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

New Junior Block Shed.
Wow amazing news! A anonymous person has very generously donated a new shed for the Junior Playground area. This large shed 6m x 5.2m will be located on an existing concrete pad adjacent to the Junior Block vegetable garden. This shed will house equipment for use in the junior playground. Having this easy access to stored equipment will ensure students have more regular use of the equipment. Thanks to members of our amazing P&C Committee for organising this.

Early Learning Languages Australia
The Kindergarten students at Little Grove are participating in the 2015 Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) programme. The aim of the ELLA trial is to provide children with early exposure to a language other than English through online learning programmes. Our focus language is Japanese.

As part of the trial, Centre 1 has received 6 new iPad Air's. This week the students have begun exploring the first of several app's in which they are introduced to words, sentences and songs in Japanese.

Reading Eggs
More great news. The school in collaboration with the P&C has purchased ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress for all students in our school for 2015.

The program has been developed by a highly experienced team of educational teachers, writers and developers. The ABC Reading Eggs program focuses on a core reading curriculum of phonics and sight words using skills and strategies essential for sustained reading success. It completely supports what children learn at school and will help to improve your child’s results at school.

Students aged 7 to 13 years continue their reading journey with Reading Eggspress. This program improves spelling skills and builds reading comprehension.

Swimming:
A hugely enthusiastic contingent of swimmers and parent helpers have completed 2 trial sessions so far, with many promising performances being evident. Results will enable us to formulate as strong a team as possible for Interschool Swimming. We have one more trial session remaining Wed 25 March to finalise our relay teams and to hone our skills and fitness.

Our Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held at ALAC on Tuesday 31 March.

Darryn Martin
Principal

Jeff Scott
Associate Principal
**Second Hand Uniform Clearance**

Monday 23/3. $2 each or 3 items for $5

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23/03/15 Karen Ruwanmali
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Any changes please contact Cindy on 0434 88 33 52

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**HOT CROSSED BUNS**
Available at recess on
Wednesday 1 April

Roster:
Fri 20 March: Nicole
Wed 25 March: Lesley
Fri 27 March: Melanie
Wed 1 April: Laraine

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**P&C Disco**

Friday 27 March 2015

Junior Disco Yrs K-3
5:00pm – 6:15pm

Senior Disco Yrs 4-6
6:30pm – 8:00pm

$5.00 entry fee *(with permission slip)*
Food and Drinks available to purchase
Glow Products for sale

Parent volunteers are needed to help the Disco run smoothly. If you are able to assist please add your name to the Helper Roster in the front office.

“Many hands make light work”

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**FITNESS CLUB**

A reminder that Fitness Club is on every Wednesday and Friday morning
Starting at 8.30am

Many children are now half way to their first Certificate (50 laps) – well done and keep up the great work!

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and exercise!

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**Easter Raffle & Hat Parade**

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on
Wednesday 1st April at 9am
(no this is not a joke!)

Students are invited to make an Easter hat to wear in the parade.

We are seeking donations of “Easter Goods” for our Easter Raffle. Donations can be left at the front office.

This year all funds raised will be donated to:
Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation

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**Contribution Payments**

Thank you to the 54% of our families who have paid their school contributions this year.

These funds are used to purchase resources for all students across the whole school.

If you are having financial difficulty please see the Registrar and organise a payment plan that suits you.

We look forward to receiving 100% of payments due this year, which will assist all students education.

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**INFORMATION**

Thank you to those families who have already made their contribution payments. These funds are used to provide resources for all students across the school.

A reminder that as well as EFTPOS facilities, we can now offer you the convenience of Direct Deposits when making payments to the school - see details below:

**DIRECT DEPOSITS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ANY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL:**
Account name: Little Grove Primary School
BSB: 016 510
Account number: 340 910 473
Reference: Oldest child surname and first letter of name
The school in collaboration with the P&C has purchased ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress for all students in our school for 2015. All children now have their own Login details so access and use at home!

Reading Eggs online activities can be focussed on instructing children in a one–on–one format, rather than as a class or group. Thus children progress and learn at their own pace. Lessons can be repeated, enabling children to overcome difficulties.

With interactive animations, fun games, great songs and lots of rewards, Reading Eggs is hugely valuable for all learners. Children are highly motivated to return again and again. At ABC Reading Eggs, learning to read is enjoyable as well as very rewarding. Every lesson ends with a new book and a new critter to add to your growing collection.

This program can be played at home (like Mathletics and Spellodrome) on a desktop computer, ipad or tablet device to help your child with reading.

Parents can track their children’s progress including the skills learnt. See your child's classroom teacher for your child's log in details.

LITTLE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
P&C COMMITTEE IS HOLDING ITS
AGM
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015
7:00pm

HELP US MAKE A QUORUM SO WE CAN ELECT OUR OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2015:

President Vice President
Treasurer Secretary
Uniform shop treasurer
Scholastic Bookclub Coordinator
Uniform or Canteen sub-committee

(You might even consider putting your hand up for a position!)

WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING FUND RAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL

Come along and enjoy coffee and cake with like-minded parents.

ALL WELCOME!
**HONOUR CERTIFICATES**

These students were awarded with an Honour Certificate at the assembly held on 27 February 2015

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**YOUR DONATION OF CHARACTER DOMINOS TO OUR SCHOOL WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**WE CAN USE THEM FOR:**

- MATHS ACTIVITIES
- MEMORY GAMES
- BUILDING PROJECTS
- WET WEATHER PLAY TIME

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**Disposal of Overstocked old Furniture and Sundry items**

When: Wednesday 25th March 2015 from 8.00am to 3.30pm

- These items will be available for a nominated donation on the one day only.
- Viewing will be in the ‘Red Shed’ close to the school tennis courts.
- No items can be viewed or sold prior to or after set date and times.
- All items sold must be removed on Wednesday 25 March 2015 by 3.30pm.
- No enquiries can be answered about items prior to Wednesday 25 March and the school cannot hold items for you.
- You do not need to come into the school office.
- All donations must be cash only and paid at the ‘Red Shed’
- You are then free to remove your selected item.

**Some items that will be for sale:**

- 2 x Computer desks with privacy sides - $10 each
- 1 x Konica Minolta printer - $10
- 1 x HP Laserjet printer - $70
- 4 x Brother TN-155BK printer cartridges - $10 each
- 2 x HP O3A Laserjet print cartridges - $8 each
- 2 x HP 49A Laserjet print cartridges - $5 Lot
- 1 x HP C4127X printer cartridge - $2
- 1 x HP Q1338A printer cartridge - $2
- 1 x Konica Minolta printer cartridge - $2
- 2 x Table ends - $5 each
- 1 x Child play stove - $5
- 2 x Old computer style desks - $5 each
- 1 x Broken computer style desk - $1
- 1 x Rack on Wheels - $1
- 2 x Double sided Whiteboards - $2 each
- 5 x Student Desks - $10 each
- 20 x Plastic student chairs - $1 each
- 10 x Soft staffroom chairs - $2 each
- 2 x 6m x 3m Shelters - one Blue and one Yellow - $50 each
- 1 x Shelf Trolley (without shelves) on wheels - $2
- 1 x Sony DVD +/- R external Writer - $10
- 1 x Predator CD-RW external Writer - $5

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A huge thank you to the wonderful group of ladies who have been volunteering in the school library.

They have been busily shelving books and covering new ones.

They will be tackling the huge task of covering our home reading books, which will ensure that these valuable resources stay in good condition for years to come.

Your commitment to our school is greatly appreciated.
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR PROGRAM

The key behaviours expected by all members of Little Grove Primary School community are:

- Open to learning
- Be responsible
- Show respect
- Build resilience

This week’s focus is: **Be Co-operative**

Next week’s focus is: **Report unacceptable behaviour**

Parents are asked to reinforce these weekly focus topics with their children as situations arise at home.

**Groovy Grover’s Tally:**

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Blue faction has had an extreme winning streak this term, although both Red and Gold faction out tallied them during week 5. Come on Red and Gold students - try extra hard to show our expected behaviours, there is still time for you to catch up and take out the Winning Faction at the end of the term.

**First Aid Training for All Students**

St Johns Ambulance have offered to run First Aid Training courses for all our students in FREE in school sessions.

Introducing the notion of first aid at an early age helps to equip children with the confidence and ability to help in an emergency.

**Kindy to Year 2 student session includes:**
- Looking for danger
- Staying safe
- Checking for response (talk and squeeze)
- How to call for an ambulance
- Recognising a paramedic

**Years 3 – 6 student session included:**
- Introduction and principles of first aid
- How to call for an ambulance
- Dealing with an unconscious casualty
- Recovery position demonstration and practice
- Management of external bleeding
- How to treat a burn

These sessions will be conducted on Monday 30 March 2015.

**Gardening**

Our school kitchen gardens are looking good. The students have been using their produce in their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden cooking classes.

Room 5 & 6 students have been making fake ‘cabbage moths’ as a deterrent to moths looking to lay their eggs on our seedlings.