

09th November 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

ATHLETICS DAY - Monday 12th November

THE SUPPORT GROUP is asking all families

To please bring a plate of baking to sell at our annual Banks Peninsula Schools' Athletics day. We would appreciate it if cakes/slices etc could be cut in portions and placed in a NAMED container (if you would like your container back). Please label your baking if it is dairy free, gluten free, sugar free. Food can be dropped off in the empty room next to Matai classroom. Thankyou to everyone who has been rostered on the bake stall. There will be the usual sausage sizzle as well.

From the Little River Support Group.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Tuesday

Please could all children have the correct uniform on, i.e. blue LRS polo with BLACK bottom half for school photos on Tuesday morning and hair neat, thank you ☺

FOR SALE

Peter Pan Production Movie - We have available a home movie style copy of the show on a memory stick. This is available for a Koha (donation) with the funds going to the year 8 leavers hoodies.

Pinex Pinboards;

1 x 80x120cm light blue

2x 120x150cm light blue

2x 91x158cm dark green

1x 120x233cm light pink

Make a reasonable offer please, proceeds to Year 8 leaver hoodies

POOL KEYS

Next week (from Monday) we open our pool for the new 2018-19 season. Recently Duane and Kath have been working hard to improve our facility and get the pool into fine shape for our children. More detail about the work will be in a future article.

The BOT have made the hard decision to increase the pool key cost to \$80 for the season Nov 2018 – Mar 2019 (included is a \$20 refundable key bond).

We do want our community to make good use of the facility and especially over the summer period with families, the pool is a much appreciated community asset. The BOT are also committed to

maintaining and with our fundraisers, the LR Support Group, are keen to keep on making improvements to the pool and surrounding area for everyone's benefit.

Pool keys are now available from the school office. Please note the pool rules you'll be asked to sign (before a key is issued). Enjoy the new season ☺

PARIHAKA DAY

On Thursday the 8th November we (The Ōtawiri Kapa haka group) went to Okains Bay for Parihaka day. When we entered Okains Bay School they welcomed us to their home, then we performed. Activities were after morning tea. We got to do an activity for 30 minutes and there were three activities per group e.g. weaving, haka, & gardening. By Tom Smith.

A highlight for the day was all of the Kapa haka groups from the Peninsula performed Tahu Potiki together at the end.

A big thanks to Maria and our whanau for transport and for Okains Bay School as the hosts.

CANTERBURY ZONE SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday our Yr8's representing LRS were off to South Hagley Park for the annual Canterbury Zones Softball Tournament. It started off with Clearview, which we won 10-5 and other games went similarly. The only game we lost was against Avonhead School. We came 1st equal in points so then it had to be judged on runs.

We came 2nd out of 9 schools with 100 runs! Avonhead School came 1st with 122 runs. By Leon Day.

PAUSE BREATHE SMILE (PBS)

On Tuesday we hosted a PBS course to train local teachers from our Banks Peninsula Whanau Akoranga Cluster in techniques to support mindfulness.

Our cluster values this approach to supporting the well being of our tamariki.

<https://mindfulnesseducation.nz/free-pbs-resources/>

<http://www.whanauakoranga.org/>

FINAL KAPA HAKA / POROPOROAKI – Tuesday Afternoon

This is our final performance and poroporoaki for the year. To be held in the Community hall at 2pm. Please bring some kai to share for our final celebration of our special group. Ngā mihi, Maria Couper

MATAI'S CLASS TRIP - AKAROA

Little Blue Penguin recap

On the 7th of November our amazing Teachers, Parents, and the Little River Support Group organised a super dooper Akaroa Harbour cruise. I am here to tell you guys, girls, ladies and gentlemen about the Little Blue penguins!

So, we were rumbling along after an amazing dolphin show when Finn pointed out a swishing in the blue shining water. We all leaned over the bar to see this mysterious swishing! What could it be? Then we saw the small

webbed feet of a little blue penguin!! Did you know that Little Blue penguins are the smallest penguins on earth?
By Charlie Harcourt!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hector's Dolphin recap.

On the 7th of November our lucky class departed on a nature cruise with Black Cat Cruises in the clear waters of Akaroa Harbour. About 170 metres out we saw two magnificent Hector's Dolphins. We saw a baby dolphin, which is also called a calf.

It was the first calf spotted this season. Did you know, that Hector dolphins can only reproduce and have a calf every 2 - 4 years?
By Mack.

REMINDERS

- Could children please return any **borrowed sports uniforms** 'clean' ASAP. Some are taking too long to come back in.
- **Please use the back entrance to drop off your children at school.**
- **Absence** – if your child is sick, we do need to hear from you. Please leave us a message 3251-004, text 027-529 4440 or email the office <mailto:office@littleriver.school.nz>. For holidays etc – please advise Christian or the teacher(s) concerned in writing.
- **Digital Citizenship / Responsible Use Agreement forms** – **These were emailed out last term. Please return the back page, signed.** If you require a hardcopy, contact the office.
- **Lost property** – this now hangs up on a rack between Tōtara and the Arts Room (old Matai).

SUPPORT ALEX RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER!

Please come and support Alex when she also has her head shaven for leukaemia on Tuesday 13th November at school 3.00pm.

Please copy and paste this into your browser:

<https://secure.leukaemia.net.nz/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=1245824&langPref=en-CA>

Alex wants to do this to fundraise and raise at least \$500 to help another person suffering from leukaemia.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

TIME BANK ORIENTATION MEETING – Thursday 15 November, 7.30pm at Revival Clothing, St Andrews Church, Upper Church Road. Everyone Welcome.

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



Little River School NEWSLETTER



Above: Matai's class trip to Akaroa.

Below: Our yr8 softball team.

