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

**Bird Watching Incursion:**
Last week classes were treated to a very informative talk about local bird species from volunteers from Bird Life WA. Then, in small groups they were taught how to use binoculars to spot and identify Australian birds. The students had a great time walking around school grounds using their binoculars to try and locate and identify birds. Although the birds on this day were few and far between, the students did enjoy themselves and appreciated the experience.

**Sustainability fair:**
Mrs Dawson has been busy over the last few weeks preparing a Little Grove Primary School Stall for the Sustainable Living Festival that will be held this week. Students have been busy cooking and preparing items for sale - that represent how Little Grove Primary uses the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and other sustainability programs within our school. The Stall will be show casing our school to the Albany community. Please take the time to visit this worthwhile festival with your family and make sure you visit Mrs Dawson at the LGPS stall.

**Riding Bicycles to School:** We are very concerned that some of our young students are riding their bikes to school unsupervised. We understand that at times you may not be able to accompany your children to school, but we need you to understand that there have been near misses with students not paying attention when crossing roads. Please remind your children to dismount and walk their bikes across any roads and be alert when crossing driveways even if you are on the cycle path.

Darryn Martin
Principal

Julie Blogg
Associate Principal

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**Coming Events**

Friday 18 March 2016 - P&C Sundowner 4pm - Mills Park
Thursday 24 March 2016 - Easter Hat Parade and Raffle
HOLIDAYS - 25-29 March
Friday 1 April 2016 - P&C Disco 5.30-8pm
Wednesday 6 April 2016 - Interschool Swimming Carnival
Friday 8 April 2016 - Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday 27 April 2016 - First Day of Term 2
The P&C Committee are collecting these coupons from the West Australian newspaper to be in the running to win $20,000 IN CASH for our school!

Caltex, The West Australian and Channel Seven are giving West Australian Schools the chance to WIN a share of $20,000 to help buy the things you need that make learning just that more fun!

On weekends March 5 - 6, 12 - 13 and 19 - 20 an entry coupon will appear in The Weekend West. To be in the running to WIN, schools must collect as many entry coupons as possible through their school, friends and family.

• The more entries collected, the more chance to WIN
• The school with the most entries will WIN $5,000

Cash pool consists of:
• First random draw prize $5000
• Five random draw prizes $1000
• School with most entries $5000
• School with most entries per student $5000

Please pop as many coupons as you can in the box in the front office for the P&C to collect!

OFFICE 365 PROPLUS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS

The Department of Education has made available FREE of charge to all students, the opportunity to access licensed versions of the full Microsoft Office software suite. This software can be downloaded at home or via other private networks and installed on up to 10 devices (five PC/Mac and five tablet/smartphone installs).

You will need to log onto your child’s DET student email address (see your class teacher for logon details if your child cannot remember their login), then visit the Office 365 link at the top left of the student email screen to start the installation.

Further information and installation instructions have been sent to you as an attachment to the newsletter email.

Holidays:
Good Friday 25 March 2016
Easter Monday 28 March 2016
Easter Tuesday 29 March 2016

Easter Raffle: Donations of Easter products for our annual Easter Raffle will be gladly accepted at the school office - the more donations we receive the more prizes will be drawn out.

The Student Leaders run this annual raffle and all monies raised will be donated to Princess Margaret Children’s Hospital.

Tickets will be on sale Wednesday 23 March 2016, before school, at recess and lunchtime and on Thursday before school. We will draw the lucky winners at the Easter Hat Parade.

Tickets will be $1 each

Easter Hat Parade:
Thursday 24 March 2016 at 9am

Students and staff are invited to decorate an Easter Hat and join in the fun of our Annual Easter Hat Parade.

EASTER 2016

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to these students who were awarded with an Honour Certificate at the assembly held on 11 March 2016

Centre 2 Jayda Charlize
Room 2 Jarrah Phoebe
Room 3 Eleanor Sophie
Room 6 Archer Finnley
Room 7 India Liam
Room 8 Jasmin Lily
Room 10 Lani Jethro Romy

Pyjama Day Fundraiser

On Tuesday students came to school in their PJ’s to raise funds for the Lord Mayor Bushfire Appeal.

It is always amusing to see your friends in their pyjamas! This was a great effort raising $240 for this worthy cause.
Foster carers are urgently needed for kids in your neighbourhood, and you may be able to help!

We need Aboriginal and non Aboriginal carers who can care for children for occasional weekends and short and/or long periods of time.

To find out more, attend an information session at the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, 25 Duke Street, Albany on Monday 4th April from 10-11.30am or 7.30pm-9pm. Call Anita Barber on 9841 0777 at the Albany office of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support to register your interest in attending the session.

From the Chaplain

Dear Little Grove School Community

I’m writing this piece to announce to you that after spending 6+ years in this fabulous school I will be leaving LGPS at the end of this term.

I love this school and everyone in it and I make this announcement with a heavy heart.

As part of the initiative to get Chaplains into every school in WA, I have been asked [and accepted] the position of a ‘roving’ Chaplain. I will be servicing seven schools between Gnowangerup and Bremer Bay and this will only be possible if I leave LGPS.

We are in the process of inducting a replacement for me and your school will NOT be without a Chaplain.

LGPS’s new chaplain will be helping me and meeting the school and our students in the final weeks of this term. I will introduce them to the classrooms and train them up in the ways of LGPS.

Please break this news to your kids in a caring and time-ly manner as I know that many of them will be saddened by this news.

It was ultimately my decision and I am sure that those schools will truly appreciate you allowing me to make this move.

It has been an awesome privilege to have worked with each of you and I will visit from time to time to just say good day.

If you or your child has any concerns or would like to talk to me about this then please feel free to call by my office and have a chat.

I am positive that your children will soon adapt and welcome the new school chaplain.

Warm regards,
Phil Goodall

Can you assist us?

Do you know a business person or community member who has an interest, skill or expertise to contribute to our School Board?

We are looking for two new Community Members for our School Board.

If you would like more information or you wish to let me know of a possible community member to approach please email Darryn Martin on:
littlegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Arriving Late to School

Thank you to all parents for their swift response to our trial SMS message last week. Due to this great response we were able to commence using the system this Monday.

Our staff are required to complete their attendance roll at 8.48am when the siren sounds, as a duty of care issue to account for all students onsite.

If your child arrives after the siren has gone, please come and sign them in at the front office so we are able to adjust the students attendance records accordingly.

Yakamia Dental Therapy Centre

The clinic is open Monday to Friday, 8.15am to 12noon, and from 12.45pm to 4.30pm.

We see children from pre-primary through to year 11 and while they are aged 16. We endeavour to see our patients every 12 months, but unfortunately we are running behind schedule. Please phone us to make an appointment if you feel your children have not been seen in over 12 months.

Our contact number is 9841 3498. If we do not answer during the work day, please try again as we do not have a receptionist to answer phone calls.

Fostering—Albany kids need you!

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**Kanji Competition Winners**

The ‘Guess the Kanji’ competition has finished and we would like to thank everyone who entered. Everyone made a great effort and answered the questions correctly. Mr Davies and Sensei Eaton have decided to have two winners, one from junior primary and one from upper school.

We would also like to acknowledge the effort made by everyone who entered - if you made an entry for the competition please see Mr Davies to receive two Groovy Grovers for being Open to Learning.

The winner from the junior block is Ava from Centre 1 and the senior winner is Ben from Room 8. The two winners should please see Mr Davies to collect their prize.

Thank you again, to those who participated. We will be running another similar competition in Term Two.

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**Clean Up Australia Day**

Friday the 4 March was our school combined Litter Free Day and Clean Up Australia Day.

Students from all classes were allocated an area around the school and even down to the Little Grove foreshore to collect litter.

Students were well prepared with gloves and collection bags.

We are very happy to report that we did not find very much rubbish in our local area. This is a great indicator that Little Grovians value our lovely surrounds by keeping it clean and tidy.

Mrs Dawsons class collected all the rubbish that was found and audited the collection bags contents. This is what was found:

- **Plastic**: 877 gms
- **Other**: 1087 gms
- **Paper**: 259 gms
- **Glass**: 4 full bottles & 47 pieces
- **Cigarette butts**: 7
- **Food**: 4 pieces

Thank you to everyone who participated and for Mrs Dawson’s commitment to our school sustainability focus.

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**Canteen News**

- **Roster:**
  - **Fri 18 March**: Tanya & Bec
  - **Wed 23 March**: Melanie M
  - **Fri 25 March**: GOOD FRIDAY - CLOSED
  - **Wed 30 March**: Julianne
ANZAC Day March

Students are encouraged to join Mr Martin and our student councillors to represent our school at the Albany City ANZAC March.

The ANZAC Day March will be held on Monday 25 April 2016
Please meet Mr Martin between 9.30am and 9.45am (no later) at the assembly area for the march, at the corner of York Street and Grey Street West. The march commences at 10am, the service at Anzac Peace Park commences at 10.30am and will conclude at 12 noon.

To participate, students must wear their school uniform, including their hat (jade shirt not faction shirt) and be presented in a neat and tidy fashion to represent our school.

Please return this slip or the details via email (littlegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au) to the school by 24 March 2015 if your child/ren would like to participate in the parade:

My Child/ren's Name: _______________________________________

Parents Name: _________________________ Parent Signature: _______________________

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR PROGRAM

The key behaviours expected by all members of Little Grove Primary School community are:

Open to learning Be responsible Show respect Build resilience

Groovy Grover Faction Rewards

The factions are earning Groovy Grovers each week for showing behaviours that portray our four key areas.

Blue Faction has already received three extending lunchtimes and is on target for their fourth if they keep up the great effort.

Gold faction has also received three extended lunchtimes and is also sure to break the next target of 800 points this week.

Red faction have already received two extended lunchtimes this term and are on task to gain their next at 600 points this week.

It will be a race and a great incentive to students to continue displaying our Expected Behaviours over the next few weeks, as we see if factions are able to break the 1000 point target before the end of the term - which will see factions having the first sausage sizzle lunchtime for 2016. Keep up the great work.

Results at the end of Week 6

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P & C Disco

Friday 1st April 2016
All Ages (K – Y6) 5:30pm – 8:00pm

$5.00 entry fee (with permission slip)
Food and Drinks available to Purchase. Glow Products for sale

Parent Helpers are still required on the night. Please add your name to the list in the office or contact Trudie: Mobile 0428 400 801.

Song Requests are due back by Thursday 24 March 2016

ANZAC Day March