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

Open Night:
Next Wednesday at 4.30pm – 6.30pm we are holding our annual open or learning journey night. This is a chance for our students to show their parents and carers their in class learning in the form of a journey around their various classrooms. The Library will be open showcasing book week competition displays and you can purchase a great range of books from the Bookfair. During this event, there will be an Art exhibition in the Science room of our student’s fantastic art. The year 7’s will be conducting a sausage sizzle if you are hungry (bring your loose change) and at the conclusion of the evening the choir will be performing in the undercover area. This will be a great celebration of your child’s learning so see you there.

Book Week:
Next week is book week. The theme is “Read Across the Universe”. A list of Book Week Competitions has been sent home with students and everyone is invited to join in the fun. The week will conclude on Friday 6 September with the Book Week parade being held at the 9.00am assembly. Staff and students are invited to dress up as your favourite book character and join in the fun.

Eagles Cup:
I am very proud of every member of the Eagles Cup squad. They have trained in their own time to represent our school after hours. They have demonstrated sportsmanship and courage. Although they have not won every game they don’t become discouraged. Well done to you all for having a go and enjoying the game. Mr Davies has coached the squad again this year and I am sure you join me in thanking him for undertaking this role for our school community.

Ten Hints for Creating Resilient Families

*Promote belonging* – resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungee jump though the pitfalls of life.

*Have some mooch time* – time just to be at home without anything structured happening

*Re-discover some family rituals* – the best rituals often cost nothing – family walk after dinner, Saturday clean up – rituals are highly protective.

*Love kids for their differences* – when families function well, people are allowed to be different and to be loved for those differences. The ideal mix is between someone who preserves their own uniqueness and is able to work with others without becoming dictated by them.

*It is clear who is in charge* – families do not work well as democracies. They seem to work best as benevolent dictatorships in which the parent or parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say.

*Consistency* – this is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards who convey the same sorts of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly has the best outcome in terms of children’s well-being.

*Teach the Skills of self esteem* – families that work well seem to praise each other a lot. Compliments are made, positive efforts are commented on. Optimism is in the air.

*Know how to argue* - The family is where we learn to resolve disputes fairly. While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn that they will not be able to win at all costs.

*Parents are reliably unpredictable* - it is important to provide consistency and predictability. This allows them to feel sure of you. It is important to have structure and consistency but it is also useful to act in ways that your children wouldn’t expect. This keeps them interested in learning from you or at least wondering what you are up to.

Reductions to Education Funding

You may have read or heard recently from the WA government announcements about changes to the way schools are funded. This is due to occur over the next 2 years 2014 and 2015.

Whilst not all of the detail has been released, particularly for changes to occur in 2015, what has already been announced does amount to about a nearly $157,000 cut to the amount of funding our school receives in its one line budget (includes funding for staff).

This is a considerable amount of money and will impact on the range of services and level of resources the school can provide. In particular it will impact on class sizes, the amount of classes and the way the school is able to support the differentiated needs of our students. Specialised programs that support the talented and gifted (Reach) and those with learning difficulties will need to be looked at carefully.

The P&C is keen to harness the collective voice of our community and ensure that those that have made decisions in relation to these changes get a sense of how people feel about what is to occur. If there is very little feedback then the reductions that are about to be made will go ahead.

Please contact P&C President Mr Julian Blogg on 0419 941 116 or the School Board Chairperson Carl Richardson on 0429 920 268 with your feedback and to find out how you can help make our voice known.

These e-mail addresses may also be of use:

Minister.Collier@dpc.wa.gov.au
wa-government@dpc.wa.gov.au

Pyjama Day

Last Friday the student councillors organised a fundraising day for our sister school Bulimbale in Uganda. Everyone was invited to wear their pyjamas to school for a gold coin donation.

All the students thought this was very funny and everyone looked very warm and cuddly in their pyjamas, onsies, dressing gowns and slippers. Even some of the teachers and staff dressed up for the day.

We raised $290 which is a fabulous effort.

All funds raised for Bulimbale Baptist School this year will be sent to Uganda at the end of the year as a Christmas gift from our school community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Not Attending Little Grove Primary School in 2014

If your child will not be attending LGPS in 2014 please complete and return this slip to the office. This information assists us in school planning for 2014. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Name/s : __________________________________________________________________________

School Moving to : ________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ________________________________________________
**Lost Property**

There is an huge amount of clothing in the lost property baskets in both blocks. Please take the time to check the baskets for any lost items.

Please remember to label your child’s clothing—so it can be returned to them.

Items not claimed within the next fortnight will go into the second hand uniform shop for resale or be donated to charity.

**Trash Free Lunchboxes**

A big thank you to all the children who have had Trash Free Lunches this Term. Well done and keep up the good work. Please keep bringing in the materials to recycle so that we can top up the boxes of supplies.

We are hosting a Waste Wise afternoon on Tuesday 3 September (week 7) and any parents are welcome to come and join in. The main topic is how to use worm farms with the class.

Environment Week is August 25-31 and some classes are looking at environmental challenges for the week.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

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**Community Notice Board**

Please see the School Notice Board for community notices.

**Recently Added:**

Little Athletics Registration Days—10am to 1pm
Sat 7 September and Sat 21 September

Family Fun Day - Sunday 1 September

**Little Grove Students Win Creative Writing Awards**

The year 2/3 students from Room 3 recently entered a picture book competition run by the Albany Public Library, which was open to all children in the Great Southern Region.

The children were required to write and illustrate their own narrative based around the theme "Read Across The Universe". Their final work was then 'bound' into a picture book format.

The children created some fabulous picture books which were very well received by the competition judges.

After completing their stories the children attended a writing/illustrating workshop at the City Library with award winning author Kylie Dunstan. Mrs Dunstan explained the process involved in creating a picture book and gave the children some fantastic tips regarding the illustration of characters.

Whilst visiting the library the children were thrilled to discover that three of their classmates had won prizes in the picture book competition.

Congratulations to:

- **Jack** - First prize winner for Year 3 division
- **Adele** - First prize winner for Year 2 division
- **Michael** - Runner up winner for Year 2 division

The whole class put in a great effort. Room 3 students look forward to sharing their books with family and friends in their classroom on open night.
Comments from the students:

For breakfast we went to the Bicentennial Tree. There we had a luscious cooked breakfast with bacon and eggs on toast. Yummmm!

The pump track was the best bit of the mountain biking trip, it was so much fun!

Some of my highlights on camp were mountain biking, climbing Gloucester tree and also just hanging out with my friends.

Red faces is when you perform a skit to the audience. After tea it was time for Red Faces. It was an outstanding humorous night with a lot of laughs.

The bush walk was very wet with lots of big puddles and the walk had lots of little shelters on the side of the track. For lunch we all had soup and fresh bread, it was very nice.

After a while of chilling out it was dinner time, we walked to the dining hall. As we opened the door the smell of roast lamb rushed up our noses and took over our bodies. The lamb was so good and was extremely tender and flavoursome. For dessert we had jelly and ice cream it was scrumptious.

I never thought I would have the courage to climb the Gloucester tree. Through torrential downpours we made it through the whole week and all the challenging activities we did.

On Tuesday, the most amazing sight I’ve ever seen was the top of the Gloucester tree. The view was incomparable to anything I’ve ever seen. Then we fed some parrots with a tiny bit of our slice.

In my opinion camp was a great experience and worth every cent paid. I learnt a bunch of new skills and even had more new experiences.

The food was delicious. I was almost disappointed by the fact that I would have to go home and return to my parents cooking.

When I arrived at school I had mixed emotions about leaving my pet behind with my mum for a week, but I was so excited to be going to the camp that I had been waiting to go on since year 5.

As a group we worked surprisingly well together and our chores were done in a flash.

A huge thank you to Mrs O’Callaghan, Mr Slater, Mrs Gower and Mr Blogg for making this camp a memorable experience for our students. Your commitment and donation of your own time is greatly appreciated.