyball Game will be held on Thursday 1 December at 9am on the front lawn of the school. This is always a great morning of fun and rivalry for adults and students alike. Everyone is invited to come along and join in the game or cheer on the sidelines.

Darryn Martin
Principal

Julie Blogg
Associate Principal
Volunteers Needed for 2017—please put your name down to volunteer one morning a term in the canteen. We cannot run the canteen without volunteers!!!!

Roster:
Fri 25 November Laraine Danielle
Wed 30 November Dianne
Fri 2 December Janine Jill
Wed 7 December Kirsteen

Groovy Grover Tally

Gold and Blue faction have reached the magic 3000 Groovy Grover target!!

Red faction can still achieve this goal - if everyone earns 4 Groovy Grover’s over the next few weeks. Come on Red, you can do it!

Gold - 3346
Blue - 3182
Red - 2768

Gold Faction received their 3000 acknowledgement last Friday when they were allowed to wear free dress and attend a games afternoon in the Library.

Everyone had a great time relaxing and having fun. Their behaviour was definitely at Groovy Grover standard. Well done Gold faction.

Blue Faction will received their 3000 acknowledgement this Friday.

Uniform Shop Orders for 2017

To ensure that the Uniform Shop has enough stock to fill your back to school uniform orders, please utilise the Pre-Order Form emailed out last week. Simply return your completed form to the school office before the end of the year. Your order will then be filled and available for you to collect and pay for on Friday, 27 January 2017 between 9am -12 noon.

littlegroveuniform@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Special Open Day: Friday, 27 January 2017 between 9am -12 noon

Christmas Hampers

We will once again be participating in collecting for the Salvation Army Christmas appeal.

Classes have a collection box for Christmas, food and toy items which will be presented to the Salvation Army at our Assembly on 9 December 2016.

This is great way for children to participate in the true meaning of Christmas and show compassion and understanding of those less fortunate.

Whilst you are doing your shopping over the next few weeks, your family may wish to choose something to add to our class Christmas Hampers.

- Christmas Items
- Non Prerishable Food Items
- Toys / Books (all ages)

Please remember that we want the recipient families to feel special at Christmas and enjoy its wonders like everybody else—please only send new items. Thank you.
Stationery lists for 2017 have been sent home via students this afternoon.

This year the P&C have chosen to utilise Albany Office Products Depot for their excellent service, ease of ordering, great price comparison and generous rebate offered back to the P&C.

If you wish to take advantage of this service you are able to place your order:

- By returning your form to the school prior to 15 December 2016.
- Email: booklists@albanyopd.com.au
- Fax: 9842 6877
- In store at AOPD—39 Sandford Road, ALBANY

Stationery lists will also be available on our school website.

No Candy Canes or Lollies Please

We would just like to bring to your attention as the holiday season arrives that we prefer that you don’t send Candy Canes, Lolly or food treats to school.

This is due to the Education Departments Healthy food and drinks Policy and the fact that many students have medical issues, allergies and special dietary requirements. Many parents do not allow their children to eat sweets and we request that you respect their wishes.

Children are very welcome to share Christmas Cards with each other.

Thank you for your co-operation.

2017 School Stationery Lists

Disco

Join us in celebrating the end of 2016

Celebrities Theme

Friday, December 2nd from 5.30pm – 7.30pm

The festivities will be held in the Undercover Area at school.

Entry is $5 per child
Years: Kindy – Year 6

Food, drinks and glow sticks will be for sale.
On Wednesday 9 November, Noongar Elder, Carol Petterson, came to the School to conduct a Walk Through of our Bush area to check if we have any artefacts or areas of Cultural significance.

Mrs Blogg, Mrs Dawson, Geoffrey, Liesel and Flynn represented the school, while Ms Neumann and Ms deJong represented the parent body. Mrs Arnold also attended as the local Aboriginal Education Officer.

Carol first explained the significance of Native Title on the land and how important looking after the land and especially the traditional areas that the Noongar People travelled through, are to all Noongar People.

Then she showed us some artefacts made from stone that had been chipped to make points for spears and knives. Looking at the types of trees and the ground are important first steps to see if there are any unusual species or rocks that might indicate a travel or camping area.

We walked through the paths that are already in the bush section, around the back of the area and along the edges to the oval, looking for rocks, trees and any Native plants.

Carol, as an Elder, is passionate about educating the next generation about the land, how to care for it and how to improve the flow of information between all people to achieve this.

Asking a local Elder to conduct a Walk Through and showing the local Noongar Community our plans for the area are both important steps in increasing our understanding of Noongar traditions and showing respect.

We did not find anything of Cultural significance. We thanked Carol for her time and expertise. She was keen to see each stage as we develop the area and hopes that we will continue to foster links with the local Noongar Community.

Benches !!

Wow, have you seen the new painted benches in the Junior court area?

A huge thank to Mrs Dawson for applying for a PALS Grant and organising these fabulous Benches of Harmony. They are a wonderful addition to our school environment.

Mrs Dawson has ensured that all students currently enrolled at LGPS have placed their handprints on a bench. As there was a little space left, the staff even added their prints this morning.

The benches will now be sealed to protect them from weathering.

Thank you very much Mrs Dawson for all your efforts.
Cooking and Gardening at LGPS

**Pea Pesto**

**Introduction**
I think the Stephanie Alexander cooking program was a fabulous experience. We liked learning new recipes and the gardening was awesome.

**Planting**
In week 3 term 3 we planted our radishes, snow peas, lettuce and fennel. Firstly we dug the holes to the measurement on the packet. Secondly we placed the seeds in to the appropriate holes sizes. Then we filled in the holes with dirt.

**Caring for plants**
We stuck the stakes into the ground and tied them together into the shape of a pyramid so that the snow peas could climb up the stakes. We watered the plants once a week, weeded there garden bed and fertilized the garden bed.

**Cooking and harvesting**
In week five term 4 we harvested our garden bed, also harvested all of the snow peas from the other group’s garden beds. Our class went to the science room where we prepared our dishes to share with room 6 and room 10. Our group made pea pesto. Firstly, we gathered our ingredients and cooking tools. Secondly, we blanched the snow peas and picked the basil off the stalk. Thirdly, we roasted the pine nuts until they were lightly brown. Once we finished roasting the pine nuts we put all the ingredients into the blender. We blended the ingredients until it was a smooth paste. We served the dish with corn chips on the side.

**Conclusion**
The greatest bit of the Stephanie Alexander program was the cooking and tasting our final product of our pea pesto.

By Jack and Kiya

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**Gardening and Cooking Room 7 By Angus and Bastian**

**Introduction**
Gardening is a good chance to learn about plants and what they need to survive. It keeps you active and lets you enjoy the sunshine while learning and keeping educated. Cooking as well keeps you educated while you experience the enjoyment of learning new recipes to cook at home with all your family and friends.

**Planting**
Planting is the first step of growing your plants. It creates a home for your plants to grow and supply nutrients and healthy food.
- Carefully dig a 3cm hole in the fresh soil.
- Gently lay seeds of your choice in the hole.
- Lightly place soil on top of the seeds. (do not cover compact the soil, or results may not meet their usual standard)

**Caring for your plants**
Weeding is removing any invasive plants (weeds) from the soil that is inhabited by your plants. Shaking is placing slates of wood or metal in the form of a tripod to support climbing plants such as peas beans and tomatoes. Pickling and freezing occurs when your produce has begun to ripen to ensure your plant is healthy and well grown.
Watering is the first step you must take after laying your seeds in the soil to help maintain your plants survival.

**Harvesting and picking**
When harvesting it is important to ensure your plant is ripe and fully rooted to the ground. You then must pick off the edible produce leaving the plant to continue growing and supplying tasty food. You then thoroughly wash the produce under clean water.

**Conclusion**
In conclusion the best meal that was served the magnificent pea pesto, which included not only fresh pasta from our garden but wonderful basil as well. We learnt lots on the topic of planting, growing and preparing tasty and healthy foods.

By Angus and Bastian

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**Cooking and Gardening at Little Grove**

**Introduction**
On the 7/11/16 we did gardening and cooking. My group made lent and pea risotto. Gardening is very interesting and exciting. We both really enjoy cooking because you can explore with different recipes.

**Planting and growing**
We got into groups; we grab a shovel, a small hole in a garden bed, planted a seed of our choice and covered it with dirt. After that we watered the seed. The seed grew and grew and grew until it became a plant. The plant was green and healthy.

**Caring for plants**
Sixteen weeks after caring for the plant it was still in great condition from getting lots of sunlight and just the right amount of water. We kept the plant away from ferre animals and harmful bugs. We tried some of the veggies and they tasted fresh and good.

**Harvesting and picking**
Finally, it was time to harvest the veggies. My group was making lent and pea risotto so we harvested two kinds. We picked the lent, put it in a bucket with a little bit of water, we washed them, peeled the juicy skins off, cut the base off, cut the base up and put it in our lent and pea risotto.

**Conclusion**
The end result in cooking was definitely because the risotto tasted fabulous. We did a marvellous job! It could have been improved by reading the method properly and not putting the pea shell in the risotto, but it still tasted great.

By Hyia and Kateryn

14/11/16