

19th October 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome Pearl to Little River School. Pearl has settled in quickly with new friends in Ngahere making the change of schools easier.

WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 4 EVERYONE

There were plenty of smiling faces arriving through our gates on Monday, pleased to meet up with friends and check out what's new.

A summary of the recent projects completed around school is below.

As some in our community will be aware of, Maria and myself have moved house to Halswell. The relocation has helped our daughters and Maria spend a lot less time travelling. I'm the one doing the commute, and will most likely be passing many of you heading the other way. ☺

SUN SENSE

Term 4 is when we return to a Sun Smart way of acting with hats being compulsory. We have recently received some UV sensitive beads from the Cancer Society to help our children see how the sun light affects our skin.

Our Sun Protection procedure also says lunch is eaten in the shade and that we'll encourage appropriate clothing to be worn, ie covered shoulders, when swimming a rash top can be worn. Parents can help us with this objective, thanks.

If your child is particularly sensitive please provide them with their own sun screen.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR B.P. SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS

This has now changed from 26th November to
Monday 12th November.

PARENT INTERVIEWS BOOKING

Our second parent interview and fourth progress reporting opportunity, is scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday 30-31st October**, week 3.

An email will be sent home early next week with a link, so parents can do their bookings on line with the teacher(s) concerned.

Please note: the bus will be running one hour earlier on both days.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting is on Tuesday 24th October, 7.00 pm in the staffroom.

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

**PLEASE – NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES,
INCLUDING WEEKENDS.**

PROPERTY PROJECTS UPDATE

- An Archgola has been installed over our administration entrance
- LED lighting replaces fluorescent lighting in veranda learning spaces
- Our fire and security system has been upgraded to include a class change bell, and evacuation, lock down signals. We will have practice drills for these during the term.
- The pool changing shed improvements continue, with a new floor surface about to be put in. New clearlite has been placed in the roof providing a lot more natural light in, mesh has been fitted to keep the leaves out of the changing areas and work has begun to fit a door for the girls toilet.
- The pool is currently being set up for a season start date of November 12th.

REMINDERS

- **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).
- **Kahikatea camp Deposits due**, \$50.00 - this can be paid on-line to LRS 031584-0024325-00.

JOHN DIERCKX MUSIC STUDIO

John is currently teaching guitar and ukulele lessons at school on a Tuesday. There are a few spaces available. For further info email johnmusicnz@gmail.com or phone 027-480 3371 or 342-4232.

TOM SMITH IS GOING TO DO 'SHAVE FOR A CURE'

Please look at the website 'Shave for a Cure' and look up Tom Smith to help him and donate to this fantastic cause!

YEAR 3/4 MINIBALL (JUNIOR BASKETBALL):

Registrations are open for Miniball skills in Term 4. Practices to be held on Thursdays 3-4pm in the Little River Hall with Roriana & Fiona M, starting in Week 2 (Thursday 25th October) and ending in Week 7 (Thursday 29th November). May result in a casual one-off Tournament at the end of Term depending on interest and to be confirmed. No cost involved. To register please contact Serena 021-329241, serenalyc@gmail.com :-)

TOTARA MARKET DAY – FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Totara will be selling eco friendly sustainable wraps and produce bags at the hall on Pet Day. All profits are going towards Totara camp.

MARRZIPAN! 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!)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHECK OUT www.littleriver.org.nz FOR EVENTS IN OUR AREA.

EASEL-LY ARTY

Tutored Kids Drawing Workshop, 8 yrs + 3rd and 4th November at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Akaroa. 9.30 am – 12.30 pm both days. Sponsored by the Akaroa Community Arts Council. For further info www.akaroaarts.co.nz

TE OKA RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Council bought 903 hectares of farmland in Te Oka and Tumbledown valleys to form the park, aiming to protect and enhance natural values, and to provide recreational opportunities in a natural, semi-remote setting. This is now open to the public for feedback. Consultation on the [Te Oka Reserve Management Plan](#) opens today and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Submissions need to be with us by 5pm Tuesday 18 December.

How to find out more:

View a hard copy of the draft management plan at Akaroa Library, Little River Service Centre, or at Civic Offices Christchurch.

Read more information about the park and the planning on the Council website ccc.govt.nz/parks-and-gardens/explore-parks/banks-peninsula-parks-reserves/Te-Oka-reserve/.

Talk to the team:

Tuesday 6 November - 4pm to 6pm at the Service Centre, Little River
Saturday 24 November - 10 am to 12pm at the Akaroa Farmers Market (Madeira Hotel carpark, 48 Rue Lavaud, Akaroa)



Little River School NEWSLETTER

We welcome Pearl (centre) this week to Tī Kouka class.

Pictured here with her friends Tinka (left) and Nova (Right)

