



# LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL: PAMELA HEANE  
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT: TANYA FENTON

Dear Parents and Families,  
Welcome to the 2017 School Year.

I look forward to a wonderful year of learning at LRPS. Congratulations to parents and carers for having the students look so well presented in their uniforms and for having their children ready and eager to be at school. Students and classrooms are beautifully settled and working co-operatively already.

Many thanks to Ray Oaff and Daryl Hedt who did a wonderful job getting the grounds ready for the students' return.

Kind Regards,  
Pamela Heane.

## ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME

Did you know that children who are late to school miss out on valuable learning and disturb the classroom routine and the learning of the other students? Therefore, please ensure that your children are at school and ready to learn by 9:00 every morning. Classroom doors will be closed at 9:00 (with exception of the Prep classroom for the first few weeks). If you arrive after this time, please report to the office so that your child can be escorted to the classroom without disruption to the teaching and learning of the other students. If your child is in the HUB they will sign themselves in with the Hub's late book.

Thank you for your cooperation

## EXCITING STAFF NEWS

Our baby boy has arrived.  
Meet Preston Neil Hedgcock,  
6.4 pounds and 51cm long.

Our little family is doing well  
and I'm looking forward  
to you all meeting him.

Jacquie Casey and Daniel



## 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 or the school office for \$12.00.



## NEWSLETTERS 2017

We are always trying to provide the most and up to date information on the happenings around the school, whether it is through the newsletter, facebook or diaries. This year we will have the Planner with the current dates available and the newsletter on a fortnightly basis (usually on a Wednesday).

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day is this term on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Photo Day envelopes will be coming home soon. If you are wishing to have siblings photographed together please collect a family envelope from the office later this week. Likewise we have spare envelopes for families wishing to have 2 copies of the photos.



## PARENT HELPERS 2017

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 later this week.

This is a way we can use the collective expertise of our community to assist all.

## DISTRICT SWIMMING

Any student wishing to represent the school at the Division Swimming Championships at Kardinia Aquatic Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, should provide Mr Morley with their time and stroke over 50m no later than the Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kind Regards  
Mr Morley

<b>LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2017 STAFF</b>	
<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Mrs Pamela Heane
<b>TEACHERS STAFF</b>	
Foundation (Prep)	Ms Allyson McKinlay
Grade 1/2 A	Mr Luke Madden
Grade 1/2 B	Mrs Kate Mitchell
Grade 3/4	Mr Steven Skinner
Grade 4/5	Mrs Gill Light (Leading Teacher)
Grade 5/6M	Mrs Kat Maslen
Classroom Support F-3	Mrs Judy Hall
Indonesian	Pak Jerome Ridgeway
PE, BluEarth, Sport, 4-6 Classroom Support	Mr Kieran Morley
Visual Arts & Literacy Intervention	Mrs Carlee Harding
<b>OFFICE STAFF</b>	
Business Manager	Mrs Sue Excell
Office Administration	Mrs Cherie Newcombe (on leave)
Finance	Mrs Lyn Egberts
Office Assistant	Ms Tracey Winslett
Office Assistant	Ms Liz Budahazy
<b>CLASSROOM SUPPORT</b>	
Education Support	Mrs Christine Seri
Education Support	Mrs Donna Purdy
Education Support	Ms Sharon Wilson
Education Support	Ms Coral Caruana
Technical ICT support	Mr Allan Summerfield
<b>Out of School Hours Care</b>	Ms Jorja Barrett and
<b>Chaplain</b>	Mrs Ronnie Douglas



**Mrs Kate Mitchell - Grade 1/2B**



**Mrs Sharon Wilson – Education Support**

## THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS IN 2017



**Mr Luke Madden - Grade 1/2A**



**Mrs Coral Caruana – Education Support**

## 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.

Applications must be submitted to the school by 27th February 2017. Please note the school must verify the distance. If you are on a bus route you cannot claim conveyance allowance.

## School Accounts



Did you know to assist in your budgeting for school expenses you can arrange to deposit funds which you can pay into weekly, fortnightly, monthly to assist with excursions, camps etc. If you would like more

information please see the office.

## School Direct Deposit Details

Families wishing to pay for book packs, fees, after school care and excursions by direct deposit to the school please use the details below.

**Please note our NEW bank details.**

**Account: Bank Australia  
BSB – 313 140 Acct No – 12090483**

Once the payment has been made, we ask you to email the school with the details 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.

## CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS Fund (CSEF)

The 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 2017. **The applications must be submitted to the office by 28th February 2017.** Please contact the School Office for an application and further information

## Student Banking

Our weekly student banking will begin next week on Monday (February 6<sup>th</sup>).

Information on student banking will be sent home to new students later this week.

With a new year brings new rewards - if any students would like to see the exciting new rewards please drop into the office.



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

### 2017 BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

Bookings are now being taken for both before and after school care.

If you had a permanent booking last year please contact the office to set up your 2017 bookings.

#### Before School Care Hours

7.00 am to 8.45am (\$9.00 per session)

#### After School Care Hours

3.30pm to 6.30pm (\$18.00 per session)



#### Before School Care

If you need before school care please make sure you book in before the day, by contacting the office.

#### After School Care

If you are requiring a permanent booking please see the office, even if you have a booking from last year.

Casual bookings for after school care can be done at any time through the office but please note that with an increase in families again this year that spots will fill very fast.

## HOT DOGS



**Hot Dogs will be starting on FRIDAY February 17<sup>th</sup>.** 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. **Duty involves issuing drinks and tickets to the classrooms and serving hot dogs to the children. Start time is 11.45am to 1.00pm.**

(Children look forward to seeing their parents helping at the school). *If you are able to assist with Hot Dog duty can you please see the office so we can start formulating our roster.*

## P & F NEWS

P&F meeting next Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm in the hall. ALL WELCOME

**SECONDHAND UNIFORMS** will be available for purchase on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> after assembly.

## COUNTRY FAIR NEWS

SUNDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> 10 - 3.00pm

### Preserves – Jams – Chutney

Calling all those preserve makers who would be interested in helping make preserves over the next few months.

Whatever your speciality, we would love to have any contributions. Jars with lids can be provided, all you have to do is fill and return them. Also any **donations** of fruit, sugars etc. would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested, please contact Jo Hamilton or email

[tracey.winslett.t@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tracey.winslett.t@edumail.vic.gov.au) .

### Sponsorship / Donations

Do you run a business or know someone who might be interested in sponsoring or donating to our Fair, then please contact us!

- Be a major sponsor;
- Sponsor a stall
- Provide items for raffle prizes or for the auction.

For more information please contact the office.

### Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the following:

- \* Baby Photo Competition

The roster for helpers on the day will be sent home soon. A copy of the roster is available at the office if you wish to call in and add your name. Our Fair cannot run smoothly without your help.

## White Elephant Stall

If you are having a clean-up and can assist with items please bring them in.

We are collecting items such as: DVDs, books, magazines, games, clothes, household items, toys, sports gear, bric a brac, etc. **Electrical items if they have been tested and tagged.**

Items are being stored in the COLA and can be dropped off at the office at your convenience. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to Samantha Reynolds or Tracey Winslett.

**LITTLE RIVER  
COUNTRY  
FAIR**

**Sunday 19th March 2017  
10.00am-3.00pm**

Auctions  
Open Air Market  
White Elephant  
All Day B.B.Q (Little River Lions Club)  
Devonshire Tea  
Animal Farm  
Games & Competitions  
Jams & Produce  
Bagpipes  
Dancing  
Face Painting

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