



Little Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER

21 Feb 2018

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

Class Meetings: By the end of the week, all class teachers have held their meetings to inform you of their approaches to classroom management, structures and focus for the room. Please avail yourself to opportunities to meet with your child/ren's teacher when you have a concern or information to share. The work of our school is strengthened by the partnership our teachers make with you and their students. If you missed the class meeting, please see the class teacher for the information notes that were distributed.

National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018 Online: Primary school students in all Australian schools in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program–Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in the weeks 15 -25 May, Term 2. Students will be assessed in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy using common national tests. This year our school will complete these tests online except for Year 3 writing. If you wish to see what the tests will look like online then please visit the public website (<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>). As part of preparing our students for this type of testing, teachers will be giving our students practice tests in order to teach test taking strategies and reduce anxiety.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the testing, please make an appointment with Mr Martin. Applications for withdrawals / exemptions must be submitted before 6 April 2018.

Attendance: Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child's learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child's social and academic learning. As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life. The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy requires parents / carers to provide an acceptable explanation to the school for any absence of their children.

Please remember :

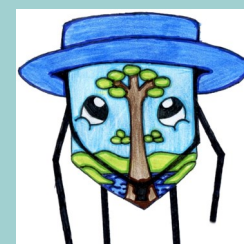
- going to school is a legal requirement including Kindergarten once enrolled
- every day at school matters
- children need to attend school regularly so they can take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available
- school enables children to build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year
- consistent poor school attendance and lateness to class can affect children's educational progress
- patterns of punctuality and regular school attendance are developed at an early age
- good attitudes toward attendance that are well established will help prevent problems as children progress to secondary school, helps children build confidence in areas such as communication, teamwork, organisation, social skills and children who miss school may find it difficult to keep up friendships in the class

Darryn Martin
Principal

Julie Blogg
Associate Principal

Your Fortnightly Checklist :

- Queen's Baton Relay - Thursday 22 February 2018
- Faction Swimming Carnival -Year 4-6 students -Thursday 1 March 2018
- Labour Day - Public Holiday 5 March 2018
- School Board Meeting - Tuesday 6 March 2018 @ 3.30pm
- P&C AGM Meeting - Tuesday 6 March 2018 @ 7pm
- LGPS Fete & Celebrations - Saturday 24 March 2018 - 11am - 2pm



If you Child is Absent

If your child is absent from school, please use our School SMS attendance system to report to the school.

Please add the schools SMS system number to your contacts so you know it is the school sending you a message. **0417 098 726**.

Please remember this is only for SMS messages, it is not a telephone.

The system does not recognise 'emojis' and they will scramble the message - so no sad or smiley faces please.



This is the best way of communicating an absence to the school. Do not send emails regarding absence to the class teacher, as this may not be seen before the roll is taken.

If an appropriate reason why your child is absent has not been received by the office at 10am, an automatic SMS message will be sent to you. Please reply directly to this message.

School Board Vacancy

Two seats on our School Board have become vacant;

1 x Parent Representative
1 x Community Member

The board is now seeking expressions of interest from our parent body and community members to fill this position.

If you would like to become a Board Member please make an appointment to see Mr Darryn Martin, for information regarding the position and to gain a sound understanding of the Board's function within our school. An Expression of Interest will then need to be forwarded to the school Principal. This expression should cover why you would like to be involved with the board and what attributes or contribution you would be able to offer.

The term of this position will be 3 years. Meetings that you would be required to attend are usually held once per term and twice in term four. Meetings commence at 3.30pm and usually last for 1.5 hours.

Contact Darryn Martin via telephone 9844 4888 or email darryn.martin@education.wa.edu.au

Hold a Stall at our Fete

We would like to offer the opportunity for a stall at our Fete to our School community first.

If you/your family or close friends, have a business or home craft items etc. and you would like to set up a stall at our 21st Birthday Fete, please contact the school via e-mail by Monday 26 February 2018 to ensure a place.

The Classroom stalls will close around 1.30pm for the official opening of our Nature Play area by Mr Peter Watson, and after that we will be closing our Time Capsule and finishing off the day by cutting our Huge Birthday Cake.

Please send us the following information via email to littlegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au if you would like to book a stall space:

- Type of stall (eg: Selling candles/promoting your restaurant):
- Contact Person:
- Contact Number:
- E-mail:
- Electrical Power needed: Yes / No
- Size of stall (single stall is about 3m in length): Single / Double

Spread the Word

We are hoping to have as many past and present students visit our 21st Birthday Celebrations.

We have posted information on our school facebook page and have invited past students for whom we still have contact details.

If everyone could please share the news of our School Celebrations and Fete—we can hopefully have a big crowd on the day.

Saturday 24 March 2018
11am - 2pm

Displays
Fun Activities
Time Capsule
Stalls
Sausage Sizzle

Everyone is Welcome to Join in the Fun!

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to these students who were awarded with an Honour Certificate at the assembly held on **9 February 2018**

Centre 2	Saxon	Eryn
Room 2	Flynn	Amber
Room 3	Rose	Cody
Room 4	Emma	Tyler
Room 6	Evie	Jett
Room 7	Mena	Jett
Room 8	Ruby	Shannon



Groovy Grover News !



WEEK 4 FOCUS: Seek Help when needed -

This falls under the heading of Build Resilience on our Behavioural Expectations matrix.

WEEK 5 FOCUS:

Bring a positive attitude to school -

This falls under the heading of Open to Learning on our Behavioural Expectations matrix.

Groovy Grover Tallies as at Week 3 :

Blue 283

Red 234

Gold 253

Keep up the great work everyone !

Intestinal Worms

Once again we have had reports of worm infections within our school. Staff and students have been reminded on the importance of proper hand washing and hygiene whilst at school. Please read the following to see how families can assist at home.

Parasitic Worm infections are highly contagious; therefore all members of your household should be treated simultaneously to avoid a recurrence. The eggs of Pinworms (most common infection) can survive on bedding, clothing, and other materials for up to three weeks.

Symptoms may include: Nausea and/or lack of appetite, Diarrhoea, abdominal pain, bloated feeling, sore tummy, smelly stools, weight loss, Anaemia, Restless sleep, tired during the day and Fatigue.

You can assist by :

- Thorough handwashing with warm water and soap, especially before eating.
- Shower and change underwear every morning.
- Clean fingernails and cut them short.
- Use hot water to do the laundry.
- Children bathing together, can cause eggs to spread in the bath water.
- Thoroughly clean any surfaces that may be infected, including toys, floors, countertops, and toilet seats.
- Carefully vacuum all carpeted areas.



Chaplain's Chat

**i care.
i care a lot.
it's kinda
my thing...**

Change is a normal part of life! We all know it can be incredibly overwhelming for children, especially if the decision for change isn't theirs. We can help our children manage their feelings by creating a safe environment for them. Maintaining a regular routine helps children understand that not everything is changing, and that the most important things in their world can still be relied upon. Talking through the change may help children to feel involved, helping to ease their worries about what's coming next. This gives kids the opportunity to be engaged and feel empowered in the change. As we empower our children, by guiding them through change, we have an opportunity to frame their experience with optimism; this creates wonderful opportunities for developing resilience. As awful as it is, children build resilience as they are exposed to life's inevitable ups and downs. The good news is, when children are surrounded by supportive adults, who aren't afraid to guide them through change, they learn the practical skills for managing change. Resilience is developed as our kids' experience all the big and little challenges of life, building strength that can be drawn on when the really big challenges arise.



The PC AGM is Tuesday 6 March 2018

We are looking for new members and/or volunteers to assume an office bearing or leadership position within the P&C.

Without new members or people to assume these roles, the P&C cannot continue to operate, or continue to manage the Canteen, Uniform Shop and many other valuable roles within the school.

The P&C is a great place to meet likeminded parents/carers in a positive environment, working together to support the school and your children's education.

We look forward to seeing you on

6 March 2018 at 7pm

in the staffroom at Little Grove Primary School

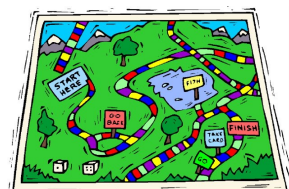
Have a clear out for a Good Cause



For the school fete the Kindergarten Class are organising a "pre-loved" books, puzzles and games stall.

If you have any games or books, in good condition that you would like to donate to our stall, please drop them in the box in the junior wet area anyday.

Thank you for your support.



"The Big Bite" CANTEEN NEWS



Roster:

Fri	23 Feb	Julianne & Rachael
Wed	28 Feb	Elise
Fri	2 Mar	Ruwanmali
Wed	7 Mar	Jess

A reminder to please make sure that lunch orders are placed before school. Students with late orders must accept their limited choice of menu items.



Stephanie A K G Networking Session

On 14 February, Little Grove Primary School was lucky to host a SAKG networking session for our Region. Representatives from SAKG Foundation, Marcelle Coakley from Perth, Josie Charles from Melbourne and Anna Care from Denmark ran the sessions on Cooking / Gardening / Resources available and sharing ideas.

We had 3 representatives attend, Mrs Dawson, Mrs O'Callaghan and Mrs Walker. Teachers from Walpole Primary School, Denmark Primary School, Mt Lockyer Primary School, Cranbrook Primary School and Mt Barker Community College joined us for a fun, enjoyable and information packed day.

We cooked basil pesto with fresh fettuccine, salad, Japanese pancakes, pumpkin watons and fruit muffins.



Representatives from Green Skills and Albany City Council joined us for lunch along with Mr Martin and Mrs Blogg.



If, as parents, you get an opportunity to come and participate in the SAKG Cooking and Gardening Program, you will be amazed at the co-operation, skill and focus our students display, as well as the great life skills we teach, practice and develop.

Swimming Carnival Year 4-6 Students

A reminder that the Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday 1 March 2018** for all year 4-6 students.

Please return your completed forms to the school by this Friday, 23 February 2018.

As a lot of time is spent setting up and running such an event, it is vital that all forms are completed properly and returned on time. Please take the time to read all the provided instructions carefully and complete all required information on the forms.

Thank you for your co-operation.

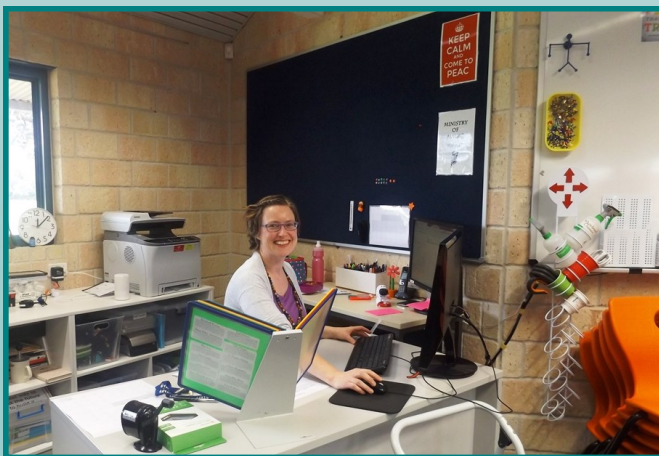


Little Grove Primary School Welcomes Albany PEAC

Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) is a part-time program for academically gifted public-school students in years 5 and 6. Children are withdrawn from regular class to attend one short (1 day) and one long (3 days) course of their choice each term.

Albany PEAC includes 23 schools, and accepts around 25 additional year 5 students each year. Students gain access to the program through state-wide year 4 testing (usually the top 3%) or a teacher nomination process.

The Albany PEAC courses cover a range of learning areas, and always include hands-on activities, many of which can be simplified and used in the main-stream classroom. For most courses resources are available that enable students to share knowledge and skills in their own classroom, and they are always encouraged to do so.



In addition, PEAC Albany offers a growing range of online resources to assist classroom teachers in creating and adapting learning activities and programs to cater for their brighter students, including those who did not get into the program, but still need a greater challenge than most.

Little Grove Primary welcomes Mrs Walker and her PEAC students to our school. We look forward to meeting students from other schools around the district who will commence classes at Little Grove from next week.

Mrs Walker is a highly qualified and experienced, extension teacher. The staff and students at LGPS will also benefit from the experience and resources that she brings with her to Little Grove.

30 Magnifying Microscopes Donated to Little Grove Primary School

We were very excited to accept the generous donation of 30 Magnifying Microscopes to our school at the Assembly on 9 February 2018.

Mr and Mrs Brayshaw and Mr and Mrs Davies kindly donated the funds to sponsor our school through the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay's, 'Microscopes in schools project'.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, together with the Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia (STAWA) and the Water Corporation, are making the dream of all schools having microscopes available to students a reality. Over 19,000 Magnifying Microscopes have been donated to more than 650 schools in

every state of Australia, plus schools in nearby countries in Asia and the Pacific, sponsored by in excess of 110 Rotary Clubs, plus corporations and individuals.



The Magnifying Microscopes are a small hand-held unit that allows a child to easily move it around to view items indoors or out.

Staff and students are very excited for the opportunity to have this great resource in our school. Three classes have already used them for activities, and we are sure they will get plenty of use in the years to come.

Thank you from LGPS



As part of our school focus on providing a Positive, Supportive and Inclusive Learning Environment, we have added this new column to this year's newsletters.

We hope to provide information, ideas and tips on how you can assist with your children's education at home.

If there is a topic or area that you would like some extra information on, please let us know. As always we welcome your input and feedback.

Please email lisa.weinert@education.wa.edu.au with any queries or feedback -

This fortnight's article is Have High Expectations

Have High Aspirations and realistic expectations This strategy has 3 major parts.

1. Sharing your hopes and dreams and ambitions for your child with them
2. Developing in them a belief in their own abilities and a knowledge of their strengths
3. Discussing your children's educational and career aspirations

Best

Be the best they can be

Expectations

- Are they achieving at their ability level? - Ask the teacher what they are capable of.
- Have realistic goals and expectations for achievement- work with the teacher to know what is appropriate for their age.

Succeeding in life

- Hold high aspirations and pass that on to your kids.
- Tell them how important life long learning is for their success.
- Encourage them to keep going when tasks get difficult.

Teach

- The value of putting your best effort into everything you do.
- Talk about careers