

LRS NEWS

Little River School Newsletter

Covid - Update.

We're at Delta Alert Level 2.

*This means any sick person should not be at school.

*Visitors need to sign in at our admin and should be scanning the QR code to assist with track and trace.

*Hygiene is a priority and mask use is optional and encouraged for our shared buses.

Absence messages

Please contact us, prior to 9am if your child/ren will be away and the reason for that absence.

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.

School accounts - to keep up to date, we do welcome small regular payments. Any queries please feel free to contact us.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.
Greetings to you all.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori took place this week between 13-19th Mahuru 2021.

Māori language has been officially celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975.

When I was at primary school it was a focus day. With a grandmother using te reo Māori in her job as a maternity nurse, and my grandfather speaking te reo to the shepherds, my brother and I were introduced to colloquial Māori whenever we visited their place.

I waho o te kīhini – out of the kitchen
Horoia o ringaringa – wash your hands
Waiho noa iho to teina – leave your brother alone
Kia ora – thank you

Now-a-days Māori language and culture are more integrated in our lives. The language of the tangata whenua grows stronger as each person takes the time to add another word to their kupu (vocab) or practices the correct pronunciation of their kainga (home).

Once upon a time the focus was a day on the first language of our land. Currently it's a week. You can make it longer. Kia Kaha te Reo Māori. Give it a go!

Nāku na
Christian.



BOT Meeting. Monday 20th Sept, 7pm in the staffroom.

Updated 2021 Calendar

20/9 - BOT meeting
 20/9 - Cricket coaching tbc
 29/9 - LRS speeches
 29/9 - Cantamaths
 29/9 - Top Team - House
 Challenge
 School Holidays 1st - 18th Oct

Term 4.

25/10 - Labour Day
 29/10 - LRS Pet Day
 29/10 - Reports home
 01/11 - Ellesmere Speech
 Comp
 3/11 - Parihaka Day -
 Kapahaka Group
 4/11 - Huxster MTB relay -
 Yr5-8 (assuming L1)
 8/11 - BOT Meeting
 10/11 - LHS testing
 9/11 - LZ Athletics - Yr5-8 (if
 at L1)
 9-10/11 - Parent Interviews
 12/11 - Canty Anniversary
 15/11 - TOD - LPFs
 17/11 - CZ Softball
 19/11 - BP Athletics
 22-25/11 - Rimu Camp
 25/11 - Matai Trip
 25/11 - Cyber Safety evening
 - for Parents
 29/11 - BOT Meeting
 01/12 - CZ Athletics
 03/12 - Disco
 16/12 - Final Assembly
 17/12 - Pool Party
 20/12 - TOD - 2022 Prep
 Dec - TBC - BP Fun Day Yr1-6

Progress Reporting to Whanau.

We'd like to develop our systems for reporting your child's progress to you.

Over several years we've been developing our process to show a more holistic development of children while they're at school. We've added an extra face to face interview and tried to simplify the way curriculum progress and expected levels are shared.

Your feedback will help us design the next steps. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/MqrF2qTQNTVDkRdR9>

** This survey will remain open to the end of October.*

Health and Physical Education.

Every couple of years we review and update this part of our curriculum.

Follow the link to cast your eye over what we plan to do. The text in brown, are changes/additions.

Link to: [Health and PE update](#)

Teacher Only Day. (TOD)

A new date has been found for the TOD missed while we were at Level 4.

The new date is **Monday 15th November**, follows Canterbury Anniversary Weekend.

On this day, school is closed for instruction, with teachers receiving training in the learning progressions. This is a long term project starting this year to improve how we teach and measure progress in the core learning areas of Maths, Reading and Writing.

Overdue library books.

There are a number of books needing to be returned and scanned in. Can children please ensure these are placed in their library book bins in their class, thanks. We understand that Covid interrupted this but some books date back to June/July.

**Skool Loop.**

This app helps us communicate and keeping you up to date.

It's also an easy way of posting your child's absence.

We're looking into their parent interview booking function and will update families about this before the end of term.

This app service is provided free of charge to our kura.

If you get the opportunity to use one of the sponsors at the bottom of the screen, please tell them you spotted their add on our Skool Loop.

Community News:

Peninsula Harbour Cricket Club junior teams season 2021/22

You can register online.

Please call Hamish Laird on 021 750 031. The club caters for primary school level cricket so it doesn't matter if your child is a beginner or is a potential Pro, there is a team in the club that will suit. Please call Giles Foley on 027 4738222 or Danny Bulman on 021 533636



Gumboot Friday.

I am Hope is a charity started by Mike King, to raise money for counselling sessions for the tamariki of Aotearoa, aged 4-24 yrs.

More information on this charity can be found at <https://www.iamhope.org.nz/>.

Upcoming Event - Sunday 24th October. Little River Family Fun day!

"Top town" gumboot competition, food, stalls, raffles and more! Find the event on Facebook at Little River Gumboot day. Two of the activities are design a gumboot and decorate a gumboot. Please share with your tamariki and their families, it will be a great outing for everyone! If it doesn't go ahead due to COVID, all prizes will be raffled and auctioned off on our FB page.

CodeCamp.

CodeCamp allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Creating games, websites and apps as well as robotics.

4th - 8th October

Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>



Write Like an Author is the

internationally acclaimed writing course for students aged 8-14 that shows you how to write stories the way authors do. St Margaret's College, Merivale, 11-13 October.

On a three-day, school holiday writing camp, award-winning author Maria Gill will take you on a journey of fun and discovery, learning how to create, develop and write awesome stories, guiding you every step of the way.

The course has been developed by international award winning author and writing coach Brian Falkner and proven for over a decade in classrooms in Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

The cost of the three day camp is \$195 at the early-bird price. For further info, writelikeanauthor.com

The link to the latest **Tots to Teens digi-magazine** is <https://issue2109si.totstoteens.co.nz/>
What's in this issue for parents?

- » Are your kids creatures of the night? » Starting school with confidence
- » Spring allergies are here » Protecting their smile
- » 5 helpful money tips » Your guide to managing meltdowns
- » Berry yummy treats » Family Fun - local activities for the whole family
- » AND Giveaways!!!

Illuminate Light & Sound Drive-through Show is taking place at Ferrymead Heritage Park on 22nd-26th September, 6:30pm - Late. This event is perfect for families priced at \$25 per car (30 minute time slots). Tickets are available through EventBrite, www.eventhire.co.nz/illuminate

Artwork by Kahikatea students. The theme is Turangawaewae - The place where I stand.

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