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

Welcome returning students and families and to the new students and families who have joined our learning community. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday break. The new school year marks our continued journey to Endeavour to Excel.

We have had a very busy and smooth start to the year. You, as parents and carers have assisted us by ensuring your children came to school dressed in school uniform and equipped with the necessary tools to immediately commence learning, they all look absolutely fantastic. We are an accredited ‘Sun Safe’ school and children must wear a hat when outside. Our school has a great uniform shop and a limited supply of second hand uniforms available. Hats, bucket style, can be purchased through the uniform shop.

PARENT MEETINGS/ INTERVIEWS
All class teachers will shortly advise you of a class meeting. These class meetings provide parents with the opportunity to meet other parents of children in their room whilst the teacher goes through the processes and expectations for the class. Please avail yourself to this opportunity.

If you wish to see a teacher about your child, please do not undertake this conversation before school or during lesson time on the classroom doorstep. It is better for all concerned if you arrange an interview with the teacher at a mutually acceptable time so the conversation can be given the respect, time and confidentiality it deserves.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
During the first two School Development Days for the year, staff participated in professional learning on a variety of topics including: Western Australian Curriculum implementation, Whole school approaches and key programs, School Business plan 2016-2018, School Operational Plan 2017, School Financial Management and Priorities for 2017 and on the second day we travelled to Mount Barker to complete a very interesting and relevant professional learning on Understanding Poverty.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
We appreciate the early payment of school contributions and thank the parents and carers who have already done so for 2017. Statements will be sent home to families in the next few weeks.

P&C MEETING
I look forward to seeing you all at the P&C Meeting in the staffroom on Tuesday 28 February at 7 pm. This is a great way to contribute to your school and support your child / children’s education.

We hope you have all had a great start to 2017.

Darryn Martin
Principal

Julie Blogg
Associate Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:
Class Meetings next week - see class teacher for date & time
28 February — P&C Meeting
2 March — Faction Swimming Carnival
6 March — Labour Day Public Holiday
3 April — Interschool Swimming Carnival
4 April — Super 8 Cricket
7 April — Last Day of Term
It is wonderful to see children getting exercise walking and riding to school.

We do wish to remind parents that children under the age of 10 should not be left unattended when riding their bicycles. If your child is under 10 years of age, please supervise them by either walking or riding with them. Driving a vehicle behind your child does not offer the reflex time needed to assist your child.

Until the age of 10, children are still developing their peripheral vision. They do not have the visual ability to allow for unexpected events on the road or footpath - no matter how mature or responsible they are.

We thank members of the public who report unsafe behaviour on the roads around out school. Please heed this warning for the safety of all students and road users. Thank you.

As another year rolls on, we again lose some valuable parent volunteers, as families graduate from primary school. We are now looking for new families to take up the role of volunteering.

The P&C is a highly valuable resource for our school. This committee are responsible for the school canteen, the uniform shop, and book club. Their amazing fundraising efforts benefit all students in the school, as they assist the school to make additional learning resources available.

Examples of recent contributions by the P&C include a $3000 donation to cover Mathletics and other online software licences for all students. Plus a $10,500 donation which will cover 50% of the cost to upgrade the interactive white boards in our classrooms.

A P&C representative will be attending your class meetings, to introduce themselves and give you some information on how they can help you and how you can assist them.

The first P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 February at 7 pm in the staffroom.

Please come along and support our school. Your input, suggestions and time will be greatly valued and your children will be the beneficiaries of this committee’s great work.

I know we all say it, but I can hardly believe it’s already February. Welcome back to all our returning Little Grove families and an extra special welcome to all the beautiful new children that have joined our community. Little Grove is an outstanding school, blessed with educators and ancillary staff who genuinely care about your children. What a wonderful privilege for your kids.

I recently watched a TED talk by Rita Pierson, a teacher for 40 years, in which she said; “Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best they can possibly be”. Rita’s comment could actually be my job description as your Chaplain.

As we journey into 2017 my commitment to you is, to help the children at Little Grove to see what wonderful young people they are! My work days this year are Wednesday and Thursday.

I think it’s going to be a super-duper fantabulous year!

Kind Regards

Belle Grant
Communication with the School and the School Board

Who do I approach with school related problems?
School Board = Selective Policies
Teachers = Your child
Principal = Management or control of school or overall educational programs

You can approach any School Board member in regards to the following issues and it will be tabled for the next board meeting:
- 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.

You can approach your classroom Teacher for the following issues:
- Academic progress
- General Behaviour
- Homework
- Assessment
- Attendance
- Social or emotional wellbeing

You can approach the Principal:
- If you were not able to achieve a satisfactory arrangement regarding your enquiry/concern with the class teacher
- Your enquiry/concern is about the conduct of a teacher or another member of the school staff
- Your enquiry/concern is about another aspect of school life that is impacting on your child’s education
- If your enquiry/concern relates to the management or control of the school or the overall educational instruction of students.

I now know who to approach – but how do I do it?

School Board - via e-mail link on website or in person
Teacher – via e-mail, appointment through office, appointment in person or a note.
Principal – via e-mail or appointment through office.
Associate Principal—via e-mail or appointment through office.

School Email Address for any communications: littlegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Please slow down and keep everyone safe!

Remember the Canteen is now open for lunch orders and recess snacks every Wednesday and Friday!

School Board Vacancy

Two seats on our School Board have become vacant;
1 x Parent Representative
1 x Community Member

The board is now seeking expressions of interest from our parent body and community members to fill this position.

If you would like to become a Board Member please make an appointment to see Mr Darryn Martin, for information regarding the position. 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 meet with 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.
Welcome back to all our dedicated staff members for another wonderful year at Little Grove.

We welcome back Mrs Heales who has returned from parenting leave to Centre 2.

New staff members to join us are Mr Beard who has moved to us from Perth and Mr Bernhardt who will be in charge of our computer systems within the school.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Principal</td>
<td>Darryn Martin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associate Principal</td>
<td>Julie Blogg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Centre 1</td>
<td>Mrs Tite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Centre 2</td>
<td>Miss Westerberg &amp; Mrs Heales</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room 2</td>
<td>Mr Corson &amp; Mrs Meaton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room 3</td>
<td>Ms Bell &amp; Mr Beard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room 6</td>
<td>Mrs Harper &amp; Mrs O’Callaghan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room 7</td>
<td>Mrs Knight &amp; Mr Beard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room 8</td>
<td>Mr Davies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room 10</td>
<td>Mrs Dawson &amp; Mrs O’Callaghan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visual Arts</td>
<td>Mrs Bassett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phys Ed</td>
<td>Mr Beard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Japanese</td>
<td>Mrs Eaton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music</td>
<td>Miss Paterson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technologies</td>
<td>Mr Beard</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Education Assistants**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mrs Roddy, Mrs Vlahov, Mrs Hill, Mrs Gower, Mrs Jose</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Manager Corporate Services**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mrs Bernhardt</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Library Officer**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mrs Weinert</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**School Officer**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mrs Weinert</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**IT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mr Bernhardt</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Chaplain**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mrs Grant</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Gardener**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mr Reeves</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Cleaner In Charge**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mr Tanner</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Cleaners**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ms Johnstone &amp; Ms Faulkner</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**School Psych**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ms Tysoe</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Educators**

We keep our eye on the ball.
We care for our students, and we come to work every day to create for them a brighter future.

That's what we do.
School Lunchboxes

The start of the year is a great time to review what goes into your child’s lunchbox.

As a school we see lunchboxes on mass everyday. The contents of these boxes varies greatly and it is always great to see fresh, healthy food in them. We are starting to see a large amount of packet foods entering the lunchboxes - the kids love them and its easy for parents with no preparation, but we are also in the position to see the effects that these foods have on students behaviour after recess breaks. The sugar and preservatives that most packaged foods contain can impact greatly on children’s attention span, behaviour and health.

We have enclosed some lunchbox tips and ideas to make the job of filling your lunchbox easier.

How Much Sugar? You can work it out

Look at the Nutrition Table on the Packaging:
Check the serving size: eg. 100
Check the grams of sugar: eg. 10
Divide the sugar grams by 4 : (4gms in a tsp)
That’s how many teaspoons of sugar you are eating!

Example: This muesli bar contains 12gms of Sugar. Divide this by 4 = 3 tsps. of sugar.

Helpful Tips for Home:

Think Small: instead of dishing up ice cream in a bowl use a teacup! This reduces size portions and is a novelty for kids.

Teach kids to be choosy: Let children have a treat, but only one each day. Let them choose a flavoured drink or dessert, but not both. A packet of chips or a piece of cake, but not both.

Compromise: Banning sugary cereal is often hard. Let kids have it, but only if they mix it with a whole-grain one with no added sugars. It is then easier to change the ratio of the mix as you go.