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Dear parents / caregivers

SKOOL LOOP

A big thank you to our sponsors who make this communication service available for our school community free of charge to the school and families. Don't forget to download this app to your phone, if you haven't already. A school smart phone app is super convenient for school parents and provides Instant school information – instant alerts, absentee function and more!

It's a simple free download in Google Play or App Store – search "Skool Loop" and choose our school (under Christchurch area), once installed. Turn on notifications on your phone to ensure you receive alerts via the app.

PHow will LRS use it? To share our school events calendar, for notifications that are urgent, for recent newsletters, for permission slips and notices.

PARIHAKA DAY – Date change

This annual event for the Kapa Haka groups of our cluster is hosted by the whanau of Okains Bay School. To help them prepare, they have moved the date to **Thursday 5th November**.

More information will come to families of our Kapa Haka group.

PARENT INTERVIEWS – week 3

This year we're starting earlier at 1.30pm both days.

School will close at 1.30pm with the bus running earlier too.

It will reverse runs Okuti /Birdlings first, then Hilltop.

Our second parent interview and fourth progress reporting opportunity is scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday 27 – 28th October**. Copy and paste this link into your Internet browser -

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=s3mbe>

Please note:

*Rimu teachers are under one booking. *If you wish to make an appointment with a specific teacher, please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

PET DAY – 30TH OCTOBER

A notice has been emailed home to families. **Any remaining forms need to be returned ASAP please.**

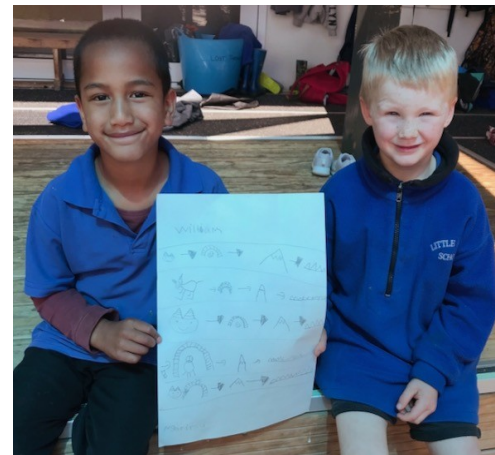
CAMP MONIES – just a reminder that there are still a few outstanding balances to come in please.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We can confirm that these will be held on **Tuesday 3rd November** (as per Upcoming Events Calendar).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ordering – these booklets usually come home every month and are purely optional. However if you would like to order something as a **gift**, we are happy to put this aside and contact you on its arrival – please state this on your order. **Orders close: Monday 2nd Nov.**

THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF



Ngarimu and William presenting their Storyways version of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The pictures they drew tell the story in 5 separate lines.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LITTLE RIVER FARMERS MARKET

The first market is to be held on Sunday 25th of October and will be held weekly after that. It starts at 9am and goes until 1pm. Great local produce, drinks, seafood and live music. Check out the Facebook page for regular updates.

There are still limited sites available for the first weekend and continuing for the summer season. We are also looking for buskers for certain dates during the summer. If anyone is interested in becoming a stallholder or busking please email littleriverfarmersmarket@gmail.com

MENTAL HEALTH EVENING — Tuesday 27 October, 6.30pm. Suitable for senior school children, families, farmers and wider community. With Guest Speaker, Dr Lucy Hone. You can find meaning again. You're never alone.

Live music by Peat and the Lemon Tree. Gaiety Hall, Akaroa. Free admission and supper.

www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz is offering a free parenting course to parents who might be having a struggle in managing their children, or just need some tips and advice. This course does work and has the potential to be very helpful. All it requires is for parents to look, read, watch and hopefully gain out of the process. The course is offered on the website and is set out in video, and in written format. Based on filial therapy principles, it is child centred and most definitely works for those that put in the time. Have a look! and happy parenting;) Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact nextchapterparenting@gmail.com

Little River School NEWSLETTER



A big welcome to our newest students Stella and Erin