

LRS NEWS

Little River School Newsletter

ANZAC DAY

25th April

Service starts at 9.30am
in the Community Hall

LOST PROPERTY IS OVERFLOWING!

please check this out.
It is outside the library.
These items will be sent
to recycling over the
holidays

TERM 1 REPORTS

The end of term 1 written
report will be going
home today (Friday 16th)
Please contact our school
office if you require a
digital copy for proud
relations.

Early next term the
booking link will open for
Parent Interviews to
beheld in week 3 Tues 18th
and Wed 19th May.

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Happy end of term everyone!

It has been great to get to the holidays without any
major disruptions.

This term we have kicked off our concept theme of
Change and our trial of the draft Aotearoa New
Zealand Histories curriculum.

We've held the Student Leader election, which saw
most of our year 8 cohort stand tall in their campaigns.
The swimming season was a cracker and we have seen
a lot of progress in the water confidence of our pupils.
We managed to squeeze the cluster senior swimming
sports and saw our LRS triathletes' race in the rain.
Life Ed has popped in for the annual health and well
being message and we've had representatives at zone
swimming and triathlon this term.

Kapa Haka and Choir are well underway and we're all
looking forward to a brilliant 2021 Pumpkin Festival
this Sunday.

Thank you all for your support and for helping manage
our hygiene by keeping sick kids at home.

I hope you enjoy your autumn break.

Cheers Christian

LRS Digital Learning Readiness Survey.

Results up to the 22nd March.

1. Have a suitable connection – 93%
 2. Have a suitable device for pupils – 86%
 3. Would borrow an LRS device – 41%
 4. Could become an essential worker at Alert Level 3 – 53%
- Current Covid Anxiety Level – 1.6 /5 (very low)

Or 93% are selecting the top two ratings to describe their
confidence.

"confident and keeping up with advice to keep their families safe."

Thank you to the 15 Respondents. Your information is showing
how well our community is prepared and Standing Tall. This
survey is now closed.

*I sincerely hope that our kura is not affected by any escalation in the
alert levels, as NZ enters into the next step and opens a travel
bubble with Australia.*

TERM DATES 2021**Term 1**

Mon 9th Feb – Fri 16th April

Term 2

Monday 3rd May – Friday 9th July

Term 3

Mon 26th July – Fri 1st October

Term 4

Mon 18th Oct – Mon 20th December

Lincoln High School will be having their Open Day on Thursday 27 May from 4-6pm for all future 2022 learners. Further details will be provided at the beginning of next term for all students who intend on enrolling at Lincoln High School.

**Little River GIANT
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
Sunday 18th April 2021
10.30am - 3pm
At the Little River Domain**

House Challenge.

Congratulations Kea House for taking out the first House Challenge of the year.

Kea earned the highest number of points at the fashion show from their costume creativity, red colour coordination and cat walk strut!

**Pumpkin Festival info**

Children in the school performance may register their Pumpkins, Gumboots and Scarecrows before assembling at 10:15am.

Entry to all children's categories (except scarecrow) are by gold coin.

Scarecrow entry \$3 and first prize wins \$100.

Your Dress-up Competition is free to enter and judged at the end of the school performance, with prizes handed out then.

If you grew a good crop of pumpkins from the pumpkin seeds your children brought home from school, in the Spring, please feel free to donate 1 or 2.

Bring them to the White Elephant Stall, on Sunday, we'll sell these for fundraising - or buy yours back :-)

Prize pool is over \$5000.

Get creative and enter some competitions, encourage family to come and enter too.

Silent Auctions and a Raffle to support.

Most important we all need to have a fun day.

OBO Little River Support Group

www.littleriverpumpkinfest.co.nz

www.littleriver.school.nz

Reminders:

***Bus** - please let Marie know if your child won't be on the bus on a morning. For afternoon changes, please contact school.

***Please use the safer back gate entrance** for dropping off your children at school. Take care when exiting car parks, especially reversing.

***No sick people should be at school.** We're at Covid Level 1 and also experiencing the usual end of term/start of autumn colds and sore throats that circulate easily in schools.

***Absence messages** - please contact us, prior to 9am if your child/ren will be away and the reason for that absence - an appointment in town is not a sufficient reason. Phone 3251-004, email office@littleriverschool.nz, or even easier, via the skool loop app.

For holidays in term time - please ask Christian in the first instance
principal@littleriver.school.nz

***Parent Interviews** are coming up in the third week of next term, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th May. Wednesday will be the late night option.

***Our school uniform is the blue polo and any form of black bottoms** (shorts, pants, skirt, skort) the fleece is optional. Please contact our office for details about purchasing uniform. We currently have no stock of the size 6&12 polos. **Long hair should be tied up please.

***Changes to family details** - i.e. phone numbers/address/emergency contacts - please advise us of your updated details, should these change.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,**
- **Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,**
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please **call 0800 846 983** or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Akaroa Community Arts Council is running a children's art workshop "Easel-ly Arty" on the 29th and 30th of April. A tutored kids workshop. For more info call 021 527 184 or visit www.akaroaarts.co.nz

Holiday activities

Imagination Station will be running heaps of classes these holidays at Tūranga and New Brighton Libraries! We'll have sessions that cover remote controlled race cars, introductory robotics and robot battles and our famous LEGO movie making workshops! If you're interested, find more info and reserve your space at imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.

Earth Day Eastern (EDEN) - Featuring Hoops in the Bronx

EDEN – Featuring Hoops in the Bronx will be held at the Bromley Community Centre on Thursday, April 22nd. EDEN – Featuring Hoops in the Bronx is an opportunity for children around the region to take part in some social basketball and learn about the importance of Earth Day. There will be a 3v3 basketball tournament running throughout the afternoon with the winners receiving the top prize, but there are other prizes to be won! There will be a graffiti wall that kids will be allowed to add to, a beehive display, music and, we will be handing out wildflower seeds and lightbulbs to all who wish to have. On the day there will be food for everyone, but feel free to bring your own. For more information contact matthewjonesnzl@gmail.com.

Get NZ Writing

At Noel Leeming Commercial, we love to bring you new and exciting initiatives from across The Warehouse Group. That's why we're excited to tell you about Get NZ Writing, a writing competition from Warehouse Stationery. We'd love your students to be involved. There are heaps of prizes to be won – they could win a tablet, a \$200 gift card or spot prizes just for entering. <https://www.warehousestationery.co.nz/get-nz-writing>

NZ Blood Service - can you donate?

New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) is a not-for-profit Crown entity and the sole organisation responsible for the collection, processing, testing and storage and distribution of all blood and blood products in New Zealand. NZBS relies on voluntary and non-remunerated blood donations from individuals around the country in order to provide a constant supply of precious blood and blood products used by health services to save thousands of lives. Every 18 minutes in New Zealand, someone needs blood or blood products. There is no alternative for patients in need of blood or blood products – blood donors save lives. Every whole blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives. The demand for plasma-derived products is increasing by over 12% year on year. <https://www.nzblood.co.nz/give-blood/>

YOGA CLASSES in Little River.

5 week courses starting next term. Tuesdays 7-8.15pm, & Wednesdays 10-11.15 am. Start 4th & 5th May. Suitable for everyone. A balanced blend of asana, breathing, meditation & relaxation with Arielle Atman, experienced Yoga teacher. \$95/course. To enrol & for more info 027 232 1610.

OKAINS BAY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT Tuesday May 11th 7: 30 - 10pm

Duvauchelle Hotel

Finger Food Provided.

Bob Masefield - Quiz Master. \$15 Per Person Or Enter A Team Of 4 For \$60

RAFFLES and A FUN NIGHT FOR ALL. COME ALONG AND HELP SUPPORT OUR AKONGA FUNDRAISE FOR THEIR TRIP TO WELLINGTON. YOU CAN PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT OR PREPAY AT 12-3148-0263863-00 (REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR NAME AS A REFERENCE!) SPONSORING A QUESTION \$10: IF ANY BUSINESSES OR FAMILIES WOULD LIKE TO "SPONSOR A QUESTION" YOU CAN DO SO BY PREPAYING AT 12-3148-0263863-00

(REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR BUSINESS NAME AS A REFERENCE!), OR BY DROPPING IN TO SEE LYDIA AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO HOW MANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN SPONSOR! BOB WILL ENSURE YOUR BUSINESS GETS GREAT COVERAGE AT THIS NIGHT! RING GOLFY AT THE DUVAUCHELLE HOTEL TO BOOK A TABLE ON 304 5803.