



LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Families,

WORKING BEE with BUNNINGS CAN YOU HELP?

Wednesday (TOMORROW) at about 1pm Bunnings are coming to assist the school to beautify the Enchanted Garden.

There will be some student helpers but we also need as many adults as possible. If you have an hour or two to spare please join the merry crew improving the school grounds for our students.

A newspaper photographer will also be in attendance.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for the **Little River Primary School Council**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the office today and
must be lodged by TUESDAY 23rd February at 4 pm.

You can nominate a candidate or a candidate may self-nominate.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at school (Thursday 25th February).

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

“Parent Member” positions are from Feb 2016 until Feb 2018.
Nominations of currently-serving School Councillors are also welcome.
There are 4 Parent Member positions available



**Please be mindful of our children with allergies to peanuts.
Please do not send peanut muesli bars or peanut butter sandwiches to school. We want to keep all our children safe.**

Date for the Diary Monday April 11th PUPIL FREE DAY

No students required at school.

Teachers will be meeting at Highton Primary School for Professional Learning Day with colleagues from other schools.

Kind Regards, Pamela Heane

Welcome Mrs Light to Little River Primary School



I'm really pleased to have joined the great community here at Little River and wanted to share a little bit about myself. I've been teaching for the last 6 years in Melton; before that I taught in Point Cook and Port Fairy (and was lucky enough to

hear the ocean from my lounge room!). I live with my husband, Gary, and our 2 beautiful cats, Lucy and Eliot and 3 unnamed chooks who do a wonderful job of keeping us supplied with delicious eggs!

My favourite things to do outside of school are running, travelling and crafty things although there never seem to be enough hours in the day to fit it all in. Thanks so much to everyone for the warm welcome - looking forward to getting to know more of you throughout the year!

Country Cooking Stall

Calling form donations of the following items

Clean glass jars with lids

Tomatoes Red and Green

Berries (raspberries, strawberries, blueberries)

Apricots

Plums

Apples

Onions

Zucchini

Lemons

Grapefruit

Oranges

Nectarines

We have started cooking so any donations would be wonderful. To give you an idea on the amount we go through I usually use 30kg of tomatoes for the chutney, 30kgs for the relish and 30-40kg for the sauce 20kg for the tomato kasaundi.

Any willing cooks just contact the office we have stacks of recipes and will do demonstrations too.

Jo Hamilton

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is an annual payment to the school, to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursions for the benefit of eligible students. **Primary School students received \$125.00 per year.** If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the CSEF.

Your card must be valid on or before the 27th January 2016. **The applications must be submitted to the office by 29th February 2016.** Please contact the School Office for application form and further information

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 26th February 2015. Please note the school must verify the distance. If you are on a bus route you cannot claim conveyance allowance.

2015 Flour and Sugar Drive



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

With the produce stall we used over 30kgs of sugar making 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 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.

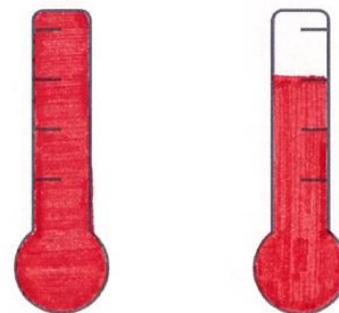
(No black labels, Coles or Woolworth Brands please.)

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

PLEASE DONATE NOW

Flour – 15-20 Kgs

Sugar – 40kgs



Thank you for helping us make the fair the best fair that we have ever had.

Thank you to all families for the donations of flour and sugar. A huge thank you to Barwon Foods and the Little River Pub for donating 30kg sugar and 24kg of flour.



LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHEDULE 4 Notice of Election and call for Nominations 2016

An Election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Little River Primary School.

School Council provides parents the opportunity to contribute important viewpoints that help shape the school.

Parent information is in the newsletter and nomination forms are available in the office now and must be lodged by

TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY by 4pm

The Ballot (if required) will close on March 15th.

Following the close of Nominations a list will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Term of office	Number of positions
PARENT MEMBER	From the day after the date of the declaration of the pole in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018	4
Closing date for nominations	TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 4 pm	
Date by which the list of candidates and nominations will be posted	Thursday 25th February	
If required Ballot closes	Tuesday March 15th	

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and a call for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Pamela Heane
Principal
16th Feb 2016

Little River Primary School

School Council Election 2016 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.