



LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL: PAMELA HEANE

Dear Parents and Families,

The Big Question for Term One was "How can I be the best version of me?" where the students have learnt about themselves, healthy lifestyles, and social and emotional development. In Term 2, our Big Question will centre around our local environment. **"How can I show pride in Little River and surrounds: past, present and future"**

We thank all members of the community who collected Earn and Learn vouchers. Safeway have now provided the school with all sorts of fun goodies that the staff were able to choose for their classrooms.

NAPLAN

All Grade 3 and Grade 5 students will undertake NAPLAN testing on May 10th 11th and 12th, unless exempted by their parents. Any catch up tests will be held on May 13th. If you do not want your child to take part please contact me over the next few weeks.

There have been a number of parents distressed over drivers not observing the 40 zones around the school, driving while on hand held mobile phones or taking off too quickly without the safety of children in mind. PLEASE DRIVE WITH GREAT CAUTION ON THE STREETS SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. CHILDREN DO NOT ALWAYS POSSESS THE ABILITY OR CONCENTRATION TO ENSURE THEIR OWN SAFETY. STUDENTS' ROAD-CROSSING BEHAVIOUR IS OFTEN UNRELIABLE AND UNPREDICTABLE. AS THE ADULTS, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP ALL CHILDREN SAFE.

I wish to remind all parents that they do not need to wait for an Open Day or a special event or an invitation to observe classes at work. Parents are very welcome to come and observe classes. You only need to make an appointment (to ensure someone is available to escort you around the school) at a mutually convenient time. The teachers at LRPS are skilled practitioners and are experienced in having guests, peers, visitors from other schools and parents observing their practice.

Last Friday, our School Captains, Reid and Carli, attended the ANZAC COMMEMORATION at Johnston Park. They were outstanding ambassadors and represented LRPS with confidence, poise, respect and good grace. Indeed, fine representatives of all our students!

COUNTRY FAIR LUCKY DIPS

There are a few lucky dips from the Country Fair available for sale. Only \$1.00. Our School Captains will go around to the classrooms to sell these.

Kind Regards, Pamela Heane



School Awards

We would like to congratulate and celebrate the success of the following students who received Learners of the Week Awards over the last few weeks.

Week Ending 24/3/16

Prep	Holly
Grade 1	Blake
Grade 2	William
Grade 3	Nathan & Zac
Grade 4	Harley
Grade 5/6C	Norrick
Grade 5/6M	Will

Mathlete of the week

Angus (Grade 3), Hannah (Grade 4),
Archie (Grade P)

Indonesian Award

Felix (Grade 1), Nathan (Grade 3)

PE Award

Mackenzie (Grade 4)

After School Care Award

Brodie (Grade 3), Isabella (Grade 4)
Aiden (Grade 5/6C)

Week Ending 15/4/16

Prep	Joel
Grade 1	No Award this week
Grade 2	Issac & William
Grade 3	Stephanie
Grade 4	Tye
Grade 5/6C	Rhyland
Grade 5/6M	Summer

Mathlete of the week

Nicholas (Grade 5/6M), Angus (Grade 3),
Ned (Grade 3)

Indonesian Award

Stephanie (Grade 3)

PE Award

Chloe (Grade 4), Blake (Prep),
Scarlett (Grade 3), Oscar (Grade 3),
Mitchell (Grade 1)

Week Ending 22/4/16

Prep	Annalyse
Grade 1	Brodie
Grade 2	Ben
Grade 3	Leah
Grade 4	Blake
Grade 5/6C	Carli
Grade 5/6M	Jacob

Mathlete of the week

Nicholas (Grade 5/6M), Mackenzie (Grade 4)

Indonesian Award

Carl (Grade 1)

After School Care

Maisie (Grade 1)

Woolworths Earn and Learn

A great big thank you to all our families who helped us collect Woolworths Earn & Learn points last year. Here are just some of the awesome things we were able to buy with the points for the classrooms and playground



A visit to our sister school – Sunrise School Bali

At last! We have been able to make a visit to our sister school in Bali. On March 23rd 2016 Pak Ridgeway organised a visit to Sunrise School Bali. We were warmly welcomed by Ms Susi early in the morning while the sounds of wildlife were echoing through the thick school gardens. Children were gathering in the 'Bale', an undercover area where the whole school can gather.

Little River PS was very delighted to donate to their school an entire set of On-Track Readers to help Pre-school students learn English. We also donated a number of new Pre-teen novels for their students to enjoy.

At Sunrise School students learn in English and call teachers by their first name. Instead of students calling me 'Pak Ridgeway' they called me 'Mr Jerome'.



Pak Ridgeway handing our donated books to Ms Susi.



I was able to have an entire tour of Sunrise School and see all of the learning that students were engaging in. One class had spent time designing and building their own board game. Here on the left is just one of the wonderful board games.

While sipping on a coconut and talking with the Sunrise teachers something struck my attention. The school bell – it was not a bell, but a gong! Some students have the job of 'banging the gong' to signal break times!



It is my great pleasure to announce that we were successful at organising Pen Pal relationships between our Grade 5/6 students and Sunrise School students. During Term 2 we will strengthen our school relationships when our students regularly communicate with Sunrise School students.

In preparation for my visit to Sunrise School, Little River PS created a 5 minute video. This video introduces our township of Little River and takes viewers on a tour through our school. Rhyland, Hannah and Mackenzie were able to add a strong element of humour to the video. When the video was shown to Sunrise School, the students were absolutely enthralled! It was a massive hit! Sunrise school loved the 'inside' joke contained in the video. Sunrise school has a circular symbol as their school logo and our video pictures Mackenzie encountering their school logo!



Sampai jumpa! Pak Ridgeway

Presents:

Bringing Up Great Kids

A fun, interactive six week program for parents of children aged 12 months to 12 yrs which focuses on mindfulness and reflection

“Mindfulness is the awareness that comes from paying attention on purpose, being in the present moment”.

Parents will gain a greater understanding of their own parenting styles and how these styles influence their children’s behaviour.

The program is divided into six chapters each focussing on particular themes.

- Messages from your past
- Brain development
- Giving and receiving messages
- Messages behind children’s behaviour
- Caring for yourself
- Passing on messages



Beginning
Wednesday 27th April

Time
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Location
Rollins Primary School
Wolseley Grove, Bell Post Hill

For Bookings and more information please
contact the Regional Parenting Service

Phone
5272 4817

Free childcare available on site.

Bringing up Great Kids is a parenting program devised by the Australian Childhood Foundation, which aims to promote positive parent/child relationships.