

# LRS NEWS

## Little River School Newsletter

### QR Scanning

please ensure you make use of the QR code.

Should the situation occur where there's a community outbreak of Covid19, the tracers can work much more effectively when data from the QR scans is linked.

Our visitor book is held in the school's admin area for those preferring to sign in.

### FAREWELLS

We say goodbye to Rocco and Clover who have moved to town and hope they're enjoying making new friends and amazing their new teachers.

Farewell to Nuku and Lizzie too.

We wish them all the best for their learning and hope to catch up again at community events.

**Welcome back everyone to a new school year.**  
We're very pleased to be welcoming two new entrants and their families to our school.

Elsie and Mila have made a brilliant start in their new class Kanuka. Photo below: Elsie and Mila.



We also welcome a couple of new faces into our year 7 group. George and Gus have settled quickly into their senior classes and connected with their friends from sports teams.



Gus



George

**A big welcome back to Eleanor**  
who has joined the Matai teaching team with Tara and will be teaching the year 4&5 pupils in Matai on Thursdays.

## SKOOL LOOP APP

A big thank you to our local community 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!

A school app gives school parents quick and easy access to information, e.g. notices, newsletters and quickly communicates messages from school with instant alerts.

**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.**

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

## Banks Peninsula Swimming Sports

With a little luck we might be able to hold these events this year. Akaroa is currently under level 3 water restrictions and if they don't escalate, we can still hold the cluster swimming.

The Banks Peninsula Schools Swimming Showcase is first up on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February is the Juniors Y0 – 4**

An email will go out to parents next week with info.

Please be aware students will require transport for this event and we will send home a notice regarding this.

On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March the Seniors** compete in the Akaroa pool with events from 15m to 50m length across most of the strokes and the exciting interschool relays.

## Technology – Year 7&8

Each Thursday the year 7&8 travel with Mr Couper to Akaroa Area School to do their technology learning with specialist teachers of cooking, sewing, and hard materials.

**Tech begins next week on the 18th February.**

This group of pupils will need to be ready Thursday morning for a 9am roll check and 9.10am departure time.

If your senior is away, please help us with an early call to our office.

**No dogs on the school grounds at any time!  
Including the pool area.**

## Reminders.

- Relief bus driver driving the school bus next week, the same bus timetable applies. Any queries phone Christian at school.
- Vehicle drop offs and pick ups are to be done at our back gate using the domain driveway. Please do not park over the bus zone or the access way to Playcentre. Take extra care in the afternoon as several children are crossing the turning bell for their sports teams.
- Trucks are continuing to take logs down Western Valley Road. They have limited their speed to 20kph. Please be aware of them when using this road.
- Road repairs are being undertaken in our community. This has delayed the school bus at times this week, as it waits for the lights to change.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**, Monday 15th Feb @ 7pm in the staffroom.

**2021 Dates:**

Term 1 = Tuesday 9th Feb - Friday 16th April.

Term 2 = Monday 3rd May - Friday 9th July.

Term 3 = Monday 26th July - Friday 1st October.

Term 4 = Monday 18th October - Monday 20th December.

**School accounts**

To keep up to date with school accounts we do welcome small, regular payments. Any queries, please contact the office - [office@littleriver.school.nz](mailto:office@littleriver.school.nz) or phone 3251 004.

**Tots to Teens FREE digi-mag** initiative for all parents:

<http://issue2102si.totstoteens.co.nz>

IN THIS ISSUE of Tots To Teens you'll find great ideas to simplify family life and help your kids see the world from a different angle – including an **A-Z of 'Going Green!** Starting School and even **heading Back To School** can be a bumpy time; we've got tips to smooth the transition, including a ton of **lunchbox ideas**. Also, there's handy info about **reducing anxiety**, dealing with **nits** and other skin conditions the kids might catch, and we take a look at the benefits of **after-school tuition** (academic, sporting etc). Corn-lovers, we have three a-maize-ing **recipes** to get your fix. And if your kid is obsessed with **online games** then you need to read our 'Play It Safe' story – where we take a look at how it may affect lifestyle, addiction and eyesight. Our **Family Fun** page is filled with laugh-out-loud stories from Kiwi mums, a cool game to try at home, and a dozen events to keep you busy on the summer weekends. Don't forget to enter our **epic prizes** - there's something for everybody and entry is so easy!

**Community News**

**Find out what's on** in your local Wairewa community - [littleriver.org.nz](http://littleriver.org.nz)

**Little River Pony Club**

If you are interested in learning more about horsemanship and gaining skills and confidence with your pony, please contact Tracey for more details, 027 565 6553.

**[www.littleriver.school.nz](http://www.littleriver.school.nz)**