

21st June 2018

Dear parents, caregivers and community,

Little River School PRODUCTION of 'PETER PAN' – If you would like a ticket (which is our programme), these are available from the office for \$10 each. Performances **Wednesday 27th at 12.30 pm and Thursday 28th June, 6.30 pm at the Tai Tapu School Hall. The production runs for approximately 1 hour.**

CLASSROOM REPORTS:

Kahikatea (Yr 7/8) – The last few weeks have really shown how many of our Y7/8's are great leaders and role models for our younger students. At the cross country we had some great performances, both podium getters and those whose personal challenge was to get through the mud, over the jumps and up the hills. However, it was the way that the students encouraged and helped both each other and the younger students that really stood out. Likewise, with our many rehearsals for Peter Pan, it is not only the main cast that have taken a lead but other Kahikatea students who have helped sort out and organise group rehearsals. Personally, I could not have handled the motley band of pirates without the help of Smee, Hook, Tattoo Bill, Noodler and Skylights! Meanwhile, we've fitted in maths where we can, worked on our Pop-Up Books, compared the relative human geography of the Football World Cup nations, listened to the exploits of Alfonso Bonzo and kicked a round ball about when the rain has allowed us ...John Fitch

Tōtara (Yr 5/6) – Working on "Peter Pan" has been our main focus this term, obviously through the arts - drama, dance, music, costume, prop and scene design and also through language, reading scripts and lyrics. We have also used Peter Pan as an inspiration for our writing to create our own "Neverland!" Prompt - Neverland is an enchanted place where dreams are made, filled with pirates, mermaids, and fairies. Imagine your own magical land. What would it look like, who would inhabit this place, and what mystical powers would it possess?

A sample of Sunset Island By Brenna Johnstone:

"Fairies are wonderful creatures, seriously. If you have seen or even heard one, you are beyond special..... But there's no way of proof. Don't bother to take photos, they will just disappear from the photo in the blink of an eye, and it will ruin your remarkable experience."

Combining measurement in maths with Sustainability, we investigated "The Water of Life." A container filled with 1 litre of water represents all the water in the world.

Take out 24 ml, this is frozen water - snow and ice.

Of the 976 mls left take out 6ml, the 970ml is the oceans.

From the 6 ml, draw a single drop and this represents the proportion of water in the world that is available to drink!!

Alex S – "There's lots of water we can't drink!!!"

Max N – "There's so little water we can drink, we need to stop polluting it or we will die of thirst!"

Nate H – "It freaked me out how little good water we have."

Chloe L – "I now try to take shorter showers."

... Di Cameron and Anna Lopas

Matai (Yr 4/5) – In Matai we have been reading the *Hatchet* series by Gary Paulsen. *Hatchet* is about a city boy named Brian whose plane crashes in the northern Canadian wilderness. As the sole survivor of the crash, Brian is forced to adjust to his new, challenging surroundings and develop survival skills and instincts that he never dreamed he'd need. *Hatchet* (recommended by Mr. Couper!) has been a huge hit with all the students (especially the boys) and has inspired our writing! The students have decided to write their own Hatchet stories - we have sequels, prequels and alternative versions in the works! In *Jim's* story, five boys crash land in the Chukchi Sea near Point Hope, Alaska... in *Jack's* version, the hero is forced to eat mosquitoes to stay alive... *Selma* is writing '*Lucy and Brian's Winter*' where a female character is introduced... In *Jacob's* sequel, Brian has another dramatic encounter with a Moose and hurts his back! Meanwhile in *Blake's* story, a mother Grizzly bear charges Brian to defend her cubs and he barely escapes with his life! Keep an eye out for our published masterpieces - coming soon! ...Tara Sutherland

Ti Kouka (Yr 2/3) ...with Karen Nicholas this month – Students have been reliving the epic Banks Peninsula Cross Country for writing. We looked at photographs and brainstormed the event. Students wrote a recount of the cross country where the focus was to include lots of detail and to develop a personal voice. *Here is Fred Fitch's recount for you to enjoy.*

"On a awesome, amazing, super duper, brilliant Friday I bounced at mum and I bounced and binged. I had to put my boots on. I was busting to go to the cool cross country. I sped over. My shoes were tied up. We had to go in lines first. Then we went to a special place to watch the Year 8s. They had only got this race left then it was the Year 1s turn. Callum came first and Luke came second. Then it was the Year 1 girls. I do not know who won but I know that Little River did well. Then it was the Year 2 boys. Caelyn came first and Ezra second. Then it was the Year 2 girls. Paige came first. Little River is going well! Then it was our turn. I went to the start line. My dad said ready, get set, go! I sprinted at the start. Thomas followed. If you want to know about him he is in my rugby team. He nearly caught me up but then I sped up. Then Alfie caught Thomas up. Alfie is from my rugby team to. But they were a long way away and I won first! It wasn't so hard at all! As I was finished I got four sausages!"

Kānuka (Yr 0/1) – The children in Kanuka are enjoying being part of their first school production, Peter Pan. They love getting into character as Pirates, Sea Creatures and Lost Children, or as part of the Neverland Tribe. We are all looking forward to performing on stage in front of family and friends next week. Another first for most of the Kanuka children this term has been the Banks Peninsula Cross Country. There were some nerves before and on the big day,

but they all did fantastically well and had a great (and very muddy!) time ...Ruth Pannett

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We are holding a refresher course (6 hours) at school on Friday 20th July. If you have previously done an Essential First Aid course (8 hrs) within the last 2 years and would like to update it, you are welcome to join us. Cost will depend on numbers attending. Please contact Annabel if you are interested.

POOL KEYS – Last season's key needs to be returned if you would like the bond back. For parents of children at the school, this is credited to your term account.

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Back Gate Tank Stand – Please keep clear of this structure. The school has identified this as a hazard and is seeking an engineers report and for Council to remove it.

**Our apologies to Mack whose name was incorrectly written in last week's newsletter.

Teacher Only AFTERNOON – Tuesday 26th June
School will close at 1pm on Tuesday 26th June to allow teachers to attend their union meeting where they are working to negotiate an update to their collective employment contract.
The school bus will run earlier with the first bus leaving school at 1pm and second away about 1.30pm.

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LITTLE RIVER SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

TO THE COMMUNITY

DATE: 21st June 2018

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Little River
School
Presents

MATINEE
27TH JUNE 2018
12.30PM



This year our school production is
Peter Pan

EVENING
28TH JUNE 2018
6.30PM

VENUE: TAI TAPU SCHOOL HALL
\$10 PER SEAT
PRE SCHOOL + PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHILDREN FREE