

23rd February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for your response to the storm advice, and to those who helped secure items around school, took care getting to/from school and checked on their neighbours.

You Stood Tall ☺



CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH!



Hannah's artwork was chosen to become the logo for Rob and Dans' Film Company, Windbreak Films.

Complaints, Grumbles or Concerns.

The school has a comprehensive procedure for handling complaints, minor and major. In keeping with the school's desire to build an open partnership with parents and students, all discussion, questions or concerns should be addressed to the staff member concerned in the first instance. Where these concerns are more serious or unresolved they should be directed to the principal.

While I can often look busy, I do prefer to hear about problems earlier, rather than later.

Thanks, Christian.

PROJECT UPDATE:

- Nearly all finished for the third phase of our renewal project. Just awaiting another mirror for the boy's toilet on the veranda and refitting shelves and stuff back after painting.
- Programmed Maintenance have nearly completed the school and schoolhouse repainting too.
- In a couple of weeks the extra storage container will be taken away.
- Inside – all the new furniture and appliances have arrived. Visitors have noticed the new stuff around and our flash admin area.
- Anna and Sheryl are working overtime setting up the library Te Ao for use. A new cloud based catalogue is being used to track the books and new furnishings are being set up to make this place a great spot to enjoy reading.

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. We do email out notices as well.
- **Medical /local visits forms** – these colourful forms (which we update each year) have been sent home. 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 the account more manageable. Please ensure your payment is easily identifiable on our records, i.e. use account name.

B.P. SCHOOL SENIOR (YR 5-8) SWIMMING SPORTS – Fri 02nd March.

A notice has been emailed out to families, as well as a 'red' copy of the transport/permission form sent home, which must be filled out and returned by Tuesday please.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The school polos are now **compulsory** for all Years 1-8 to wear, as are black bottoms. We do carry stock of most size polos. Please enquire at the office.

HEADLICE

WE HAVE HAD HEADLICE APPEAR IN SEVERAL OF THE CLASSES ALREADY THIS YEAR. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR ON A REGULAR BASIS.

If eggs/live lice are found, these must be treated before your child returns to school.

COOPTOWN BBQ – Come meet the neighbours!

11am 25 Feb at 4451 Christchurch to Akaroa Road. Bring a salad/drink/plate – sausages provided RSVP Cat 027 7157933. This is a Neighbourhood Event with a subsidy from the Banks Peninsula Community Board.

SEAWEEK 2018 IN AKAROA

We invite students to enter the SeaweeK Art Competition in Akaroa. SeaweeK will be held from 3rd to 11th March 2018.

Akaroa District Promotions & The Department of Conservation Art Competition. Draw your best marine picture and be in with the chance to win!

First Prize – A harbour cruise with DOC Rangers, followed by a Fish & Chip meal from Akaroa Fish & Chips.

Second Prize – sponsored by The Little River Gallery (1st & 2nd prizes will be awarded in each age category). Entries close Thursday 1st March.

5-7 years / 8-12 years / 13-16 years / 17+ years

Submit entries with name and age to:

- Akaroa Dolphins, 65 Beach Road, Akaroa
- Little River Craft Station
- Posted (no folds) to P.O. Box 166, Akaroa 7542

A full list of Seaweeek activities can be found on the website: www.akaroa.com/seaweeek-akaroa.

JULIE ALBENGRIN is a local Harcourts agent and past parent of our school. We receive a regular donation from Julie, which increases for every successful referral she receives via our school community.

Please consider Julie and mention our school if you're in the real estate market. Julie.albengrin@harcourts.co.nz 021 211 2331.

<http://www.littleriver.school.nz/lrs-supporters-page/>

WIRELESS WEB

Matt Wilson is working with the school to share the fibre network to our community. If you're interested in accessing the internet with broadband speeds, contact Matt at <http://www.wirelessweb.co.nz/>

HALSWELL UNITED – Come along and have some Fun! Pool Day, 5-7 pm on Sunday 4th March at Halswell 'Te Hapua' Pool. Sausage sizzle – free pool entry – help with registrations. Get your team together for preseason team building fun! Register on line: <http://www.hawkfootball.co.nz>

CRAFT STATION -New members wanted. Will be required to work approx 3 four hour shifts per month in the shop, must be hand made products/crafts/art all products will be subject to meeting approval. Training provided. Contact Fiona Waghorn waggie@xtra.co.nz or 3290171 more info.

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Little River School NEWSLETTER



In Matai Mrs Sutherland bought 20 native trees for our class to look after and monitor, it is our responsibility to water and take care of them. We measure our trees to see if they are growing taller or shorter. Mikayla and Finn are winning the competition to see whose is the tallest in the class. Mikayla has an Olearia tree and her name is Mrs Prune. Lizzie has a Kowhai tree called Zigzag.
By Lizzie and Mikayla.

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