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

Reports
Reports will be sent home as soon as possible on or after Monday 14 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.

Classroom Allocations for 2016
Class lists will be posted on the Junior and Senior wet area doors at 3.30pm on Friday 29 January 2016. These class lists will be temporary for approximately 3 weeks until final student numbers and related funding can be established. Letters have already been sent home to 2016 Kindergarten parents providing information about Kindergarten days for 2016.

Child and Parent Centre - App now Available
Many of you would be aware of the Child and Parent Centre at Mt Lockyer. It is just about to move into a brand new building after being in temporary accommodation for nearly 2 years. This Centre is aimed at supporting families with young children and offers a range of services to ensure these youngsters have parents who know how best to support their needs and as such are able to enter school ready to learn.

To keep parents informed about the programs and activities occurring at this centre a smartphone app has been developed that will allow you to receive alerts and access the latest information in relation to what is being offered via this community resource.

Simply go to your app store, type in “Child and Parent Centre – Mount Lockyer” and click install.

Changing Schools or Moving in 2016
As we move towards the end of the year it is important that we have an accurate picture of school numbers for the new school year. If you are aware of or have an intention to move from Little Grove Primary in 2016 could you assist our planning process by notifying the office. Our funding and the way we organise classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. This information will assist when it comes to planning for the new school year and your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Parent vs Teacher Volleyball Game
Please remember to join us tomorrow morning for the Parent vs Teacher Volleyball match on the front lawn of the school from 9am.

Have a great fortnight.

Darryn Martin
Principal

Jeff Scott
Associate Principal
We run on a limited menu in the last few weeks of school—please explain this to your children so they are not disappointed if they are asked to choose another item.

Students are asked to make sure that they Stop and talk to one of the canteen ladies about their order—Do Not Just Drop and Run!!

Volunteers wanted for 2016 Canteen Roster, please see Jo in the canteen or send in a note with your name and contact details.

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**Teachers vs Parent Volleyball Game**

*This year's match will be held on Thursday 3 December at 9am*

This is always a great morning of fun and rivalry for adults and students alike. Everyone is invited to come along and join in the game or cheer on the sidelines.

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**Christmas Hampers**

For many years the Little Grove Primary School Community have collected Christmas Hampers for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Each classroom has a hamper to fill and a class representative will present the hamper to a member of the Salvation Army at our Christmas Assembly on Friday 11 December 2015.

This is a great way to teach empathy and compassion as students are thinking of others and those less fortunate than themselves.

Donations of non-perishable food, Christmas items or gifts would be greatly appreciated.

Children should place their donations in their class Christmas Hamper Box.

**Please dig deep for a good cause!**

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**Interschool Athletics Results**

Little Grove Primary School won the Junior Handicap shield with 241 points over Mt Lockyer with 237 points.

Little Grove Primary School came 3rd in the Seniors Handicap competition with 368 points behind Mt Barker with 415 points and Mount Lockyer with 441 points.

Congratulations to our students Sophie, who won equal Gold - Year 6 Girls Champion and Toby, who won - Bronze Year 6 Boys Champion.

Our whole interschool team put in a huge effort this year and you should all be very proud of yourselves. The team trained during their lunch times and we appreciate everyone’s commitment to the ‘team spirit’ this year.

All students were very well behaved and showed great sportsmanship at the carnival and represented our school proudly. Well done everyone.

Thank you to Mr Scott, Mr Stokes and all the wonderful parent volunteers who made this day run so smoothly.

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**School Stationery List Reminder**

A reminder that if you are taking advantage of the 2016 Stationery List offer, your orders need to be placed by 17 December 2015.

All orders placed by this date will be available for collection on 8 January 2016.

Orders Can be placed by:

- Returning the Order Form to the school office
- Via email to: schools@paperbarks.com.au
- Online: booklists.paperbarks.com.au
- Instore: Paperbark Education 68 Chesterpass Rd
- Via Phone: 9842 3285

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**Canteen News**

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**School Board Vacancies**

A seat on our School Board will become vacant at the commencement of the school year in 2016.

1 x Community Member

The board is now seeking expressions of interest from the community to fill this position.

If you would like to become a Board Member please contact Mr Darryn Martin, for information regarding the positions. An Expression of Interest will then need to be forwarded to the school Principal. This expression should cover why you would like to be involved with the board and what attributes or contribution you would be able to offer to the board.

The term of this position will be 3 years. Meetings that you would be required to attend are usually held once per term and twice in term four. Meetings commence at 3.30pm and usually last for 1.5 hours.

Applications should be made in writing. Addressed: Private and Confidential To The Principal Little Grove Primary School Gordon Street LITTLE GROVE WA 6330

It is strongly recommended that you contact the Principal, Mr Darryn Martin for further information prior to submitting your expression of interest to gain a sound understanding of the Board’s function within our school.

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**Uniform Shop Orders for 2016**

To ensure that the Uniform Shop has enough stock to fill your back to school uniform orders, please utilise the Pre-Order Form attached. Simply return your completed form to the school office before the end of the year. Your order will then be filled and available for you to collect and pay for on Thursday, 28 January 2016 between 9am -12 noon.

To take advantage of this service please return your completed form to the school office before the last day of school, or alternatively email it to this email address (littlegroveuniform@gmail.com) before 25 January 2016.

**Uniform Shop Special Open Day:**

Thursday, 28 January 2016 between 9am -12 noon

The Uniform shop will be open on Thursday Mornings before school in 2016.

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**LGPS Best School Gardens !!!**

Congratulations and thank you to our wonderful groundsman Mr Reeves whose hard work and commitment has earned our school the prestigious title of Best School Gardens and Outdoor Facilities award at the annual Keep Albany Beautiful awards.

Mr Reeves, Mrs Dawson and two students attended the presentation afternoon to accept our award.

Visitors to our school always comment on our beautiful surroundings and compliment us on the cleanliness of our school. Everyone has a part to play in this and we thank and encourage everyone to keep up the great work.

Sally from Room 6 also won a prize in the Art Competition also run by the Keep Albany Beautiful Committee.

Sally was the winner of her age group from entries across Albany.

Congratulations Sally.

**Keep Little Grove Beautiful !**
Student Leader Elections

Everyone was very impressed this morning with the quality and quantity of the students aspiring to become Student Leaders for 2016.

More than twenty students gave their Election Speeches before students from years 3 to 5. Students then voted for the most deserving candidates.

All of the speeches were very well written and spoken very confidently. Every candidate was congratulated on their high standards and putting themselves forward.

The 10 elected Student Leaders will be advised and the announcement of Head Boy and Head Girl for 2016 will be made at the Handover Assembly on 11 December 2015.
This morning saw the culmination of a very busy year of planning, trialling and collaboration for the Little Grove Primary School Positive Behaviour Program. The school was very excited to unveil the new Groovy Grover behavioural signs that are to be displayed around the school.

Using artwork contributed by our students, these Groovy Grover Signs have been professionally made and will be placed around the school to remind students of our Expected Behaviour at LGPS. These signs were unveiled to the whole school and were also a surprise to the very talented students whose artwork was chosen to represent our school.

The following students are acknowledged for putting a new spin on the original Groovy Grover artwork by Jack in 2014.

- India Year 5
- Romy Year 3
- Kaci Year 6
- Riley Year 4
- Isabella Year 5

We thank you all for your contribution to our school.
Proposed Community Outdoor Classroom, Bush Tucker Garden and Nature Play Area

As part of our next 3 year plan in the focus area of Sustainable Learning Environment, we are planning to construct over time (in stages) an outdoor classroom / cultural learning centre, nature play area and bush tucker garden.

This will be located on the northern side of our basketball courts/play cave, adjacent to the school oval. Thanks to P&C and Dana Neumann we have preliminary designs for this area. Using P&C fundraising and future grant money, we plan on constructing this in stages over the next 3 to 5 years. This space is intended to be a community space where families can access it freely after school or on weekends for play, picnics, cultural learning and community or family events.

The first area closest to the school will be a nature play area based on a rocky creek bed, where you use hand pumps and levers to control the flow of water along a rocky creek bed. Some rocks have already been sourced and are waiting near this area for placement. A timber decked path with bridge over this area to the outdoor learning space is envisaged.

The outdoor learning space / cultural learning centre will be a raised platform of decking, covered in 3 sides by a simple structure and pergola over. This area will be used by the school for outdoor learning classes with information boards, whiteboard and bench seating for students. This structure will overlook a Sandalwood, Quandong and Desert Lime tree orchard with seating and a lawn area linking into the school oval.

On the most northern side of this area, will be a bush tucker garden with a series of beds at different heights for the propagation of bush tucker plants. Surrounding these beds will be paved paths and sculptures or bush cubbies. This area will also link into existing or new paths through the nature reserve adjoining the school.

This project is very much designed to be a combined P&C/community/school project over a number of years utilising local businesses and the local area residents.

The next stage in the design will be to consult Aboriginal elders next year for their input into the design to ensure it is culturally appropriate. Then to start clearing the area where currently we have a big area of weeds growing.

For more information about this exciting project, please contact a P&C representative or Mrs Dawson on 9844 4888.