



LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWSFLASH!!

This afternoon Michelle Deminey's lucky key unlocked the Acer tablet. Congratulations Michelle on winning the tablet!



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Term 2. It is always a great learning term and we are so fortunate to be in a beautiful school where staff care for the wellbeing of all students. While walking around grades yesterday and today I have seen the focused learning happening in all classrooms. Students are settled and happy at their learning after their term 1 break. I do hope students remembered to read every day over the holidays.

At Little River Primary School we believe that student success is dependent on good attendance at school. Students need to attend regularly in order to participate fully and gain maximum benefit from their schooling. Regular attendance enables students to access a full education, allowing them to reach their potential. Students with poor attendance patterns in primary school usually have poor patterns in secondary school and often disengage from school. Poor attendance also makes it difficult for students to form positive and ongoing relationships with their peers.

[There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement in later life.](#)

Little River Primary School's absence data shows that students at LRPS, have more absence days than the State Average of primary school children. Please assist the school to turn this data around and to improve the 'Life Opportunities' for your children by ensuring that days off are not taken when unnecessary.

Pamela Heane
Principal

Dates to Remember

Please remember to check the planner each week for upcoming dates to remember, activities and deadlines. The planner is distributed weekly via email and available in hardcopy from the Office – pop a copy on your fridge!

PUPIL FREE DAY TUESDAY 24TH APRIL

Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school. Little River Primary Schools second Student Free Day will be **TUESDAY 24TH APRIL**. If you need childcare for that day please contact **Camp Australia** on 1300 105 343 to see if a Pupil Free Day program is being run on the day.

ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL

Next **WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL** is the ANZAC Day public holiday. Students do not attend school on this day.

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS 2018

We are still collecting vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools program – these photos show *some* of the bags of vouchers we have processed! You can drop your vouchers in to the Office until **FRIDAY 11th MAY**. The more we collect, the more sports gear we will receive! You can speak with Mr Madden for further information on the Sports for Schools program.



STUDENT BANKING

Don't forget to hand your Student Bank Book in to the office on **every Monday morning**.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



KARATE LESSONS

The Little River Karate Club operates from the Little River Mechanics Hall on Tuesdays. Please contact Tyrone Johnston on 0402 593 393 for further information.

BAKERS DELIGHT LARA

We thank Bakers Delight Lara for supporting our Friday Hotdog lunches.

LITTLE RIVER LANDCARE GROUP

The group is planning to hold a planting day in the station carpark on Sunday 22nd April, starting at 11am. The aim is to remove the weeds between the platform and the carpark access road and replace them with native plants. Thanks to Jennie's efforts, the area closest to the station building is already planted with native plants. We will continue to progress with the eventual aim of having native plants along the whole length of the platform. All welcome – bring digging implements!

The next general meeting is on 1st May, 7.30 pm in the Mechanics Institute Hall in Little River. More details and an agenda will follow, but it's all happening - protect and restore the river system, tiger pear, serrated tussock mapping and more!



LRPS VALUES:

RESPECT – having considerate regard for self, others and property

RESPONSIBILITY – being accountable for your actions and words

UNDERSTANDING AND INCLUSIVITY – having empathy for the abilities of others and ensuring support and friendliness to all

HIGH EXPECTATIONS – believing that excellence is possible for every person at LRPS