

04th May 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to our second term. We've made a good start to this term with the major focus being our whole school production of Peter Pan. Ruth and Tara are our directors and rehearsals have begun with much excitement. *Mark into your calendar now the afternoon show date of the 27th June and the Evening of 28th.*

TE AO

Our new library, called Te Ao (The World) will be opened for our students next Monday 7th. All are dressing up as their favourite book character to mark this big occasion for our school.

Big pats on the back for Anna and Sheryl for their work to develop this space and get our collection of books presented in such a brilliant way. Please pop in to view how awesome this space looks and enjoy some peaceful time with a good book.

WELCOME – Noah Hayes and family to Little River School

Noah is settling into Totara and will soon be joined by his brother Jock who has been visiting Kānuka this week.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2018

Congratulations to the organising committee from the Little River Support Group for their fantastic work this year. Another successful event was held with the terrific support of our school families and wider community. Thank you to all who help makes this major fundraiser such a nice family day out in the country for everyone.

Thank you to Tracey and Catherine and members of the choir, ukulele group and kapa haka for their performances at the festival. We value this opportunity for you to shine in this way.

ANZAC DAY Remembrance Speakers

This year our Year 7 speakers helped us all remember seven young men from our area that gave their life in service in the last months of World War One, 1918. Tom, Lily, Charlotte, Flynn, Nate and Sophie stood tall and did a great job helping us know more about each soldier.

We will remember:

Albert Robinson Clough, John Hayes, Oscar Sutherland, Harold John White, Herbert Thomas, Austin Wright, Thomas Frederick Ward, Joseph Francis Herbert Young.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2017.

The requirements about the public reporting of student achievement were changed with our new government.

Schools are no longer asked to measure student progress using the National Standards or report this data for publication via sites such as Education Counts.

<https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/home>

Our 2017 achievement profile for our school has been summarised in a report found here: [Student achievement report](#) this can also be seen on the website page under the newsletter.

For our 2018 progress reporting, we're using student achievement measured against their expected level from the National Curriculum and make use of formal and informal assessment methods, as we've been using previously.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Every couple of years we review our programme for this area of the curriculum to refine what we plan to do and include new approaches as they become available.

Recent inclusions to our H&PE programme have been the use of Pause, Breath, Smile to improve wellbeing.

<https://mindfulnesseducation.nz/pause-breathe-smile/>

We continue to be the only school in NZ that has had Life Education visit every year and their programmes about nutrition, human biology and harmful substances have been brought up to date with new units offered about resilience, relationships and identity.

To have a look at the H&PE overview, please follow this link:

[Health & PE overview](#). Or this will be on the newsletter page on the website.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

It's that time of year again to book your times for the parent / teacher interviews (these are 15 minute slots). The dates are **Tuesday 22nd AND Wednesday 23rd May.**

School will close early at 2 pm on both these days (as it has done in previous years). Therefore the bus will run an hour earlier.

The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call. Could parents not living together, please communicate and combine your interviews, this would be appreciated.

Please click on the link www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The event code is **4m6mk**

REMINDERS

- **Back gate drop off/pick ups** – Please drive **slowly** and park out of the driveway and bus parking space. There have been near misses and drivers need to be very careful!

- **Slippers** are great for inside use during our winter term.
- **Polar fleece** orders are being taken now as winter is fast approaching.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2:

- **Education Review Office** visits 14-16th May.
- **Parent Interviews** – Tues 22nd Wed 23rd May – note early finish both days at 2pm for interviews and late night is Wednesday. A booking link has already been sent out in an earlier email this week.
- **LRS Production of *Peter Pan*** – keep these dates free – 27th & 28th June.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS (from end of Term 2) – Congratulations to:

Kahikatea (Yr 7/8) – Ava Foley, Kaiya Richards
Tōtara (Yr 5/6) – Misato Hasegawa, Chloe Manson
Matai (Yr 4/5) – Indiah Richards, Ollie Tini
Ti Kouka (Yr 2/3) – Nathan Walker, Finn McLean, Lexi Young,
Kānuka – (Yr 1) – Callum Mitchell

Maths Champs (from each Maths class):

Tōtara – Kei Roffey **Matai** – Hannah Backhouse
Ti Kouka – Jax, Amy, Zeta & Jacob
Kānuka – Liana Martin

LOST – Almost new LRS polo shirt, size 10 named Nate Hastie. This was mislaid earlier last term. Please check your child's polos and return to the office if found, thank you ☺.

*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 dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)*

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Thursday 17 May from 4.00-6.00pm. Further info at <http://www.lincoln.school.nz>.

PUMPKIN FEST

Pie dishes are sitting outside our new library for collection!!



Little River School NEWSLETTER

A big welcome to Noah in Totara class



Our Year 7 speakers at the ANZAC Service

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