Wishing our School Community a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

We look forward to another great year of learning in 2016

Parent vs Staff Volleyball Match

Congratulations to the parents who were this year’s victors in the annual Parent vs Staff Volleyball game.

Students, staff and parents all had an enjoyable time as everyone played or cheered hard for their teams.

2009 was the last time the Parents defeated the Little Grove Staff so this was a well fought for victory!

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun.
Congratulations to our newly elected Student Leaders for 2016

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Angus - Head Boy
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Endeavour Award Winners 2015
The class Endeavour awards were presented at the Christmas Assembly last Friday.

Congratulations to the recipients of this year’s awards and we hope all students will continue to ‘Endeavour to Excel’

Centre 1 Milla
Room 1 Joby
Room 2 Amelia
Room 3 Tom
Room 5 Hayley
Room 6 Molly
Room 7 Oliver
Room 8 Jolane
Art Thomas

Semester 2 Attendance Draw
97 students names went into this Semesters attendance draw. These students all attained 95% or above attendance during Semester 2.

Thank you to Paperbark Merchants for their generous donation of two $50 vouchers for prizes in this Semesters Attendance draw.

The winners of the attendance draw for Semester 2 were Ella-Mae from Room 1 and Sophie from Room 8.

The classroom with the highest attendance was Room 2. The classroom with the lowest amount of unexplained absences was Room 1 - these two classes receive a reward ice-cream.

Well done to everyone who attends school regularly - keep up the great work.

There are loads of fun activities available through World Book Online for students to do over the summer holidays. Activities are fun and educational!


Spend some time looking around this great site, you will find more than you can imagine.

Your school World Book Online Login details are:
Log-in ID: littlegrove
Password: research1

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Discover waterwise holiday tips at watercorporation.com.au/discover

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Christmas Giving

A huge thank you to all the families who contributed to this year’s Christmas Hampers for the Salvation Army. This year’s response to the call for donations was fabulous and as you can see from the photo, the students took great pride in presenting the hampers.

Major Beardsley from the local Salvation Army came to accept the hampers and thanked the students and our community for their kindness and generosity. There are many families in our region who appreciate a little assistance during the Christmas period.

The P&C wish to say THANK YOU!!

To those wonderful people who helped out with the disco.

We had a great response for donated decorations including a borrowed blow-up Santa! Many THANKS to the sticking, wrapping & sewing elf’s who offered their time to help on Wednesdays or at home with decorations, it was greatly appreciated. The area looked amazing!

Thanks to Mr Martin & to all the parents who lent a hand at disco time, with set up, pack up, crowd control, door, glow sticks and canteen.

A special mention to Yr 6’s Beau & Josh for their fantastic help during the Junior disco.

The disco was very successful & enjoyed by all, topped off with a visit from Santa. Thanks Jess for getting in-touch with him.

Congratulations to our graduating students. The students will all be given the gift of wise words from the invited guests and their teachers at their Graduation Ceremony tomorrow.

It is wonderful to see how they have all grown into such wonderful young people and we wish them well as they embark on their high school years.

A huge thank you to Mrs O’Callaghan, Mrs Knight, Mr Stokes, Mrs Harper, Mr Scott, Mrs Bassett, Miss Paterson, Mrs Bernhardt and Mrs Weinert for the huge amount of work that it takes to organise this event.
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.

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.

Don't forget to have your children's logon details at home for:

- Spellodrome
- Mathletics
- Reading Eggs
- Worldbook online

These subscriptions are paid for by the school and your P&C to enable students and parents to have access to these learning tools at home. Ask your class teacher for the logon details if you are unsure. It is well worth parents taking the time to look around these great online products to appreciate the benefits and value that they offer.

Holidays are also a great time to update and practise Keyboard Skills. As much of students work has a computer focus, being able to easily navigate the keyboard is an essential skill for all years. Any online typing or keyboard tutorial is a great way to extend these skills.

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.