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## Term 2 – Week 3

### Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all families and the entire community for their support and patience around our school's COVID 19 current state. We have had a significant number of staff and students who have contracted the virus. Everyone thankfully seems fine but in the short term, we have had to employ short term staff. Hopefully in a few weeks we will be back to our full staff.

With borders opening and the arrival of colder weather, cases of influenza (the flu) are increasing throughout Victoria. Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season.

#### **What to do if your child gets sick**

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- take a COVID-19 test and follow the current [Department of Health isolation requirements](#) if a positive result is shown
- keep your child at home until their symptoms pass
- common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired
- diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab
- encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

#### **Professional Practice Day**

On **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** our school is having our term's Professional Practice Day. The Department have mandated that this is a **pupil free day**. There will be no Camp Australia care available. We thank all families for their support of this day.

#### **Flinders District Cross Country**

Last Friday we had students represent our school and themselves at the next level cross country. All students involved ran brilliantly through the forest of Teesdale. It was also very cold but that didn't seem to slow them down. A standout performance was that by Seb F who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in his race and will certainly be going through to the next round held in Geelong. Once our school is notified of other runners going through to the next round we will pass this on. Congratulations to all involved.



#### **NAPLAN 2022**

All Year 3 and 5 students participated in this year's NAPLAN testing. For the first time ever at Little River PS our students participated in the online version. I would like to already congratulate our Year 3's and 5's on how they approached the assessment and tried their best. This year's results should be made available much earlier than before before of the online platform. All parents will receive results as soon as they're posted.

## 2022 COUNTRY FAIR – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Our tentative date for this years' COUNTRY FAIR is Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2022. This is week 3 in term 4. If you would like to be involved in the planning or just to lend a hand for an activity, please contact either myself or Tracey Winslett in the administration office. **Our Fair cannot run without your assistance!!**



**If you would like to put forward some new ideas, please come to the next Country Fair Meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm in the Staffroom. All Welcome!**

## **ENROLMENT TIME FOR**

**2023**

## **PREP/ FOUNDATION STUDENTS**

*Contact our school office for details*



## National Walk Safely to School Day

Now in its 23rd year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

The event will be held throughout Australia on Friday 20 May 2022. Our school, like many others, will promote the event and every child that walks 'any distance' to school will receive a walk to school 'sticker'.

### **Friday Assembly – outside only**

Tomorrow's assembly is planned for outside. We are not having them inside the gym at the moment due to our rise in Covid results. If the weather is inclement, we will cancel our assembly. Please feel free to contact the school if you're not sure if it's on or not!

### **Happy Birthday to these Students for their Birthday's in the month of: May**

Happy, happy birthday to Adam P, Marley W, Ryan M, Shanni P, Lachlan D, Amber C, Lilly B, Mila B, Dom B, Lucas D, Angus C, Wynn V, Locky W, Jack T and Charlotte O.

We hope you can enjoy your family during this special time. From everyone in the Little River community –  
*Happy Birthday to you.*



Thank you  
Gavin Nelson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Nelson".

**Principal**

# EXCITING NEWS

## Teeth on Wheels are visiting next Term



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## Free Parent Webinar: Gaming & Young People

Did you know? Adolescents have an average spend of **\$50 a month on in-game purchases.** (RockLoff et al. 2020)

**Bethany Community Support** invites all Great South Coast and Barwon parents to attend this **FREE** online information session.

This session will cover:

- Understanding gaming
- The connection between gaming and gambling
- In game purchasing
- Setting boundaries with your child
- Top tips for parents
- Access to free resources



Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Time: 12:30pm – 1:15pm

Link to register or QR code:

<https://bit.ly/3vrz7Lu>



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