

03rd August 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to our third term of the year. After a successful Term 2 production, teaching programmes are re-focusing on the annual theme of Sustainability again, with some very interesting inquiries planned.

During the term we have two winter sport tournaments for the seniors and CantaMath mid term. Kapa haka has re-started each Monday and with more ukuleles purchased with funding from the Support Group, music programmes in Kahikatea and Totara will feature strings and singing.

Fun Fridays kick off from next week with three consecutive Fridays of fun activities being run for groups each afternoon. A huge thank you to parents and community members for offering to run an activity - our pupils enjoy these opportunities to do something beyond the usual curriculum.

At the end of term, the second written report will go home, to be followed up early in term 4 with another parent interview opportunity.

TERM CALENDAR / TELEPHONE TREE – these were sent home earlier this week with your child. Please keep them handy.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE – July Report, 2018.

Last term our school was reviewed by ERO as part of the regular cycle of checks made on behalf of the government. Their unconfirmed report arrived late last term, which our Board responded to. Both documents are now available via the newsletter page on our website.

or soon through ERO's site: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/>

A Summary:

Praise: “Little River School has a stable and skilled staff with a clear focus on outcomes for children. The quality of teaching across the school is high. Strong collaborative planning ensures children benefit...”

Next Steps for us:

- development of an efficient and effective system for tracking progress and achievement,
- sustainable achievement of strategic priorities by greater utilisation and development of teacher capabilities,
- develop and implement a plan to strengthen bicultural practices,
- implement further curriculum review
- implementation of improved policy renewal processes

<http://www.littleriver.school.nz>

RENEWAL UPDATES

- More Autex wall finishing was completed in Ngahere and the staffroom over the July break.
- The handrails along the ramp near Matai and the Arts Room were stripped and repainted.
- Mid this term the security system will be extended to include specific evacuation signals and a new class change ‘bell’.
- LED lighting will be put into Totara and Kahikatea and break out spaces between, during the next term break.
- The Tank Stand at our rear gate entrance has had an engineer’s report completed and the Board are requesting that Council deal with it ASAP.
- Classes have been contributing their ideas to a school wide environment plan. This is being collated and our next step is to gather ideas from our parent community about how we can create or improve our school grounds for learning.

SCHOOL CLOSED - NZEI – TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2018

The union representing teachers and principals in primary schools has called a daylong strike.

The Little River School Board of Trustees (BOT) respects the NZEI members’ right to take this action. They have made the decision to close the school, as all teaching staff are members of the union and may choose to strike.

The BOT fully appreciates this will be disruptive for families and requests we respect one another’s differing views on this day of action and for the duration of the dispute. Thank you for your understanding.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, AED

The Board of Trustees has purchased an AED to support the response in an emergency of those in our school community. It has been installed on the wall near administration. Recently staff received training to renew their first aid certification, which included use of AED devices.

CCC LIBRARY VAN

Next visit, Monday 6 August. This service gives our children a great opportunity to borrow books from the CCC library and our regular librarian, Anne, introduces each class to new authors and age appropriate titles. Books that children have been issued can be returned on the next van visit or any CCC library. Please ensure your child has their CCC library card with them each visit. The schedule for this Term is Mon 6 Aug, Mon 3 Sept, and Mon 24 Sept.

LITTLE RIVER SCHOOL MINIBALL FAME

During the school break, 13 of our Little River School stars featured as crowd entertainment at Cowles Stadium, playing a game of Miniball during half-time at a Canterbury RAMS v's Nelson Giants game. Led by our fabulous Basketball coaches, Pam Roffey & Bizz Fitzpatrick - Little River Red played against Little River Blue and both teams did our school proud!! The kids were outstanding in their enthusiasm, behaviour and play and were supported by around 55 Little River supporters who took over a stand! Awesome night everyone. Big-Ups to Brendon & Nathan Walker, Hugo Strachan, Zeta Smith, Fred Fitch, Indiah Richards, Fiona Matheson-Grant, Lizzie Wright, Jono Smith, Lachie Bulman, Mack Hoult, Jim Foley & Finn McLean!

Community News

LITTLE RIVER PLAYCENTRE QUIZ NIGHT, FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

Doors open 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start at the Little River Community Centre. Auction and Raffle to be held on the night with some fantastic prizes to be won. Supper will be provided and bar available. Please register your team and order meals by email to littleriverquiz@gmail.com or contact Lisa on 3251 046 / 021 275613 if you have further questions.

LITTLE RIVER JU JITSU CLUB WELCOMES YOU

We have spaces available in both junior (8 – 14 yrs) and senior (15 – 99 yrs). We offer “have a go” classes with no pressure added just fun! Thursdays at the Little River Community Centre.

4.20 – 6.00 pm Juniors / **6.30 – 8.30 pm** Seniors.

Please contact Sue 3251-272 or Mario 3251-132, or just come along!

EUTHANASIA LAWS ARE CURRENTLY BEFORE PARLIAMENT

Come along to an information evening where MPs, David Seymour and Maggie Barry will speak from opposing sides of the debate.

When: Monday 6th August, 7.00pm. Where: Rolleston College Theatre (entrance off Broadlands Drive).

For further information contact the Selwyn electorate office on 03 344 0418. Authorised by Amy Adams, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

MRS A'S MUSIC SCHOOL

Piano & Singing Lessons every Wednesday at school! Also taking inquiries for percussion lessons now!

Email Elly: mamschch@gmail.com

Phone: 027 244 0327



Little River School NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Kānuka Ollie and Elias.

Kahikatea students sharing their pop-up books with Ngahere class

