Dear parents and carers, staff, students and community members

**Reports**
Reports will be sent home as soon as possible on or after Monday 15 December. 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 the additional School Position Report.

**Contributions & Charges**
The School Board endorsed Contributions and Charges Schedule for 2015 which will be sent home by family representatives today. 2015 Student booklists will be sent home soon.

**Classroom Allocations for 2015**
Class lists will be posted on the Junior and Senior wet area doors at 3.30pm on Friday 30 January 2015. These class lists will be temporary for approximately 3 weeks until final student numbers and related funding can be established.

**Student Council Speeches**
Year 5 students who had nominated for Student Council 2015, read their campaign speeches this week. The level of confidence from the students was very admirable. Well done. Congratulations to the successful candidates.

Faction Captains will be announced later this week.

**Interschool Athletics Carnival**
After unfortunately having to postpone the carnival last week, our students finally travelled to Mount Barker for the annual Interschool Athletics Carnival. Well done to all the students who tried their best and showed great sportsmanship. Special congratulations to Toby Hall who was Year Runner up Year 5 Champion boy and our Junior team was runner up in the handicap shield. A huge thank you to Mr McCarthy and Mrs Blogg for co-ordinating this event. It was however very disappointing that many students pulled out of the team at short notice, which left us without a full team. We hope to receive more support for this event next year.

**Darryn Martin**
Principal

**Julie Blogg**
Associate Principal
Holiday Learning

Since this is the second last newsletter for the year and only 3 weeks to Christmas Holidays, I thought I would talk about Holiday learning.

School’s out but brains don’t need to go on holiday too. Families can enjoy being together and keep on learning during the lovely long weeks of summer.

Children easily lose ground if learning stops during the summer break. Fortunately, learning never has to stop. With your help, children are more likely to remember what they learnt during the year. A recent study estimates that summer loss for all students equals about a month of academic learning, so keep those brains busy and occupied through the power of books.

Continue daily routines during the summer, with structure and limits. The key is providing a balance and keeping children engaged. Long sleep-ins every morning and lolling round in the heat soon lead to grumpy, bored children.

Children who read throughout the summer gain skills and can start the new school year with a better understanding of language and the world around them. The more they like to read, the more they will read.

Start a journey of discovery together. Make regular visits to the library to find books, magazines and movies on the topic your child is interested in. Look for related fiction as well as non-fiction.

Ask questions as you read together or when your independent reader finishes a book. Ask your child to tell you something new or surprising they learned, or to read a section that was full of interesting words.

Taking a field trip together to have a hands-on experience can add to what you have been learning from books and movies. Keep a record of what you learn together - start a journal, create a scrapbook, or send a handmade postcard to family or friends. Start a blog or social networking site for extended family members, especially grandparents living far away.

Give children material that motivates them to read. Try comic books, directions for interesting projects and mystery stories. Have them read information about possible activities as you plan your summer vacation.

Support them as they read. Read their book aloud to them, help them decode, and make it easy for them to get the meaning. Show them that reading is a way to find out what they need to know and to entertain themselves.

Give them easy reading. Summer is supposed to be relaxed. Let them get absorbed in the book. When you read with them, make it your goal to enjoy the book together. You don’t have to make them read perfectly! Avoid too much correction. In school next year, the teacher will help them. If you have any worries, jot them down to mention to the teacher when school starts.

Be a model of reading. Bring books to the beach and read them. If you are travelling, find a book for the whole family to read and discuss.

Have reading matter conveniently available. You might carry children's books and magazines with you and have them ready when there is spare time or you have to wait.

Start a long, more demanding book as a read-aloud for the holidays. Set a time each evening and read a chapter. The whole family will quickly become absorbed in the story and look forward to the nightly treat.

Last but not least, use your Spellodrome, Mathletics and Worldbook online school subscriptions.

Darryn Martin  Principal

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)
**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
Don’t forget your permission slip!!
Food and Drinks available to purchase

**WANTED**
We are looking for a parent who has expertise in brickpaving. The new Junior Playground needs a brickpaved 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 we would love to hear from you.

**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 on 11 December 2014.
Each class has 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 2 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.

**Mailing School Reports**
If you will be away the last week of school and are not able to collect your child/s report. You can provide an A4 sized self addressed stamped envelope to the office if you wish it to be mailed to you. If we do not receive a stamped envelope, you can collect your report from the school office in February 2015.

**Group Photo Orders & Assembly CD’s**
A reminder that group photos can be viewed and ordered at the office priced at $15 each.
Choir Faction Captains & Vice Captains
Eagles Cup Team Student Councillors
& Yr 6/7 Casual Graduation Photo
A copy of the Class assembly video can also be ordered for a $5 donation.
Orders must be received and paid for by 10am this Friday 5 December. **No late orders can be accepted.**

**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.

**Roster:**
Fri 5 December: Rachael Sarah
Wed 10 December: Julianne
Fri 12 December: Belinda Amber
Wed 17 December: CLOSED
Canteen will be closed on the last week of school! 15 to 18 December 2014

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

Recently Added:
- Tenderden Tennis Club Inc
- Summer School Holiday ArtSpace and Workshops
Student Councillors Selection for 2015

Our current year 5 students have been involved in the democratic process of nominating, campaigning and delivering a speech for years 3-7 to vote for our student leaders for next year.

It was fabulous to see and hear the confidence of the young candidates as they delivered their speeches, everyone can be congratulated on a job well done.

We congratulate the following students who have been voted by the peers to be Student Councillors in 2015.

Kaci, Molly, Stella, Joshua, James & Josh