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

Bounce Back:
As part of our focus area – Positive and Supportive Learning Environment, we have introduced weekly lessons on strategies to build resilience. This program addresses the environmental building blocks and the personal skills for fostering resilience in children and young people. The program focuses mainly on the teaching of coping skills to help children and young people respond positively to the complexity of their everyday lives. In other words, children are taught how to ‘bounce back’ after experiencing sadness, difficulties, frustrations and hard times. So far this term, our students have focused on:

Core Values of Honesty, Fairness and Being Responsible.
Focus Lessons: Feelings are necessary, Good Mood / Bad Mood and Understanding Anger

To support your child, you can reinforce this learning at home - see the helpful hints further in the newsletter.

Swimming:
Due to a number of factors, we will not be holding our Faction Swimming Carnival this term. The school will continue to work with the P&C to problem solve issues regarding this matter. However we will have our scheduled in term swimming lessons in the week 29 June to 3 July as well as the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 31 March. To prepare and select our students for the Interschool Swimming carnival we will be holding training sessions on 11, 18 and 25 March 7.30-8.15am. More information and permission notes will be sent home about these training sessions this week to relevant students with appropriate swimming levels.

School Board needs you:
The LGPS School Board forms an important role in our school. They have input into and approve the following:
- Dress code
- Schools objectives, priorities (focus areas) and general policy directions
- Financial arrangements to fund objectives, priorities and directions
- Charges and contributions
- Booklists
- School budget
- Religious instructions and moral values of school

Other policies not listed above are controlled by the Department of Education.

Usually we have 4 to 5 meetings per year from 3.30-5pm. We have a position available for a parent or community member. If you would like more information or you wish to nominate for the position please contact Mr Darryn Martin on 9844 4888 or email littlegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au

National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015: 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 week 12 -14 May. 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 2 April 2015.
**Swim Trials**

With our Interschool Swimming Carnival at the end of this term, we will be holding swim trials on Wednesdays 11, 18 and 25 March 2015 from 7.30am to 8.15am at Albany Leisure and Aquatic centre.

Parents will be responsible to drop students at ALAC and return them to school.

Mr Scott and helpers will meet the students at the swimming pool on those days for the trials.

Notes will be sent home with students with appropriate swimming levels.

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**Sustainability**

**Food waste rescued**

Each year Australians waste approximately 500 kg of food per household. That equates to wast ing one in five bags of groceries that we buy. Many grocery stores also throw out food including fruit and vegetables that are simply an imperfect shape or food that is close to the best before date.

Food Rescue is one of the organisations in Perth that rescues this food and delivers it to those in need. Each week they rescue 27,000 kg of fresh fruit and vegetables and deliver them to over 60 charities and agencies. Food Rescue is also launching a program to collect food from cafes and restaurants in the Perth CBD. Three cargo carts manned by volunteers will travel around the CBD picking up leftover sandwiches, wraps and rolls that would otherwise go to landfill.

OzHarvest also recently launched a food rescue program in Perth and they will be looking for volunteers. Volunteering to help rescue food is a great way to reduce waste to landfill while also helping local people in need of food.

To find out more, visit [http://foodrescue.com.au](http://foodrescue.com.au) or [http://www.ozharvest.org](http://www.ozharvest.org)

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**Contribution Payments**

Thank you to the 49% of our families who have paid their school contributions this year.

These funds are used to purchase resources for all students across the whole school.

Please see below for payment options.

If you are having financial difficulty please see the Registrar and organise a payment plan that suits you.

We look forward to receiving 100% of payments due this year, which will assist all students education.

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**Easter**

We are quickly approaching that time of the year when Easter is celebrated on the Christian Calendar.

This year Good Friday falls at the start of the Term 1 school holiday break.

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 1st April at 9am (no this is not a joke!). Students are invited to make an Easter hat to wear in the parade.

We will soon be calling for donations of Easter items for the Easter Raffle. This year all funds raised will be donated to:

Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**Payment Options**

A reminder that as well as accepting cash, cheque and EFTPOS transactions, we can now offer you the convenience of Direct Deposits when making payments to the school - see details below:

**DIRECT DEPOSITS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ANY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL:**

Account name: Little Grove Primary School
BSB: 016 510
Account number: 340 910 473
Reference: Oldest child surname and first letter of name
Bounce Back—Helpful Hints for Parents

Listed below are some easy ways for you to support your child and reinforce the Bounce Back Program they are participating in at school.

- Give your child positive feedback when they act honestly (e.g. when they tell the truth, own up to what they have done, avoid the temptation to keep something that belongs to someone else, and when they try to identify who owns something they have found that doesn’t belong to them).

- Play age-appropriate board and card games with your children. This provides an opportunity for you to reinforce playing fairly by following the rules of a game and not cheating. Playing games with your children also provides an opportunity for them to practise social skills such as being a good winner and loser.

- Help them to develop kindness and a sense of fairness towards others who are less fortunate than themselves. Model for them some ways to support others who are in need.

- Encourage your child to appreciate and return the kindnesses and favours they receive from others.

- Present different people’s points of view when talking problems through with your child. This helps them gain a sense of what’s fair for everyone involved.

- Give your child regular chores and give them positive feedback when they do these without being reminded. Stress that people will trust and respect you more when you behave responsibly.

- Model cooperative behaviours for your child by working with them on a project (e.g. building a model) or task (e.g. tidying up the garage). Comment on how and why things went well (e.g. you both did a good share of the work, each did the part they were good at and each respected what the other person did).

Your P&C Uniform Shop Needs You!

After many years of dedicated service week in and week out, our current uniform shop volunteers are ready for a well deserved break.

Therefore we are calling for new volunteers who are able to spare around 30 minutes on a Monday morning to come and help out.

Your time in the uniform shop will be spent helping to put out and pack up the second hand uniform boxes, packing orders away in the storage cupboards and helping customers choose uniform items.

It’s an easy way to support your P&C and meet other parents and, as always, many hands make light work.

So, if you are able to volunteer 30 minutes of your time on a Monday morning, whether it is every week, or once a term, please contact me ASAP via phone or email.

We look forward to working with you.
Cindy Singer - Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
M: 0434 88 33 52
E: littlegroveuniform@gmail.com

Community Notice Board

Due to the volume of community information we receive each week we are unable to insert advertisements into our school newsletter.
Please see the School Notice Board for community notices and information.

Items Recently Added to the board include:

- Soccer Registration Information
- Early Years Network Conference
- Hockey Registration—All Ages
- Nominate a Volunteer of the Year
- Junior Football Association Information
- ALAC Swim Program—April School Holidays
- Fishing Clinic - Sunday 8 March

Fitness Club

A reminder that Fitness Club is on every Wednesday and Friday morning
Starting at 8.30am
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and exercise

Brick Paving

We are looking for a parent who has expertise in brick paving. The new Junior Playground needs a brick paved roundabout, which is a bit too technical for a busy bee team to accomplish by themselves.

If anyone is able to offer their time and expertise to guide a willing team of volunteers we would love to hear from you.
Little Grove Playgroup welcomes new members with children aged 0-5yrs
$4 per family per Visit

Tue 9 -11.30am
Wed 9.30 - 11.30am
Fri 9 - 11.30am

Come and join us for a cuppa while your child gets colourful, crafty and creative in a friendly & fun environment.

South Coast Progress Association Hall - Bayview Drive, Little Grove

Please be reminded that NO DOGS are allowed on school grounds - no matter how cute or well behaved they are.
Your co-operation is appreciated.

Room 5 & 6
Plant and Dried Herb Stall

After the information Assembly on Friday 13 March please take the time to visit the Plant/Herb Stall set up by students in Room 5&6.

Seedlings available:
Lettuce Kale Cabbage Sage Cucumbers Broccoli Carrot

Herbs available:
Rosemary and Marjoram

Gold coin donations accepted.
Limited supply—First in gets the best choice.

All proceeds go back into our Stephanie Alexander Program to help fund cooking and gardening lessons.

FINAL CALL FOR P&C BULB FUNDRAiser ORDERS

The closing date for the P&C Bulb Fundraiser has been extended to this Friday 6 March.

If you would still like to place an order, please return your order forms and payment to the Bulb Order box located in the school office.

30% of the funds raised are donated to Little Grove Primary School. This year the money raised will be used to help purchase fruit trees for the school's newly created play space (next to the Pirate Ship).

The Bulbs are supplied by ‘Tulips with a Difference’ – a Western Australian owned and operated bulb specialist from Boyup Brook. The bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with beautiful flowers year after year.

The Bulb Order Box will be cleared this Friday at 3.30pm, so if you would like to take part in this fundraiser, please return your order forms before then.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact the Bulb Fundraiser Coordinator – Karen Petty on 0419 903 291.

P & C DISCO

Friday 27 March 2015
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

Parent volunteers are needed to help the Disco run smoothly. If you are able to assist please add your name to the Helper Roster in the front office.

“Many hands make light work”
Room 5 Assembly

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- Show respect
- Build resilience

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Dear Parents,

At the end of last week we had some unwanted excitement at our school. As a result some students have gone home and told some very interesting stories about what occurred.

Firstly let me say that at no time was any student in danger and the school was not in lock down. On Friday morning the Police were looking for a person who was believed to have broken into a house near the school. The Police kept the school informed on a regular basis and at no time was the person of interest on school grounds. The person was unarmed and posed no threat to our students. Students were engaged in their normal learning program.

Likewise on the day before some students went home and reported to their parents that they saw a suspicious man wearing an overcoat on the oval. This was in fact our gardener, Mr Reeves wearing his dry as a bone coat because it was raining, doing his normal gardening duties.

If at any time, where a situation arises that students are in danger, we have comprehensive emergency procedures in place to deal with the situation and parents will be notified.

Hoping this provides some clarity around these events.

Mr Darryn Martin
Principal.
4/03/2015