Dear parents and carers, staff, students and community members

P&C Busy Bee
Thank you to all parents, community members and students who helped out last Wednesday for our P&C Busy bee. This involved pulling up a section of brick paving on the path going out to Gordon Street. The bricks were then stacked to be reused later on for our new junior primary playground design. The construction of the pirate ship and jetty has begun and will be a great addition to our school. The paving on the verge will be replaced by new turf laid by our great gardener, Phil Reeves.

Early Learning Languages Australia Trial
Wow, exciting news. You may have seen in the local paper that our school has been successful in joining this program. Over 1100 schools applied across Australia and only 5 schools in WA were successful, and we are one. This involves our Kindergarten students in 2015 trialling online learning in a second language using especially designed iPad/tablet apps. These apps will be used in a directed play learning program to promote and learn the second language. We are hoping to get Japanese so this ties in with our existing LOTE program that continues into high school at North Albany Senior High School. The trial will last 12 months and is an exciting opportunity for our young students.

Art Display at Albany Show
A huge thank you to Mrs Bassett for arranging and setting up a wonderful display of Little Grove Primary School student’s visual art work. Mrs Bassett spent much of her own time preparing for and attending this event. The display was a wonderful advertisement for our school.

Students are congratulated for the quality of their artwork and we hope that you were able to visit the display at the show.

Expected Behaviours at LGPS.
Our expected behaviours matrix has started off being a huge success so far. Our students are becoming familiar with the expected behaviours in class and at our Monday Muster Block meetings. Our students earn Groovy Groovers for displaying the expected behaviours and the winning faction receives an extended morning recess on Tuesdays. So far Red and Gold faction has received this acknowledgement.

Interschool Athletics Carnival
I hope to see you at our Interschool Athletics Carnival on Thursday 27 November starting at 9.30am at the Sounness Park in Mount Barker. Jumps and Throws are on Tuesday 25 November 9.30am—1pm, at the same venue.

Please come and support our school and your child. A huge thank you to Mrs Julie Blogg and Mr McCarthy for coordinating our part of this event.

We urgently require 2 parents to be officials on Tuesday 25 November for the throwing event from 9.30am - 11.15am, please advise the office if you are able to assist.

Darryn Martin    Principal
Julie Blogg     Associate Principal
P & C DISCO
Friday 5 December 2014
THEME: Disco Era

Junior Disco 5:00pm – 6:15pm
Senior Disco 6:30pm – 8:00pm
$5.00 entry fee (with permission slip)
Food and Drinks available to purchase
Glow Products for sale

CONCERT
The Albany Schools Concert Band 1 and The Albany Youth Orchestra are combining forces to present a concert which they have named “The best of 2014”. The concert will take place on Monday 24 November, starting at 7pm in the Albany Baptist Church. Part proceeds of the concert will be used for the band to attend the Australian International Music Festival in Sydney in 2015.

Students involved in this concert come from every school in Albany.

UNIFORM SHOP
For your convenience, the Uniform Shop will be open on 30 January 2015 the Friday before school commences in 2015, between 9am - 12pm.

If you would like to pre-order uniforms so that they are put aside ready for you to pick up on Friday, 30 January 2015 please complete an order form and leave at the office or email it to Cindy Singer at littlegroveuniform@gmail.com before school finishes this year.

Uniform Shop order forms are available from the office or online via the school’s web site: www.littlegroveps.wa.edu.au.

Cash and EFTPOS payments accepted.

If you are available to volunteer for an hour or so in the Uniform Shop on this day, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Cindy on 0434 883 352

MOVING SCHOOLS OR LOCATION IN 2015? WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE
If your child will not be attending Little Grove Primary School in 2015 it is essential to advise the office as soon as possible. Our funding and the way we organise classes is dependent on an accurate understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school.

If you are unsure at this stage if your child will be attending, please complete and return this note. This will greatly assist us in planning our school structure for 2015. Thank you for your co-operation.

Student Name: ____________________________________________
Location in 2015: ____________________________________________
Definitely Not Attending ☐ May Not Be Attending ☐ (Will confirm ASAP)
Thank you
A huge thank you to Aaron from South Coast Cranes who volunteered to adjust our Play Cave at no cost to the school.
The container had settled in the wrong position and needed to be realigned to enable the doors to open correctly.
Thank you very much, your contribution is greatly appreciated by the school community.

CanTeeN News
Please note that as we approach the end of the year stock of certain items will be limited. Please don't be offended if your child is asked to choose another item.

Volunteers needed for 2015 canteen roster—please see Jo in the canteen if your able to assist.

Roster:
Thur 21 November : Sandy Lisa
Wed 26 November: Kirsteen
Fri 28 November: Donna Karen
Wed 3 December: Jasmyn

Canteen will be closed on the last week of school!
15 to 18 December 2014

School Community Sundowner — POSTPONED
The P&C will be postponing our Sundowner this Friday and rescheduling in the New Year.
We apologise for any inconvenience, and look forward to running the event in Term 1 2015.

Christmas Food Drive
This year Little Grove Primary are again collecting food to make up hampers to donate to the Salvation Army at our Christmas Assembly.
Each class will have a box to receive food items for the hampers.
Please send in packets or tins of food that are not out of date and not perishable as they will be sitting in classrooms for 4 weeks.
Our children are extremely lucky to have parents and carers who can give them all they need, but it is important and part of our citizenship skills to teach children to have empathy and show charity to others.
Thank you for your generosity.

Teachers vs Parent Volleyball Game
We would like to inform newcomers to our school this year of our Annual Teachers vs Parent Volleyball Game which is held in December each year.

This year's match will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 9am

This is always a great morning of fun and rivalry for adults and students alike.

Help required for Door Persons at the Junior Session of the Disco
Please contact Trudie on mobile 0428 400 801 if you are able to volunteer to assist.

Community Notice Board
Please see the School Notice Board for community notices

Recently Added:
• Mothers Business Expo—Tuesday 2 December 2014
• Surf Lessons 9-12 year olds
Excitement in the Playground

It is very exciting to see work commence on the new Junior Playground area. As mentioned on the front of the newsletter, the Busy Bee was supported well by our school community and the first steps to the new extension to the playground area got underway. Staff from Southcoast Nature Play have been working away all this week starting to construct the Ship and Jetty that will be the centre feature of the new play area. We look forward to watching this great project come together.

Band 2 School Visit

Thank you to Band 2 and their instructors who put on a great performance for our students and staff this morning.

The Band have been on music camp this week - having fun, learning and making beautiful music.

We were very proud to see Sophie perform in the band and also some other familiar faces who have been previous students at LGPS and now continue with their music at NASHS.