

LRS NEWS

Little River School Newsletter

Keeping Well

We're seeing a large number of absences in the past weeks.

We can stop sickness from spreading and disrupting the end of term if sick children are kept at home until they're well.

Please contact us if your child is absent and the reason for their absence. This may mean contacting school for several days in a row.

Now we are required to keep an electronic register and update this daily.

Nasty gastro bug

We have received a notification from the CDHB this week about a nasty gastro bug that is making itself felt in Canterbury schools.

Please maintain hand hygiene and contact your doctor if this bug appears in your whanau.

Thank you.

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Wild Weather

Another week where some wild weather has caused issues.

Tuesday had us trying to manage some nasty wind and sleet as well as a fault with the Spark cellular network and then a short power outage.

In situations like this, our aim is to *Keep Calm and Carry On*.

We try to let our parent community know what's happening and if the situation gets unsafe for children at school, we take steps to get them home or to a safer place.

We rely on power and cellular services for effective operation. When they fail we can maintain school for a short period of time, before we need to make decisions about heating and water supply.

Communications without power or cell phone cover are seriously limited and families can be assured that if we cannot contact you, your children will be kept safe at school with school staff, until we can make contact.

If your emergency contact details have changed please advise the school office — office@littleriver.school.nz

LITTLE RIVER SCHOOL - Matariki Celebration

On Friday 9th July - Rāmere e tuaiwa o Hōngongoi We are having a Matariki celebration at school.

This is a special way to celebrate the Māori New Year. During the morning, the children will participate in a range of Matariki-themed activities. Whanau are most welcome to join in with these activities.

Following the morning programme, at approximately 1pm we will have a shared lunch. Please bring or send a plate of food to share (please name your plate for returning purposes). This will be in the hall if the weather is wet and on the school court, if fine.

After lunch/play time, the Kapa haka group - Otawiri - and the choir will perform (approx. 2pm).

We warmly invite you and your family to join us.

LITTLE RIVER SCHOOL

Upcoming Events Calendar - Term 3, 2021

02 Aug BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

03 Aug Lincoln Zone Netball
& Rugby Tournament Yr 5-8,
Lincoln Domain

23 Aug BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

24-27 Aug Daffodil Week,
Cancer Society

30 Aug **TEACHER ONLY
DAY**

3 Sept B.P. Schools' Winter
Tournament, Yr 5-8, Akaroa

7 Sept Ellesmere Speech
Competition

17 Sept Court Theatre presents
Whá, 2pm

20 Sept BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

Tbc Cantamaths, Yr 7/8 teams

01 Oct Reports home / Term 3
finishes

Term 4

Mon 18 Oct – Mon 20 Dec

School Docs.

Little River School has transitioned all of its policies and procedures to this site.

To access them, please follow this process:

1) Go to - <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

2) Click the green button (top right of the page)

3) Start typing our school name. Select Little River School.

4) enter the username — **littleriver** and the password — **standtalltutoa**

We've just gone live with this site, so we are working to catch up on some review items from term 1.

Please let us know if something doesn't look right or you want to know more. principal@littleriver.school.nz

**Wool needed for craft project next week.
Bright colours please.**

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:

- **Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui,**
- **Burnside Clinic, 96A Memorial Avenue, Burnside,**

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 **comm dental@cdhb.health.nz**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Art lessons with Frankie:

Local artist Frankie Bakker enjoyed working with the children in Matai so much that she is now looking at offering art classes for Little River students of all ages. \$15/class for a group lesson. Sessions to take place at Riverwood (Bruce's place) past the Marae. To register interest and preference of days, please email Frankie at frankieabb@gmail.com

Akaroa Community Arts Council is running a children's art workshop "Easel-ly Arty" workshop on the 22nd and 23rd of July this year.



**Scottish Country Dancing
Open Dance Day**

Sunday 18th July - The Gaiety,
Akaroa **2 - 4 pm**
All ages welcome
no experience necessary
Come and watch, join in,
enjoy the music
Family friendly tuition by an
experienced tutor
Bring the family, friends and
neighbours.

Comfy clothes
Tartan if you wish
Soft shoes
Koha appreciated

Akaroa Scottish Country Dancing
Enquiries to Alison 021 425 476

Christchurch-Akaroa Speed Review

You might be aware that Waka Kotahi NZ Travel Agency has just launched a review of speeds on the highway between Christchurch and Akaroa, to make sure they are safe and right for the road.

They're seeking input from a wide range of road users, community members and local groups, and the school community is an important part of this.

The more local people that we can encourage to have their say, the better. Please see attached digital images that you could use to link to the Speed Review web page, here <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh73-and-sh75-christchurch-to-akaroa-speed-review/>

Some key dates are:

23 June – 27 July: Public engagement open

1 July – Halswell drop-in session

6 July – Tai Tapu and Little River drop-in sessions

10 July – Akaroa drop-in session

Part Time Customer Services Representative wanted at the Akaroa Service Hub.

Please see link: <https://www.cccjobs.co.nz/jobdetails/ajid/X1cF8/Customer-Service-Representative.23525.html>

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