



Term 3 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you enjoyed some relaxing and special family time during the school holidays. It is hard to believe that half of the year has flown by already! We look forward to another productive Term at Little River PS with many learning opportunities planned for all of our students.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

The Victorian Government is providing up to three further deliveries of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in Term 3 and again in Term 4 to schools. These should be distributed by schools for use by staff and students who are symptomatic or who are household contacts. Little River PS will be handing out Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) tomorrow afternoon for the children to bring home. If you do not require another RAT box this round, kindly advise the office by 8.00am tomorrow morning.

Term 3 Curriculum Days

A reminder to all of our families that this term we have a curriculum day on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8**. There will be no students at school on this day and Camp Australia will not be available.

Student Led Conferences

We will be holding student led conferences on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**. Details of this will be revealed mid term but for those who have not been involved in student led conferences before, they are a pupil free day other than when you bring your child or children to their allocated timeslot (booking information will be sent out mid Term 3). Afterwards you will leave i.e.: not stay! Attendance is marked as students are involved in their conference.

2023 Enrolments

Just another reminder that if you intend on enrolling students at Little River Primary School for next year, to please do so as soon as possible. Although it is only the middle of the year, we are already planning our staffing profile and learning spaces for 2023, and the sooner we know anticipated numbers, the easier the process becomes. Also, if you intend on leaving our school, except our Year 6 students, can you please notify the administration office as soon as possible.

NAIDOC Week

National NAIDOC Week celebrations were held across Australia in the first week of July (Sunday to Sunday last week), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Our students will continue to participate in learning opportunities acknowledging NAIDOC week and the cultures that are represented. The NAIDOC Week theme for 2022 is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! It encourages all of us to champion and drive institutional, structural, and collaborative change while also acknowledging and celebrating those who for generations have driven positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

Breakfast Club – Term 3

Our School Captains and House Captains have worked hard this week to further promote our Friday Breakfast Club. With more posters and reminders going to classes we hope to see more students enjoying some breakfast with us Friday morning from 8:15am onwards on the basketball court.



Since 2016 the Breakfast Club Program has grown and expanded, supporting over 1000 Victorian Government primary, secondary, P-12 and specialist schools to deliver the School Breakfast Club Program to students.

Foodbank Victoria's role is to source and deliver a range of ambient and fresh food to schools, enabling all students to access nutritious food during the school day. By accessing additional food at school, students can learn with a full stomach and get the most out of their education.

Research shows that a child's ability to concentrate in class, self-regulate and learn is negatively impacted if they are hungry. Those who do not eat breakfast at home may also miss out on lunch and healthy food during the school day and school holidays.

For those students who may need extra support, Lunches and Home Food Packs are also offered as part of the program. Students can access ready to eat lunch meals through school staff. Home Food Packs are also available to support students throughout the school term and during the school holidays.

Newsletter dates for this term – these will be THURSDAYS

July 14th
July 28th
August 11th
August 25th
September 8th

School Assembly dates

We aim to organise and run assembly each Friday this term except in the last week due to the early finish. They will always start at 3pm and more than likely conclude around 3:20pm which gives all students and staff time to pack up and be organised for the following week. The dates are as follows for your convenience.

- Friday, July 15th
- Friday, July 22nd
- Friday, July 29th
- Friday, August 5th
- Friday, August 12th
- Friday, August 19th
- Friday, August 26th
- Friday, September 2nd
- Friday, September 9th
- Friday, September 16th – NO ASSEMBLY – EARLY FINISH FOR TERM BREAK

Camp - Reminders

Grade 3/4 Campaspe Downs Camp - Wednesday 31st August to Friday 2nd September

Wednesday, 27th July – Medical & Permission Forms and payment 1 due by 4.00pm

Friday, 24th August – Final payment due by 4.00pm

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Urban Camp – Tuesday 4th October to Friday 7th October

Friday, 15th July – Intention to Attend Note and Deposit due back by 4.00pm

Note from Chaplain – Emily Krivan

Hi everyone! If we haven't met, I'm Emily, the school chaplain. It's now my third term at LRPS and I have loved getting to know the school community over this time. My work hours this term are Wednesdays from 11am – 3pm and Fridays from 8.30am – 3.30pm. During these hours I'm available to provide support to students, staff, and families. If you wish to contact me for any reason, you can email me at emily.krivan@education.vic.gov.au.



2022 COUNTRY FAIR – Friday 21st October

The next meeting for our Country Fair is this coming Monday, 18th July at 5:00pm.

Urgent assistance required with the following:

- ❖ **Silent Auction – Organiser required!**
- ❖ **Volunteer/Information Stall - Organiser required!**

If you would just like to lend a hand for any activity, please contact Tracey Winslett in the administration office.

Our Fair cannot run without your assistance!!

PACIFIC WERRIBEE – Thank you

The wrap up for the 6 week Shop For Your School initiative was completed on Sunday the 26th June, which our school in 10th place (See attached final leader board).

Thank you for supporting Little River Primary School by shopping at Pacific Werribee and please join me in congratulating the three top schools, winning a share in \$30,000.

LEADERBOARD	
1	Wyndham Vale Primary School
2	Cambridge Primary School
3	Westgrove Primary School
4	Stella Maris Catholic Primary School
5	Corpus Christi Primary School
6	Bellbridge Primary School
7	Truganina South Primary School
8	Iramoo Primary School
9	Warringa Park School
10	Little River Primary School
11	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
12	Garrang Wilam Primary School

Little River Lions Club

Thank you to the Little River Lions Club who have donated \$1000 to our school. These funds will be happily put towards equipment and supplies for our school. Once we have decided on the need, we will share this with our community. **Thank you to the President of the Lions Club, Nicole Green.** Your donation is most definitely appreciated by the whole school community.

Parents and Friends Meeting

A Parents and Friends (P&F) meeting has been set for **next Friday the 22nd of July at 9:15 in the gym**. Should you wish to come along and be involved in all things Little River and raising funds for our school, this is the committee to be on. If you're not sure about this committee and need more information, please ring our office and ask to speak to Gavin. There are no 'silly' question so I'm happy to be called. See you at the meeting.



BRAIN FOOD

Please remember to pack a piece of fruit or vegetable for your child's Brain Food break at 10.00am.

Tissues

We have a shortage of tissues for the children in the classrooms and would greatly appreciate any tissue donations to be handed into the school office.



BOOK FAIR – Seeking Volunteers

We will be running a Scholastic Book Fair in August and are seeking volunteers to help between 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th August. If you are able to assist, please contact Tracey Winslett via the office or email tracey.winslett@education.vic.gov.au

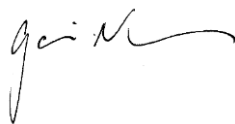
Happy Birthday to these Students for their Birthday's in the month of: July

Happy, happy birthday to Sofia F, Thomas L, Charlie B, Kaiden H, Archie F, Hunter M, Eleanor N, Ruby F, Eadie M, Murphy C, Ethan H, Kendra G, Cooper N, Brooke M and Penny M.

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



Principal



A FREE community support and education programme that focuses on supporting families and friends

FAMILIES: GET THE FACTS, DEVELOP STRATEGIES, FIND OUT WHERE TO ACCESS HELP AND SUPPORT

for more information and to register:
www.breakthroughforfamilies.com/attend
or call Family Drug Help: **1300 660 068**

Barwon Child, Youth & Family
25 Gordon Ave, Geelong West
Tuesday, 26th July, 2022
6:00—9:00pm

*(Please note: Registration is essential
23 people capacity limit)*