Dear Parents and Families,

the students at Little River Primary School are to be congratulated for the excellent manner in which they led and participated in the Remembrance Ceremony on Friday.

Our School Captains, Reid, Carli, Nicholas and Casey, capably assisted by Will, facilitated the program flawlessly. To begin the ceremony, the assembled parents and families, guests and students were treated to a violin rendition by Grace. The choir, ably led by Gina, sang beautifully. Chloe L read The Ode (taken from Lawrence Binyon’s poem *For the Fallen*) and Ned and Oscar together read *For the Fallen* by John McCrae. Rhyland ensured the flag was at half-mast to begin the day and that during the Rouse he and Will raised the flag. Cara and Blake K laid the wreath with respect and dignity.

All present were very touched by the students’ skill, confidence and respect both as leaders and as participants.

Thank you to P&F and to other parents who provided morning tea for our guests.

Thank you also goes to the Lara RSL who supported our students by attending the ceremony at Little River Primary even though there was also a ceremony being held at the Lara RSL.
OUR CHAPLAIN RONNIE
As some will already be aware Ronnie fell at school on Friday. Ronnie had surgery to her hand and is home now resting comfortably. Special thanks to the first aide assistance given by staff, parents and grandparents who were here.

A CHALLENGE FOR OUR TEACHERS
At present LRPS is experiencing a huge number of students arriving late for school. This not only impacts on the learning of those children regularly arriving late, it is also impacting on the learning and smooth teaching for all other children in the classroom. Each time a child enters the classroom late another disruption is experienced. Needless to say there are many valid reasons for lateness and these are understood, but your help in reducing and removing any late arrivals for non-important issues would be greatly appreciated.

In line with this thought, perhaps beginning the school day at 9:15am could be a helpful solution. If the school day began at 9:15 and we still ended the day at 3:30, there would need to be a reduction of playtime by 15 minutes. Five hours of tuition is required each school day (except final days of term). You are welcome to let us know your thoughts on this matter.

Kind Regards, Pamela Heane

2017 BOOKLISTS
The book lists for 2017 have been prepared and endorsed by school council and will be handed out to students tomorrow. Once again, office staff have worked to get best prices for parents through the quoting process. We have also managed to gain favourable school prices on subscriptions for students to access Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Literacy Planet and the HeraldSun online kids news (programs will differ depending on the grade level of the students). These software programs compliment the classroom tuition provided at school by giving the students the opportunity to consolidate and practice their learning at home. This can be considered homework in literacy, numeracy and current affairs. If you have any queries regarding the booklists please call into the office.

Parents and Friends
Christmas Raffle
Parents and Friends are again this year running a Christmas Raffle at the end of year BBQ/Graduation. Parents and Friends are taking donations towards the Christmas Hamper. Items can be a decoration, non-perishable food items or any item Christmas themed. Donations can be dropped into the office.

Thank you

Parent Helpers Needed For Senior Citizens Luncheon

Junior School Council is looking for volunteers to help with this year’s Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. This year it will be held on Thursday 8th December.

We are looking for people to help prepare the food and also to help serving and cleaning on the day. (Any help would be greatly appreciated). If you are able to help please fill in the form below and return it to school by 21st November so that the organisation can begin.

Thank you
Steve Skinner and the Junior School Council

Senior Citizens Luncheon - Thursday 8th December

Name________________________________________

I can help with lunch on Thursday December 8 by:

Cooking [ ] Serving & Cleaning [ ]

Please tick preferred task