

09th March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

LRS TRIATHLON

Just a reminder that this will now be on Tuesday, 13th March at 1.00 pm. All welcome. Please remember to keep clear of the Domain driveway.

The Basketball Team will be running a Sausage Sizzle at the Triathlon on Tuesday. Sausages will be available to kids only after they have finished participating - but adults may indulge throughout the afternoon! \$2.50/sausage. Proceeds go to Little River School Basketball.

BP CLUSTER SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

A big Thank you to supporters for transporting our athletes and the ice cream rewards!



TERM 1 WRITTEN REPORTING

At the end of the term our first written report will be sent home, documenting the progress your child has made up to March 23rd.

Several curriculum areas will not have been covered, so the final page has been generalised with each teacher commenting on the non-core curriculum areas they have focused on early in the year.

Recent changes to Education policy have removed the requirement for schools to report progress against National Standards.

Our report form has been adapted to show progress along a continuum with the terms: *Beginning To* and *Competent* used to reflect children's progress within each curriculum.

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 sizes of polos. Please enquire at the office. We also have plenty of most sizes of fleeces available in stock.

SCHOOL POOL CLOSING - 19TH MARCH

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Yang and Richelle visited from CCC Libraries to share a presentation about Chinese New Year. What I learnt:

Xin niam hao ya - pronounced as 'Shin yang hou' means Happy New Year

The colour red means good luck

The reason for two chopsticks - one represents sky, the other earth, they work together to connect things.

The longer the noodle the better, longer life.

This year is the 'Year of the Dog.' <https://chinesenewyear2018.com/zodiac/dog/>

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. There may also be notices about trips and activities that need extra organisation. **A 'red' notice will need your immediate attention and these must all be returned promptly please.** 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** – we are still waiting for a few of these to come back please.
- **School Term Accounts** – We do welcome small, regular payments to keep the account more manageable. Please ensure your payment is easily identifiable for our records, i.e. use account name if paying via internet banking.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Year 5/6/7/8 Basketball will run in Terms 2 & 3 with 'give-it-a-go' sessions to be held towards the end of Term 1. Please contact Serena 021-329241 serenalyc@gmail.com to register your child. Registrations close 1st May. Tournament start date 14th May.

LE RACE

This annual event is to be held on Saturday 24th March & Little River School is calling out for volunteers to marshal on the day. Time commitment is approximately 3-4 hours in the morning & the organisers want around 14 Marshals, so please consider donning a Hi-Vis for our kids! Le Race pays us for each Marshal we can provide so this is an awesome opportunity to raise some funds! Proceeds to go to Little River School Basketball this year. Please contact Serena 021-329241 to volunteer your time - thank you :-)

TRIATHLON OR DUATHLON EVENT COMING UP

Are you preparing for the Canterbury Primary Schools' Duathlon or want a step up from the Weet-Bix Tryathlon? The Sea2Sky Challenge is coming up on Sunday 18th March. There are triathlon and duathlon options for children and adults. For more information visit www.sea2skychallenge.com

MARRZIPAN DRAMA

Term one has been FLYING past us - yay for all the excitement of new students! Plus our old Marrzipan-ees are pretty cool too. Very excited to see what they produce after only one term as a new team!!

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

NORWEX PARTY at the Clubrooms, Wednesday 14th March (new date) 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.

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

HEADLICE

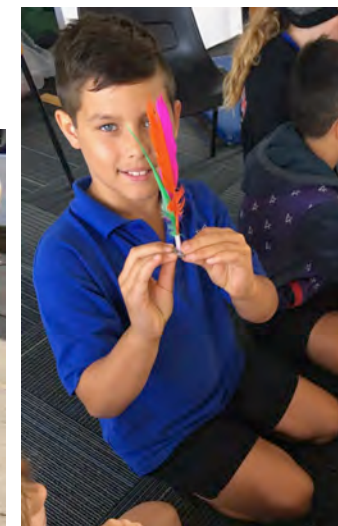
WE HAVE HAD HEADLICE APPEAR IN SEVERAL OF THE CLASSES ALREADY THIS YEAR. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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

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



Little River School NEWSLETTER



The photos of seniors with their Chinese shuttlecocks (Jian zi - pronounced as "ginz) they created then had great fun playing with.