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 send home last week to all families enabling you to have input into our next planning cycle. We would very much appreciate your input into our focus areas of the school over the next 3 years. If we get your form back by 11 November, you go in the draw to win a $100 credit towards your school contributions, incursions, excursions, camps, canteen or uniform shop for 2016.

Senior block workstation
Thanks to Mr Dennison for donating our near new workstation for our Senior Block Prac space. Our students were very excited to learn that 2 out of the 4 new desks are stand up desks. This new addition will provide extra space for our students using our laptops or need private learning space. Thanks Mr Dennison for arranging this and giving up your time to deliver and install it with Mr Reeves.

Band 1 School Visit
Thank you to Band 1 and their instructors who put on a great performance for our students and staff this afternoon. The Band entertained us with beautiful music and explained the various instruments the band members play.

We were very proud to see some familiar faces who have been previous students at LGPS and now continue with their music at NASHS and ASHS.

Have a great fortnight.

Darryn Martin
Principal

Jeff Scott
Associate Principal

Coming Events

Room 8 Assembly
Friday
6 November 2015

Albany Show Day
Pupil Free
Friday
13 November 2015

P&C Meeting
Wednesday
18 November 2015

Interschool
Jumps and Throws
Tuesday
24 November 2015

Interschool Athletics Carnival
Thursday
26 November 2015

School Board Meeting
Tuesday
1 December 2015
**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.

**River Model**

On Monday our students were treated to a fun and educational activity supporting our sustainability focus.

South Coastal Natural Resources Management in conjunction with the Torbay Catchment Group provided a ‘River Model’ incursion. The students were able to see a natural ‘river’ system, set up with sand, vegetation and running water. In hands on activities they observed the features of a natural system and how the vegetation and water flow were interlinked. Students then created a system influenced by farming, clearing and the introduction of livestock, crops, fertilisation and human habitation. The effect of these was illustrated in the flowing water and the new river characteristics could be observed.

Thanks to the Torbay Catchment Group and to South Coastal Natural Resources Management, and to the teachers and students who were attentive and involved throughout.

**No School Today !!**

A reminder to parents and carers that Friday 13 November is a pupil free day for the Albany Show.

School staff will be participating in professional development on this day.

**Isabella Excels in History Challenge**

Congratulations to Isabella who has achieved second place in the state finals of the ‘Australian National History Challenge’ in the Australia’s Heritage category. The theme of this year’s challenge was Leadership and Legacy, Isabella chose to research Andrew Barton (Banjo) Patterson. Isabella worked extremely hard to achieve this award.

Well done!

**Parent Assistance for Interschool Athletics**

The Interschool Athletics carnival will be held in week 7 of this term.

As part of our school’s role in this event we have been asked to provide Place Judges and Starter Marshalls to assist on both days.

If you hold a current Working with Children's Card and are able to volunteer your time for either:

**Tuesday 24 November - Jumps and Throws Day**

Or

**Thursday 26 November - Field Events Day**

Please contact Mr Jeff Scott for more information.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

More information regarding the Interschool Carnival will be sent home in the coming weeks.
Senior SAKG Lessons

Room 7 & 8 students have been experiencing the joys of cooking over the past few weeks via Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden lessons.

Mrs Dawson and many parent volunteers have assisted the students in preparing very healthy and appetising dishes. Many of the dishes for these sessions have been cheese based, but also contain fresh fruit and vegetables. The students have been very enthusiastic and very much enjoyed the opportunity to try new foods, learn about nutrition and gain valuable life skills.

Enrolments for VacSwim December/January school holiday swimming programs are now open.

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s December/January school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

This year there has been a small price increase from $10.00 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50).

For further information or program locations and to enrol visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

School Security

Over the past few weeks we had a lot of unwanted visitors to our school. We received reports of people running on the school rooftops, rubbish thrown all over our school grounds on weekends, eggs smashed against windows and reports of people consuming alcohol on our premises, leaving the empty bottles as evidence.

We would like to ask our Little Grove Community to be vigilant around the school, and if you notice any suspect behaviours after school hours, to please ring the School Watch on: 1800 177 777 or the police.

Sk8, Scooter & BMX Competition

The next competition will be held Friday 20 November at the Albany Sk8 & BMX Park.

Registration forms will be available from Albany PCYC in the lead up to the event.

Registration will be from 5pm, with the competition kicking off at 5.30pm.

Moving Schools/Locations 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. It is crucial that you inform the school of any intention to move from Little Grove Primary in 2016. Our funding and the way we organise classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in and for the remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2016 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

Thank you for your co-operation.

CANTEEN NEWS

Remember that the new Summer Menu has commenced this Term!

Roster:

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Room 3’s Fishy Excursion!

Room 3 students were treated to an awesome experience when they visited a fishing trawler, the bait factory and enjoyed fish, squid and chips at Emu Point.

Mr Westerberg (Miss Westerberg’s dad) showed the students his fabulous fishing boat and explained all about his job as a professional fisherman. Everyone was very lucky to be able to jump aboard and see close up the workings of the boat.

After a fish and chip lunch from the Squid Shack the children had a quick play in the Emu Point playground.

Then they headed off to Bevans Bait factory to see how the fish were processed and packed ready for sale.

Everyone had a great day and were very surprised that it wasn't as smelly as they expected!