



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 18th February
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school
Prep Parent
Maths Session

Wednesday 25th February
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school
Prep Parent
Reading Session

Wednesday 25th February
Country Fair Meeting
6.00pm

Wednesday 4th March
PREP TESTING
No Preps at school
Prep Parent
Writing Session

Monday 9th March
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
No students at school

Sunday 15th March
Country Fair 10.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday 25th March
Prep Students start full week

Friday 27th March
Last day of Term 1
Finishing time 2.30pm

Monday April 20th
PUPIL FREE DAY
NO students required at school
Teachers will be at Lara PS

Dear Parents and Families

P&F Update

We are very happy to announce that we have a new and willing Parents and Friends Group started.

The Executive Committee is
President- Jos Payne
Treasurer- Narelle Wietschorke
Secretary- Kellie Paterson

Many thanks to Parents and Friends for their enthusiasm to fund raise for the benefit of all our students

School Council - 4 Vacancies and 4 Nominations for School Council

I am pleased to say that we have 4 nominations for School Council. We also have 4 vacancies. (If we receive any more nominations before 4pm today then we may need to go down the election voting path).

Unveiling of World War 1 Nurses Memorial in term3

On Friday 17th July 2015 there will be an unveiling of a war memorial for all nurses who served in World War 1 and also to commemorate the achievements of two Little River nurses; Sister Catherine (Kit) McNaughton, and Sister Sarah (Sadie) McIntosh at Possey Park. The unveiling will commence at 1.30pm.

This will be a significant day for the community of Little River.

At the request of Les Sanderson from the Historical Society the school will proudly be providing a choir to sing the National Anthem. The choir will need only 20 children, although all students will be in attendance on the day. If you would like your child to be part of the choir **please fill in the form at the back of the newsletter.**

Please understand that not all interested children will be able to be included. There will be a mixture of different age groups represented. Practices for the choir will mainly be at lunchtimes. Marj O'Connor has kindly offered to assist with preparing the students for this event.

Country Fair

The majority of the funds raised in this year's Country Fair will go towards the building of a veranda on the north side of the school.

Kind regards Pamela Heane

Hot Dogs



Hot Dogs start this FRIDAY

A reminder that 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).

HOT DOG DUTY 11.45am to 1.00pm

Term 1 Roster

Feb 20	Lee Hunt/Jo Hamilton
Feb 27	Jos Payne/Tanya Fenton
March 6	Lucy Ballantyne/Cheri O'Meara
March 13	Katherine Said/Renice Baldacchino
March 20	Bron Keating/Tash Jennings
March 27	End of Term – Possible Subway Day

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to assist with Hot Dogs and Fresh Fruit duties. **We are still in need of extra parent volunteers for term 2 onwards.**

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.*

Fresh Fruit



Fresh Fruit duty involves washing and cutting up the fruit for each of the classes and distributing the platters to each room.

FRESH FRUIT 9.00am to 10.00am

Term 1 Roster

Feb 20	Bron Keating/Tash Jennings
Feb 27	Gillian Rankin/Karen Goodwin
March 6	Karina Haley/Leanne Robertson
March 13	Megan Ward/Shelley Bath
March 20	Tanya Fenton/Jos Payne
March 27	Lucy Ballantyne/Jo Hamilton

School banking



Well done to the 7 students that took part in last week's school banking, they are now one token closer to enjoy some of this year's exciting Space themed rewards. If you would like to see this year's rewards please drop into the office and see Mrs Newcombe.

Exciting news just in! Make 25 or more deposits during the year and are in the draw to win a trip to Disneyland.



School Awards

We would like to congratulate and celebrate the success of the following students who received

Learners of the Week Awards last Friday.

Prep	Tyler
Grade 1	Thomas
Grade 2	Jaylah
Grade 3	Hannah
Grade 4/5	Ashleigh
Grade 5/6	Taikyn

Mathlete of the Week

Luke (Grade 4/5)

Scientist of the Week

Jack (Prep)

Indonesian Award

Cody (Grade 2)

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)



As our before school and after school services are rapidly growing, could we please ask that if you have booked your child in for a session **and no longer need the booking that you advise the office by lunchtime on the day of the booking so we can cater for all our families.**

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

Conveyance Allowance

Parents who reside more than 4.8kms from the closest school by the nearest route are eligible for Conveyance Allowance.

If you are eligible to claim this allowance please see the office for a form. If you applied for this allowance in 2014 you will need to complete a new form.

Applications must be submitted to the school by 27th February 2015. Please note the school must verify the distance. If you are on a bus route you cannot claim conveyance allowance

Parent Information Sessions

We have three information sessions coming up for Prep and other interested parents.

Maths Information Session
Wednesday 18th February
9.00am to 10.00am
School Hall

Reading Information Session
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9.00am to 10.00am
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Junior School Council

Last week Junior School Council has their first meeting of the year.



Welcome to our new Students

The whole school welcomed our Preps and new Students for this year at their first assembly last Friday.



Country Fair Update

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



WEEKLY UPDATE

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

Wanted:

- Items for the **White Elephant Stall**, please see Gina Cathro for more information.
- **Clean jars and bottles** with lids. Please drop them into the office or contact Jo Hamilton.
- **In need of Lemons** (we need stacks!)
- **In need of** Strawberries, Tomatoes, Plums, Onions, any berries, Green Tomatoes, Nectarines, Plums, Quinces, Crab Apples, Cucumbers, Chillies, garlic and ginger. So if you have any you would like to donate please don't hesitate to call Jo Hamilton 0418 178 798.
- **Material.**
Small print to cover the lids of the jars.
Any size print to make wheat bags and other homemade gifts.
- **Calico**, lengths of 1-2 metres or more.
- **Bags of wheat or linseed**, to make heat bags.
- **Craft Volunteers**, to do basic sewing.
- **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.)
- **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 25th at 6.00pm

Direct Deposit Information

For families wishing to make 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 write on the envelope and excursion note, that you have made your payment by direct deposit, along with the date.

IPad Payments

A reminder to those families that have not yet made their 2nd and 3rd instalments for both Grade 5 and Grade 6 iPads we would greatly appreciate payments being made by the Friday 27th February.

2015 Flour and Sugar Drive



Over 10 kilos of self-raising flour were used last year to make the scones for the Country Fair and we sold out of the yummy scones.

With the produce stall we used over 30kgs of sugar making a jams, pickles, chutney and relishes. This year we are doing a drive to generate the amount of self-raising flour and sugar that we need,

Please help us out by donating some flour and sugar.

Types of self-raising flour: ONLY good quality SR Flour to ensure the renowned quality of our scones.

For example: White Wings, Defanice and Wallaby Flour.

(No black labels, Coles or Woolworth Brands please.)

Types of Sugar: Any brand of white sugar or soft brown sugar.

PLEASE DONATE NOW

Flour – 15-20 Kgs

Sugar – 30kgs



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 is going home today and return it by this FRIDAY.

School Choir

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Expression of Interest Slip

Name of Student: _____

Class/Grade: _____

**Please return this slip by
THIS FRIDAY**



EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with "Emergency, Emergency", and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

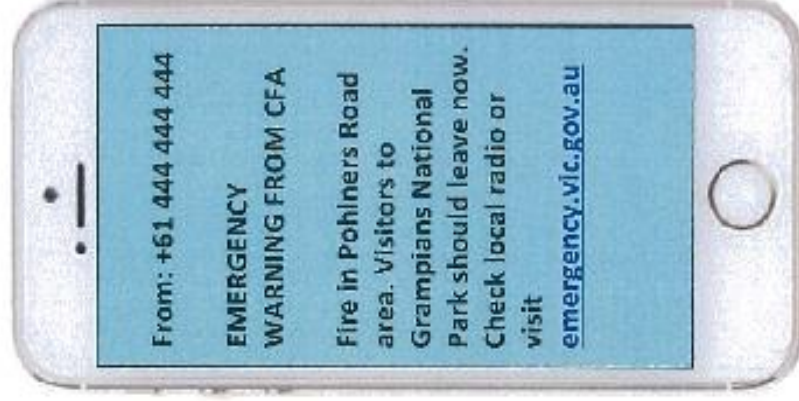
The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:

- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number:
+61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert



Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.

If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it's in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning.

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the **FireReady** app
- Go to [facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic)
- Follow [@CFA_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates) on Twitter

