

12th February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new year and plenty of new school!

During the summer break the school has been repainted in our new colour scheme. The cibus classrooms, workrooms and veranda toilets have all been refurbished. A big thank you to Hayden from Superior Builders and Anthony from Programmed Maintenance, as well as all the other contractors who have worked some hot days to get the majority of the work completed before our new term started.

If you'd like a nosey around, please pop into your child's class or come and have a wander around before 9am with me.

A special welcome to our new pupils and their families. We hope your first week at Little River School has been enjoyable and that you've made some new friends.

Welcome back Mr Fitch

Teaching in Kahikatea yrs 7/8



BOT MEETING

This has moved from the 19th to Monday 26th February, 7pm in the staffroom.



START OF YEAR INFO:

Traffic Safety: our drop off/pick area is at the back entrance to the school. Follow the driveway past the community centre to the turning area. Please park in the vehicle bays and keep your speed below 10kph. The corner at the hall and when passing the school bus are particular areas to be careful at. The Western Valley Road parking area at the front of school is used for visitor parking and available for afterschool pool users.

Kapahaka will begin Monday 5th March. All children are most welcome to join; a decision to stick or leave is required after the second session. See Mrs Couper for more information.

Choir will begin next week, with Year 3 – 8 pupils able to join. See Mrs Wright for more information.

Triathlon; the school triathlon will be held on Tuesday 6th March. Pupils in Ngahere, and Matai can bring their bikes to school to practice their riding skills from Monday 19th.

Senior pupils will be advised by their teachers when to have bikes at school. Parents please check your child's bike and helmet is safe. Brakes should work, ends of handle bars should be plugged, helmets are without cracks and have an intact cover. If in doubt talk with your child's teacher.

Swimming: children will be swimming every possible day. If your child isn't able to swim please send a note to their teacher. The Banks Peninsula Swimming sports is coming up with the Junior Showcase Friday 23rd Feb (Yr 0-4), and the Senior Swimming Sports March 2nd (Yr 5-8)

Sun Sense: We are a SunSmart School, meaning; during terms 1&4 a hat must be worn while outside. The support group supplies the first hat for free. Shoulders are to be covered and a rash top is great to protect while in the pool.

Absences: please call any absence or late arrival into the office. All absences need an explanation, thank you.

Uniform: the school uniform is compulsory for all pupils. Our blue polo shirt with any black bottoms. Check with Annabel in the office for what you need. We do have stock of most sizes. The fleece jersey is optional.

Scooters/Ripsticks: these are welcome at school. Pupils will need to wear a bike helmet when using them.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Note **Sunday 22nd April** on your calendar now. This is the date for our major fundraising event this year. More information will come from the Little River Support Group about how you can help.

Cheers Christian

CLASSES AS FOLLOWS:

Kānuka – Yr 1 pupils x 5 with Ruth Pannett
Ti Kōuka – Yr 2/3 pupils x 25 with Andi Cochrane /Maria Couper
Matai – Yr 4/5 pupils x 20 with Tara Sutherland
Tōtara – Yr 5/6 pupils x 20 with Di Cameron / Anna Lopas
Kahikatea – Yr 7/8 pupils x 31 with John Fitch,
(With extra support from Tracey Wright)

PHONE TREE

An updated phone tree is coming home with your child today. Please notify the office if your number changes. This is for school purposes only, please help us to respect peoples right to privacy.

SCHOOL BUS

The bus schedule remains the same. Please remain clear of the bus stop at the rear entrance to school. The 'Bus Stop' sign is on the wall.

A bus schedule will be coming home this week.

Ways to help our bus stay on schedule are:

- Please have children ready just before the scheduled time.
- Text to let the bus driver know if your child won't be on the morning bus.
- **Please call the office if your children are not travelling home on the bus - this saves us trying to guess if they're on or off the afternoon bus runs.**
- The first bus to leave departs from behind the school, at our back gate on the Domain driveway at about 3.08pm.
- Only children eligible to ride the bus can make use of the service.

MRS A'S MUSIC SCHOOL

Piano & Singing Lessons every week at school! Also taking inquiries for percussion lessons now. Email Elly: mamschch@gmail.com Phone: 027 244 0327

ART CLASSES WITH FRANCES MALCOLM

In these classes, students will explore a range of mediums to expand their knowledge, skills and experience in the visual arts. Classes are on Wednesdays at 3:15pm – 4:15pm (during school term) at the Little River Service Centre.

Cost is \$15/ class. Term 1 classes have already started but there are still spaces available. If your child would like to join, please contact me: Frances Malcolm (BFA, Grad dip Teaching & Learning) Email: frances.krivan@gmail.com Mobile: 0273484166

B.P. RUGBY CLUB JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

At the Clubrooms on Sunday 18th February at 11 am. We also have the pleasure of Alana and Chelsea Bremner coming to share their experiences of the game. The Club will have a BBQ going as well, so bring the kids along to sign up for another season of B.P. Rugby.

NORWEX PARTY

At the Clubrooms, Wednesday 21st February at 7.30 pm. Learn how to make cleaning easier! Nibbles, drinkies and prizes available ...

What more could you want! For further info, phone Sheryl 3251-139.

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

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NEWSLETTER

We welcome our new students and their families to Little River School.



Blake

Ollie

Reuben



Dan

Nate

Paige