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

Business Plan Parent Input
As part of being a highly successful Independent Public School, a paper survey was sent home to all families enabling you to have input into our next planning cycle. Thank you for those parents who returned their survey. Congratulations to the Adams family who has won $100 credit towards your school contributions, incursions, excursions, camps, canteen or uniform shop for 2016.

Great NAPLAN Results
Once again our school produced some great NAPLAN results this year. As a school we outperformed Like schools in Year 3 in 4 out of the 5 areas. As well as outperforming the Australian School mean in 3 out 5 areas tested. Also we had no Year 3 students below the National Minimum Standard in any area. Our school also had a higher percentage of year 3 students above the National Minimum Standard than the Australian Schools average in all areas.

Our year 5 students also did very well. As a school we outperformed Like schools in Year 5 in 4 out of the 5 areas. As well as outperforming the Australian School mean in 3 out 5 areas tested. Our school also had a higher percentage of year 5 students above the National Minimum Standard than the Australian Schools average in 3 areas.

Where these cohorts were below like schools or the Australian mean, they were often very close (1 or 2 percentage points or Naplan points). In general it can be said that our school performed very, very well.

This indicates the success of our high quality teaching and learning programs at Little Grove Primary School by our very dedicated staff. There is always room for improvement, however this indicates that our various programs are working with the support of parents in partnership at home.

This graph is just one example that shows our student’s success in outperforming like schools in Numeracy over the past 5 years in Year 3 and 5.

Student Leaders Speeches
On Wednesday 2 December our current Year 5 students will present their leadership speeches at 9am in the undercover area. Elections will then take place to select 10 students for the 2016 Year 6 Leadership Team, consisting of 5 girls and 5 boys. Included in this team will be a Head Girl and Head Boy. The leadership team next year will share all duties currently done by our student councillors and faction captains. Parents are welcome to come along and support the students who have nominated to take on this important role for 2016 and to hear their speeches.

Interschool Athletics Carnival
I hope to see you at the Interschool Athletics Carnival next week. Jump and Throw events will be held on Tuesday 24 November 9.45am to 1.30pm. Athletic events will be held on Thursday 26 November starting at 9.30am. Both events will be held at the Albany Athletics Track, corner of Sandford & North Roads in Albany.

Please come and support our school and your child. A huge thank you to Mr Scott and Mr Stokes for coordinating our part of this event. Also a big thank you to our dedicated staff who have volunteered in their lunchtime to help train our students for this event.
Our school front office is open from 7.45am to 3.45pm Monday to Friday

If for some reason, you ring and get our answering machine during these times it is because all phone lines are busy or we are dealing with other urgent student matters. If this happens, please leave a message or ring back later as we value your communication.

If you wish to communicate via email please use the school’s email address:
littlegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au
School Board Vacancies

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

1 x Parent Representative
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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These students were awarded with an Honour Certificate at the assembly held on 6 November 2015

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Room 1 Izabellah Alice
Room 2 Charlotte Josiah
Room 3 Finnley Sophie
Room 5 James Luke
Room 6 Sally Ben
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This is an out of bounds area for students to ensure their safety.

There are plenty of other parking areas for parents around the school.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Bushfire Ready

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This website has great tips and ideas to keep your property and your family safe. http://areyouready.wa.gov.au/

Moving Schools/Locations in 2016?

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Thank you for your co-operation.

CANTEEN NEWS

Due to stock running low towards the end of the school year, some items may not be available. 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.

Just a reminder that the canteen lunch bags are 5 cents each - please remember to add this cost to your order.

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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Japanese Sharing Day

On Tuesday 27 October LGPS students were treated to a visit by 16 year 8 students studying Japanese at NASHS and their teacher Offer sensei. It was a unique opportunity for our year 3/4 students to practice their Japanese and learn from the older students, many of whom are former LGPS students themselves.

Our students were taught songs, games and calligraphy based on this term’s topic of Days of the Week or ‘yoobi’ in Japanese. Our students quickly paired up with the year 8s and made new friends introducing themselves in Japanese. Although a completely random process, Year 3 Cain managed to pair up with Year 8 Kane which created some confusion when they asked ‘onamae wa nan desu ka’ or “What is your name?”

At lunch time our students were able to sample traditional Japanese food including miso soup, okonomiyaki (a Japanese savoury pancake) and green tea icecream for dessert. Most students tried each food even if they thought they may not like it. Many were pleasantly surprised, especially with the ‘matcha aisukurimu’.

The sharing day was a great success and enjoyed by all. It is hoped that this will become an annual event and strengthen the Japanese Language Hub that has been established with NASHS.