

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### **LRS TRIATHLON**

Congratulations to all the competitors and of course their coaches and mentors!

One highlight for me from the day was the looks of determination on faces of the athletes. That look says a lot about the character of our children and can be seen on the faces of elite athletes as well!

***Real Grit = Standing Tall.***

Thanks John and staff for the organisation and weeks of preparation for the children.

### **BIKES**

All bikes that have been at school for children's triathlon preparation will need to go home again please. Children are welcome to ride to school and enter through our main gate.

### **STUDENT LEADERS 2018**

On Tuesday morning our applicants presented their election speeches. We're very fortunate to have great senior pupils and the decision wasn't an easy one for the voters of Little River School.

Congratulations to: **Olivia, Finn, Harriet** and **Grace F**, who were elected as our new Student Leaders for 2018.

### **SWIMMING POOL CLOSING - 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

This week was our last swimming week. The pool will be closed from Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Duane for taking care of the pool, especially while Kath has been recovering.

### **EASTER BREAK**

This year Easter falls during term. School will be closed from **Easter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March through to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

We're all back at school from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, with term ending Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Term 2 starts 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC**

We are expecting to see the mobile dental clinic 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please see separate document attached for more info.

### **NATURE PLAY FILM (An important reminder about children's play)**

A free screening of this film will be put on by the BP cluster next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Gaiety Hall, Akaroa.

The film starts 6.30pm, free entrance, just bring a plate for the supper and discussion that follows. Follow the link for the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIKhp6CFP9Q>

**PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY!!**  
**2.10pm FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH - ALL WELCOME.**  
**There will be performances from the**  
**Marzipan Drama Group**  
**And Elly Rydge's Music Group.**

The **Life Education visit** has now been postponed until the end of Term 3.

**BOT Meeting** 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm in the staffroom.

### **REMINDERS**

- **Absences** – please let the school office know if your child is going to be absent otherwise they will be marked as truant. (Phone 3251-004, email: [office@littleriver.school.nz](mailto: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.
- **Parking** – Is at the **back entrance** of school via the domain. Please do not park at the front gate for the pick up or drop off of your child. This is for safety reasons. **Speed limit reminder – 50kmph** until de-restriction signs near Church Corner.
- **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.

### **Meeting the intellectual and emotional needs of gifted children**

An Evening with Jim Delisle—hosted by the Canterbury Explorers  
The Canterbury Explorers are excited to bring internationally renowned gifted expert, Dr Jim Delisle, to Christchurch later this month. We will be hosting an evening for parents, teachers and others interested in gifted children and gifted education. Date: Wednesday 21st March @ 7:00pm.  
Location: The Medbury Centre, Medbury School. Cost: \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members or \$10 Students.

Visit [www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz](http://www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz) for booking or further information.

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### YEAR 3 - 4 NETBALL

We are hoping to get this going in Little River this year. It is a great programme especially designed for this age group to give players a fun and informative start to netball. Each week they learn new skills by participating in fun activities and then put this into a game situation. If you have a boy or girl who is interested please make contact with Tracey Wright as soon as possible 3251-107.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and help us preserve and enhance the unique and special biodiversity of Banks Peninsula.

**Where:** Woodlands Covenant, Robinson's Bay

**When:** Thursday 22nd March, 10am - 3pm

**Details:** We'll be supporting our landowner tackle convolvulus

**Where:** Balguerie Stream, Akaroa

**When:** Thursday 19th April, 10am - 3pm

**Details:** We'll be supporting our landowner tackle Old Man's Beard

**Where:** Port Saddle, Lyttelton

**When:** Saturday 8th September 10am - 4pm

**Details:** Planting out an area on Port Saddle as part of our restoration project partnership with Lyttelton Port Company

Please register your interest by contacting

our Volunteer Coordinator <mailto:sophie.hartnell@bpct.org.nz>

### HAGLEY JUNIOR COLLEGE 'OPEN NIGHT'

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Join us at 4.30 or 5.30 pm at the Hagley College cafeteria. There will be an opportunity to hear our Principal and Director of Junior College speak and to have a look around the College. Places in Year 9 are limited, so get in quick. To request an enrolment pack or for more information, parents can contact me, Lisa Amer on (03) 379 3090 ext. 884 or via email: [lisa.amer@staff.hagley.school.nz](mailto:lisa.amer@staff.hagley.school.nz).

### 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-Viz 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.

### HEADLICE

**This is an ongoing problem please check regularly.  
If eggs/live lice are found, these must be  
TREATED BEFORE YOUR CHILD RETURNS TO SCHOOL.**



# Little River School NEWSLETTER



Our Student Leaders for 2018. Olivia, Grace, Finn & Harriet.



LRS Triathlon 2018

