

16th February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

BANKS PENINSULA – SWIMMING SHOWCASE

Juniors Year 1-4 Friday 23rd Feb.

Please prepare to arrive at AAS by 9.30am to start at 10am at the pool.

It will help if they're in their togs and have their gear (towel, warm clothes, goggles, swim hat, sun protection)

The showcase is for our younger swimmers to display their water confidence and developing skills. Pupils from across our cluster of four schools will be ability grouped and involved in various activities across different challenges.

The day plan is scheduled to conclude around 12.30pm

Thank you to the Akaroa staff who take responsibility for organising this cluster event and the staff of our schools who make it happen each year.

There's a BBQ and drinks available on site.

TRIATHLON INFO

That time of year again! To help prepare children for the school triathlon, classes will be practicing their swimming, biking and running and those all important transitions during their swimming periods and daily fitness sessions.

Some ways you can help:

- *Please check your child's bike and helmet are safe. This means the brakes work, the tyres are pumped up and the helmet straps are fitting well the helmet doesn't fall back exposing the forehead.*

- *Have your child practice putting their helmet on and off without help.*

- *Do some practice at home getting shoes on and off quickly. Our triathlon starts with a short run to the pool. The children will be taking shoes off, then swimming, then putting them on again. Some children use elastic laces, others have their shoes loose. Socks aren't used to make it easier.*

- *If you're swimming out of hours, maybe set up a mini tri for your child and friends to practice putting it all together.*

Please contact John or me if you are able to help with either bike checks prior or as a marshal on the day (Tues 6th) thanks Christian.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Each year we identify pupils who would benefit from extra support in the classroom, in a group or with targeted programmes 1:1. These pupils are those who are not achieving, as they could against the national curriculum levels, or at risk of slipping back in their competencies.

In our school week we have 5 teacher aides and one board funded extra teacher.

They work part time and to support learning of pupils and assist the teachers in delivery of their programmes.

TECHNOLOGY – YEAR 7&8

Each Thursday the year 7&8 travel with Mr Couper to Akaroa Area School to do their technology learning with specialist teachers of cooking, sewing, and hard materials. Their year started this week with great excitement from the year 7's and our year 8's were very impressed with the coach used for transport.

This group of pupils will need to be ready Thursday morning for a 9am roll check and 9.10am departure time.

We're also enjoying the AAS swimming pool after the tech session, so togs on Thursdays is an extra thing they will need to organise.

If your senior is away, please help us with an early call to our office.



REMINDERS

• **Absences** – please let the school office know if your child is going to be absent (phone 3251-004, email: office@littleriver.school.nz or text 027-529 4440) with the reason. Please talk with Christian for longer term absences like trips. Written notification is requested for this please.

• **School Communications** – a newsletter like this one will go home most weeks via email. Class newsletters will come home as well. There may also be notices about trips and activities that need extra organisation. A 'red' notice will need your immediate attention. Short Story – if your child is the courier, please keep an eye on their bag or help them get into the routine of taking notices out and placing them under your nose.

• Please inspect your child's head frequently for **headlice** and treat, if necessary.

• **Medical /local visits forms** – these colourful forms (which we update each year) were sent home earlier in the week. Prompt return of these would be appreciated. Thank you to those families who have already.

• **School Term Accounts** – there are still a number of families owing from last year. We do welcome small, regular payments to keep on top of the

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The school polos are now compulsory for all Years 1-8 to wear. We do carry stock of most sizes. Please enquire at the office.

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.

B.P. NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS – 2018

If your child (ren) would like to play netball for B.P. this season, please go to the link www.sporty.co.nz/banksnetball and fill out the registration form. Registrations are due by 13th March. Any queries, please contact Charlotte Manson 3251-243 or 027 502 0255.

YEAR 5-8 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Basketball will be starting up again in Term 2. Please let us know if your child is interested, or if you are keen to get involved with coaching etc so we can plan for the upcoming season. Contact Serena 021-329241 serenalc@gmail.com

LOST

During the holidays 2 watches were left at the school swimming pool by mistake. If you picked them up, it would be appreciated if you could please return them to the school office.

SELWYN BASKETBALL CLUB

Canterbury Basketball, Lincoln University & Lincoln High School have started up a Basketball Club for the Selwyn area. It is in its very early stages so what is offered will be dependent on the ages of the interested kids. Contact Serena (as above) if you would like further information as it evolves.

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 Sher 3251-139.

L.R. PLAYCENTRE GROUNDS

Could people please be mindful of inside the Playcentre's grounds – someone has not been treating this area with respect outside of the normal hours ☹

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



Little River School NEWSLETTER



All the children in Ngahere have been creative using construction.



Totara class have been busy drawing Horton the Elephant, "A person is a person no matter how small." As part of their Respect Rules. These are some of our gorgeous pictures.