



LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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For your
Diary

ASSEMBLY TIME
Friday- 3.00pm

A REMINDER
NO HOT DOGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 4th February
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school

Wednesday 11th February
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school

Wednesday 11th February
Country Fair Meeting
6.00pm
All Welcome

**Thursday 12th & Friday 13th
February**
School Nurse in for
Prep students

Wednesday 18th February
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school
**Prep Parent
Reading Sessions**

Wednesday 25th February
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school
**Prep Parent
Writing Sessions**

Wednesday 4th March
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school
**Prep Parent
Reading Sessions**

Monday 9th March
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
No students at school

Dear Parents and Families

Congratulations to all parents and families. Your children have arrived at school looking happy, enthusiastic and ready to learn. It has been an outstanding start to 2015.

The Meet/Greet/Information meetings proved to be very valuable for parents, teachers and students alike. If you forgot your appointment please feel free to make another time with the classroom teacher so that your child can have a positive start to her/his school year and you can be fully informed and an active part of the team that educates your child.

Many thanks to the parents who helped out at the working bee in unfriendly heat and to those who have since been working in the grounds and buildings. Your willing and cheerful assistance is greatly appreciated.

As PE, sport or some kind of physical activity are held on most days can you please ensure your child has suitable sport shoes (either on their feet or in their bag) every day. And can girls please wear bike shorts or sport nicks under their dresses so that they can play freely and without reserve

The cost of OSHC will increase next term in line with the end of our funding which was reinstated for one more term (this term).

We congratulate Glen Lauder on his Acting Principal position at Oberon South Primary School. Mr Steven Skinner is Glen's replacement in the Grade 3 classroom. Steve comes to us with a coaching and sporting background and with outstanding teaching references (not to mention he is a fully qualified surveyer!)

COUNTRY FAIR

This year is the 26th Annual Country Fair. What an achievement from the community at Little River Primary School! Much appreciation goes to all who have volunteered time and talents and goods to enhance the educational opportunities for all the students of Little River PS. The magnificent basketball and netball courts, the ergonomic students' chairs and furniture in the library, Guided Reading Sets and shelving are some of the valuable assets that the Country Fair has provided in recent years.

This year, as was last year, most of the monies raised will be used to go towards our much needed veranda on the North side of the School. So please join our happy mob of planners. Our Country Fair Committee Meeting (everyone is welcome on this committee) will be meeting **at 6pm Wednesday 11th February** in the Staffroom. I look forward to seeing lots of people there!

RONNIE

Unfortunately our Chaplain, Ronnie Douglas, was left off the staff list that went home with parents last Thursday. We were very happy to have our funding continued in 2015 to enable Ronnie to remain on our staff. She will be in attendance at school on Monday and Friday from 8:30am -4:00pm.

Kind regards Pamela Heane

After School Care

Bookings for 2015

Before School Care Hours

7.00am to 8.45am (\$7.50 per session)

After School Care Hours

3.30pm to 6.30pm (\$15.00 per session)



We would like to thank all families that have been part of this year's Before and /or After school Care Programs.

All families wishing to use either service will need to make new bookings. Please either drop into the office or email your bookings to newcombe.cherie.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Sun Smart



With the beginning of the school year, students will need to wear a broad brimmed hat and sunscreen while outdoors. School hats can be purchased from Double C Jeanery for \$12.00.

Icy poles at the start of lunch time



For term 1 student's will be able to purchase an icy pole at the start lunchtime for .50c. **A reminder for students that there is no colour selecting and only 1 Icy pole per student.** Students will need to line up at the office door to purchase an icy pole.

iPADS

The necessary paperwork for iPads has been delayed. We will distribute the forms to Grade 4 students and to new students in Grade 5 and 6 ASAP. Please be patient with us and this delay. The Grade 4 children who returned their expression of interest at the end of 2014 will be given iPads by the end of next week.

Student Banking



Student banking will begin MONDAY 9th FEBRAURY

Every Monday is student banking day for students who hold either a Commonwealth or Bendigo Bank account. Bank books can be given to class teachers or dropped into the office on Monday mornings. Completed books will be returned to the students either Tuesday or Wednesday. Information about student banking with the Commonwealth and Bendigo Banks will be sent home in the coming weeks to new students.

Hot Dogs



Hot Dogs will be starting on FRIDAY February 20th. For new families to the school, students may enjoy a Hot Dog for lunch each Friday.

Orders should be placed with the class teacher each Friday morning before school. **Hot Dogs are \$1.50 and drinks are \$1.00, (you have a choice of either apple or tropical).**

We are also looking for parent volunteers to assist with preparing and serving Hot Dogs each Friday. Generally each parent would be rostered on twice a term. **Duty involves issuing drinks and tickets to the classrooms and serving hot dogs to the children. Start time is 11.45 to 1.00pm**

Many children look forward to seeing their parents help out! *If you are able to assist with Hot Dog duty can you please see the office.*

Parent helpers 2015

Each year we seek the assistance of our families to help with activities throughout the school. If you are willing to assist at the school during the year please fill in the blue form that will be going home with the children this week. This is a way we can use the collective expertise of our community to assist all.

School Direct Deposit Details

For families wishing to pay for book packs and fees you can make a direct deposits to the school below are the details required;

Account: Bendigo Bank Lara
BSB – 633-000 Acct No – 138620034

Once the payment has been made, we ask you to email the school with the breakdown of your deposit to little.river.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or write on the envelope and excursion note, ..that you have made your payment by direct deposit, along with the date.

Country Fair Update

Sunday 15th March 2015 10:00am -3:00pm

Our Country Fair is approaching very quickly. There are a number of items we require: -

We are in need of:

- A family to oversee the White Elephant Stall.

Wanted:

- Clean jars and bottles with lids. Please drop them into the office in the New Year.

- Cooks to make up batches of Jams and Chutneys. (If you are interested but haven't done preserving before we are more than happy to show you how.)
- Fruit and veggies: Strawberries, Tomatoes, Plums, Onions, Peaches, Apples, Apricots.. So if you have any you would like to donate please don't hesitate to call Jo Hamilton 0418 178 798.
- Sugar to assist with the cooking.

If anyone has connections to Fruit and Farmers in Werribee and Bacchus Marsh or Supermarket distributors please let me know as the season has been a dry one so prices of fruit and veggies are still high.

Next meeting – Wednesday February 11.

Parents and Friends Update

Parents and Friends is the main fundraising body of the school. Over the last 5 years we have raised just over \$22,000. Some of the items the money has been put towards include:

- School sports tops,
- \$3000 for the verandah,
- Covering the shortfall for the BluEarth program,
- Covering the shortfall for the chaplaincy program,
- Computer software licencing,
- Guided reading books

We also organise a number of events that enhance the school program including:

- Mother's and Father's day stalls
- School Disco
- Sausage sizzles at the athletics day and graduation
- Easter and Christmas Raffles
- Christmas market
- Morning Teas – Remembrance day service, prep transition

These are all extras that can't be provided by teaching staff. Their main role is to teach and P&F running in the school means they can do that and have resources that help enhance the educational experience for all students.

The P&F committee for 2015 will be appointed at the first meeting in February 2015. We would appreciate as many parents and guardians attending as possible. Belonging to the P&F does not mean that you have to be involved in every fundraiser or activity; you are able to choose when you are able to help. The old saying, "many hands make light work" is true.

The Dance Company

- ❖ Jazz
- ❖ Tap
- ❖ Classical Ballet
- ❖ Theatrical
- ❖ National
- ❖ Acro
- ❖ Modern
- ❖ Hip Hop



- ❖ Classes in
- ❖ Lara
- ❖ Little River
- ❖ Beginners - Advanced
- ❖ Boys & Girls
- ❖ No joining Fees

Come and join our family in 2015



The BRAVE PROGRAM.

Need help managing stress or anxiety?

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of *beyondblue*, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 -17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

The time of year is here and we are offering your child a chance to take part in a FREE MILO T20 Blast Come & Try, so they can experience the fun of cricket. Details of the day are outlined below -

CENTRE: Geelong MILO T20 Blast Centre
WHEN: Monday 2nd & 9th February
WHERE: Kardinia Park, Geelong
TIME: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

MILO T20 BLAST IS SUPER FUN, SOCIAL, SAFE, ACTIVE AND BEST OF ALL, IT'S CRICKET AND IT'S A BLAST!

It gives girls and boys aged between 7-12 years the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting. Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field. It's an exciting atmosphere, complete with music and dancing just like the KFC T20 Big Bash League.

To give your child the chance to experience the fun and excitement of MILO T20 Blast [REGISTER HERE](#) or contact Darren Driscoll | Email: darren.driscoll@cricket.com.au | Phone: 0414 689 045



Circle of Security[®]

PARENTING SERIES

The Circle of Security is a 7 week group program focussing on the attachment and bond between parents and their children. At times, all parents feel lost or without a clue about what their child was really asking from them. The Circle of Security program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened

You will...

- Learn how to understand your child's emotions by learning to read their emotional needs
- Learn how to support your child to successfully manage their emotions
- Learn how to enhance the development of your child's self esteem

Who: Parents with children aged 0-3 years from Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong, Hobson's Bay and City of Melbourne and Wyndham.

When: The group will run for 7 weeks from 11/2/15 – 25/3/15
The group will run on Wednesday mornings between 10 - 11.30am

Where: The group will be held at Baptcare Family Services, 25 Norwood Crescent, Moonee Ponds (opposite Moonee Ponds train station)

Cost: Free!! And morning tea will be provided

Please call Ellen Ryan or Theresa Smith at **Baptcare Family Services** to join this group on: **9373 3800**



Circle of Security
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Early Intervention Program for Parents & Children