

23rd March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

BANKS PENINSULA DUATHLON

The Duathlon was held at the Akaroa golf course behind Akaroa School last Monday.

Matai students Charlie and Jake said the duathlon was a run, bike & run. Jake said he went in the team event with Xavier & Blake with their team placing 3rd. "I'm really glad that I finished," said Jake. They both said the uphill on the steep bit was quite hard, but you can go really fast downhill. Charlie entered as an individual and he said, "the good thing was, that he finished 10th and the bad thing was that his feet slipped and he fell off his bike and got a wedgie!" Charlie also said, "I felt really proud at the end and my throat was burning." They both said they would definitely do it again next year.

Totara students – Will said, "I like the biking, and it was fun going fast I almost fell off my bike! We went over bumps. I did get stitch in the run which was bad." Wendy said, "My team came 3rd in the 9 year olds and the other two members in my team, Zara and Archie were 8! It was a great day nice and warm." Louisa said, I entered in the team and individual events! I really enjoyed doing the whole thing by myself and I got 2nd in both."

Thanks to Karen Bennett at Duvauchelle for organising this event for our **middle school pupils**.

TERM 1 REPORTS

These written summaries of your child's progress will be coming home at the end of this term. Core learning areas and competencies are reported on, with each class's specific focus area that they have been working in for our annual concept of Sustainability.

Parent Interviews follow up the reports early in term 2.

We appreciate opportunities for face-to-face conversations about children's learning.

Please make specific appointment times with your child's teacher/s if you need more time.

WRAPPER FREE!!

A message from Harriet and Olivia representing Enviroschools

Little River School has been trying very hard to be wrapper free for years now but we are still finding wrappers in peoples lunch boxes. So this year we would like to be completely wrapper free! There are also lots of much more healthier options you could put in your children's lunch box like fruit and vegies. Little River School is proud to be environmentally friendly. A big Thank you to those who support us!

ENVIROSCHOOLS would like parent volunteers to help set up compost bins using pallets at school. This way we can encourage our students to recycle their used food and garden waste. Please contact Harriet, Olivia or Di Cameron.

THE SWIMMING POOL IS NOW CLOSED

The pool is now closed and keys can be returned for a \$20 credit to your school account.

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.

EASTER BREAK

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

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

Term 2 starts 30th April.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

We are expecting to see the mobile dental clinic from 27th March. Please ensure you have read the notice that was emailed out with the newsletter last week.

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

A free screening of this film will be put on by the BP Cluster on Wednesday 28th March in the Gaiety Hall, Akaroa.

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

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – The next meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Monday 26th March, 7.00 pm. All welcome. If you wish to have speaking rights, notice needs be given to the secretary Julie.mcgee@littleriver.school.nz a week prior to a meeting.

SAVE THE DATE23 June Little River Playcentre's Masquerade Ball.
Further details later to come.

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

PUMPKIN SOUP MAKING

Wednesday 28th March, 9.00 am in the Clubrooms. As per the email sent out earlier this week, The Support Group is asking for any parent who can help with **pumpkin soup making**.

Please bring a sharp knife, a cutting board and a crockpot if you have one and meet at the Clubrooms in the Domain, 9am on Wednesday, morning tea supplied. Your help is hugely appreciated.

Following this, children will be given a bag of pumpkin pulp and a recipe for **making pumpkin pie** to take home – this can be frozen in the meantime. Each family is asked to make a pie for selling on the day. And finally, on the actual day of the Festival (22nd April), each family will be rostered on to do a stint on the BBQ or wherever you are required please. This is the school's biggest fundraiser and we need your help. A roster will be sent home prior to the end of the term.

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.

SUBMISSION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR CORONATION LIBRARY

The more submissions that are made to Council saying that this heritage building should be restored, kept for community users and treasured, will help place the restoration of this building as a priority in the long-term plan of Council.

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/heritage/heritagebuildings/little-river-coronation-library/>



Little River School NEWSLETTER

