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

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 two positions available for community members. If you would like more information or you wish to let me know of a possible community member to approach please contact Mr Darryn Martin on 9844 4888 or email littlegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au

It’s never to late to be Punctual:

Does your family start the day with repeated orders and pleading to various members to get up, get dressed, have their breakfast, pack their school bag, brush their teeth, catch the bus. Some children are always late – to school, to classes, with assignments – and the chaos of their lives has an effect on their ability to learn. A calm, well-organised start to the day and successful time management help develop the habits that lead to good learning.

Being late for school on a regular basis is not only disruptive for others is it very disruptive to children’s learning—as they miss out on the instructions and information that they will need for the days learning. Think about how your lateness effects other people.

- Help the unpunctual members of your family take responsibility for their own lateness. It pays to begin when they are young but it’s never too late to start.
- Set their alarms, establish routines like who is first to use the bathroom, have breakfast ready and expect them to be out the door on time.
- One unpunctual member of the family can raise the stress levels for everyone. Being left behind just once is often all that it takes to change habitual lateness.
- Try ‘To Do’ lists and learn to enjoy ticking off each task as they get it done.
- Keep a detailed calendar and a checklist for progress.
- Regard lack of punctuality as lack of manners. People who always keep others waiting regard themselves as far more important. They are sending a clear message that your time is not as important as theirs.
- Reduce distractions - turn off the TV, computer, games etc.

Darryn Martin
Principal

Julie Blogg
Associate Principal

Groovy Grover Results at the end of Week 4

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Gold and Red Faction received 10min extra play this week for reaching their 600 and 400 point milestones! Well done everyone -keep up the great work.

WEEK 5 Behaviour focus: **Be open to feed back.**

WEEK 6 Behaviour focus: **Care for others**

Coming Events

- Litter Free Day -Clean Up Australia Day **Friday 4 March**
- Labour Day Holiday **Monday 7 March**
- P&C Sundowner - Friday 18 March, Mills Park 4pm **Tuesday 22 March**
- Easter Holiday Break—Friday 25 March to and including Tuesday 29 March
- School Returns after Easter—Wednesday 30 March
Roster:

Fri  4 March  Janine & Jill
Wed  9 March  Marley
Fri 11 March Danielle & Donna
Wed 16 March Julianne

GRIP Conference

Our 10 student leaders attended the annual GRIP conference at the Town Hall last week.

They had a great time mixing with other students from across the district and learning new skills that will help them on their journey of becoming an effective leader.

P & C Disco

Friday 1st April 2016
All Ages (K – Y6)
5:30pm – 8:00pm

$5.00 entry fee (with permission slip)

Food and Drinks available to purchase

Glow Products for sale

Parent Helpers required for decorations and on the night. Please add your name to the list in the office or contact Trudie: Mobile 0428 400 801.

Parking

We have had many reports of unsafe parking practices around the school boundaries.

ALL visitors to the school must follow the road rules and parking rules in order to keep our school community safe.

Parked on the wrong side of the road against the traffic is dangerous and illegal.

Do not park in NO PARKING zones - they are marked for safety reasons.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Bicycle Racks

It is great to see so many student riding their bikes to school.

Unfortunately we have had some issues with students interfering with other peoples property. Students are reminded that they should not to touch other students belongings.

If any one has seen or knows of a black bike helmet with red flames that has gone missing, can they please advise the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Little Grove Primary School P&C

sundowner

an opportunity to meet & mingle with other little grove school families

Friday 18th March from 4pm
at Mills Park - Little Grove
BYO Picnic Dinner - ALL WELCOME

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Earn and Learn Resources Arrive

Our rewards from last year’s Woolworths Earn and Learn program arrived at the school. We were very happy and excited to receive free of charge, $900 worth of Lego for all our students to enjoy!

What a great community effort.

The Library has been open on Monday and Friday lunchtimes for students to enjoy the new Lego, dominos, games and books. Everyone has been having a great time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - SMS ALERT SYSTEM

All parents/guardians are currently registered to receive SMS messages in the case of Emergency as part of our school emergency procedures.

This year as part of student attendance, we will be trialling the Attendance SMS system. You may already be aware of this system if you have older children who attend high school. This is an automated system that sends you a SMS message if your child is absent from school and you have not let the school know before 9.50am. You are then able to send a return SMS stating a reason for the absence, which will be automatically recorded on the child’s attendance record.

This will reduce the number of Unexplained absences that show on our student attendance records. It will also have the added benefit of giving parents the peace of mind that their child has reached the school safely.

Next week, we will send out an automated “test” SMS message to our recorded contact for each student. It will ask you to please reply back so that we can verify that we have the correct mobile number for you.

We will send out more details on this system before we “roll it out” in the next couple of weeks.

Your assistance to ensure that this program runs efficiently is greatly appreciated.

Contribution Payments

Thank you to the families who have already paid their contribution payments to the school.

37% of contributions have been received to date.

These funds are used for resources and projects across the school that benefit all students. You are welcome to set up a payment plan with the school if you are unable to pay as a lump sum. Payments can be made at the school office via cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Direct Banking is also available:

Account name: Little Grove Primary School
BSB: 016 510
Account number: 340 910 473
Japanese (nihongo) Roadshow

On Monday the 29 February, 25 lucky Little Grove year 5/6 students attended the Japanese Roadshow at North Albany Senior High School. This event, run by the Japan Foundation Sydney, aimed to give students a greater understanding of Japanese culture and language. Students were given the unique opportunity to listen to native Japanese speakers.

The Roadshow took the form of a fun interactive, multimedia quiz. Students were placed in mixed school teams and competed in each round for prizes on topics such as geography, food and language.

Our students participated enthusiastically and quickly made new friends with fellow students of Japanese from Mount Lockyer Primary, Mount Manypeaks Primary, Bethal Primary and Great Southern Grammar.

The presenters of the event were very impressed with how well our students interacted and behaved. They commented that ours was the most enthusiastic and energetic group they had conducted.

Sensei Eaton

Japanese Competition

In 2015 I was on long service leave and living in Wakayama Japan. It was a very interesting place with many things that were unusual for an Australian from Little Grove. One of the things I found interesting was the writing. A form of writing the Japanese use is called ‘kanji’. Kanji are adopted Chinese characters that are used in the modern Japanese writing system along with hiragana and katakana. Some of the kanji look like pictures or hieroglyphics.

For example the word ‘mountain’ (yama) ⻏ looks a little like something with a peak in the middle.

The words ‘one’ (ichi) 一, ‘two’ (ni) 二 and ‘three’ (san) 三 use how many strokes it takes to draw them.

Sometimes you can really use your imagination and create pictures from the words. The word for ‘fire’ (kasai) 火, can look a bit like a camp fire!

I have a few prizes for a student that can guess which of these kanji’s are linked to which word AND create an A4 poster to show the meaning of “yama” ⻏.

**Task 1.** Which kanji has what meaning? Choose the correct English word and write it under the kanji.

車  川  田  人  米

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**Clues**

Field (tanbo) The farmers field is divided with fences.
Rice (kome) It grows under and above the ground.
River (kawa) The river flows downstream.
Person (hito) This person has two legs.
Car (Kuruma) This car has two axels and somewhere to sit.

**Task 2.** Design an A4 poster to show the meaning of the word ‘yama’ ⻏. It can be a simple design if you like, similar to the fire picture.

Place your Kanji answers, your name, room number on the back of your poster and hand it in at the office by Monday 14 March.

Sensei Eaton and Mr Davies will choose one winner.

Good luck. Mr Davies.
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- Jellay Family
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- WA Paragliding Academy
- Bowles Family
- Paperbark Education
- Gordon Family
- Quality Taylor Made Carpentry
- Stephen Sheehy Racing Stables
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