

Term 3 – Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, the finish line of Term 3 is in sight! Since our last newsletter, we've had another busy fortnight with multiple events happening. It was definitely a big moment for us to be farewelling our Grade 3 and 4 students as they headed off on camp last week after the false starts of the last 2 years and it was wonderful to hear how much they enjoyed their experiences at Campaspe Downs. It was also fantastic to watch their teamwork, encouragement of each other and their persistence as they tackled the different activities. A few nervous tears were quickly followed by whoops of joy and a 'I was so brave!' after conquering the giant swing. We had similar excitement as our Prep, 1 and 2 students boarded their bus for the excursion in Melbourne. So rewarding to see us again able to provide these rich experiences as part of our school program. Equally rewarding was watching our students represent our school in such a responsible manner – staff at both Campaspe Downs and at the National Gallery of Victoria commented on their manners and how engaged they were in the experiences on offer.



Student led conferences

These important conferences will be taking place next Thursday 15th September from 10am to 6pm. These conferences are a wonderful opportunity for students (with the support of their teachers) to share their learning and celebrate their successes in the classroom. Students are only required to be at school for their scheduled conference which they will attend with their parents. Bookings can be made via the Sentral parent portal.

Parent Opinion Survey

We provided details in previous newsletters and via email regarding the Parent Opinion Survey. If you haven't yet responded, we really do want to hear from you! This is an important source of information for us to support us in our planning going forward and we would appreciate your responses.

Caring for our students at pick up time

We have recently had some reports of a very small number of parents driving, parking and collecting students after school in an unsafe manner. It is up to our whole community to help keep our students safe and we would appreciate your care and consideration, particularly at this busy time of day. If you do see something that may endanger students, please let us know.

We need you – Country Fete

The conditions of the last few years have made it really hard for us to keep the volunteer connections between the school and the community that we value so much going however we're very much in need of your support and connection once again. If any families are able to offer support for our Country Fete, in whatever capacity, please contact us so that your talents can be utilised. We're looking for assistance at various stalls and, without your support, we will not be able to run our fete. Please get in touch to see how you can support our school at this event.

SW-PBS: Tokens, tokens and more tokens!

You may have heard your child come home and say 'I got a token today!' in an excited voice that makes you wonder if the token was made of gold! The token they're talking about is actually a blue, plastic circle, about the size of a 10 cent coin. It might not seem like a treasure but is given out by staff when they see students following our school wide expected behaviours, particularly those that we're focusing on at the time. We have been continuing our focus on **using manners, a kind tone of voice and listening thoughtfully to others** and there have been some wonderful examples of behaviour which staff have been recognising both in the yard and in the classrooms. Tokens are then added to a student's house tube which is brought together with those from other grades and counted up to decide which house has won our free dress reward. While it does generate excitement (which we love!), it is 'just a token' with the real win being the feeling students take with them of being recognised for putting those positive and productive behaviours out there in their interactions with others.

Grade 3/4 camp – Campaspe Downs, Kyneton

Day 1

We arrived at school around 8.30ish and we waited until 9.15 when we loaded our luggage onto the bus. We hugged our families really hard. The bus ride went for an hour and a half.

When the bus stopped we were itching to get outside when we did our jaws dropped. It was beautiful. The view of the lake was my favourite. We got to a place called headquarters, had a snack and then got ready for the walk around camp. On the way we saw 2 beautiful kangaroos, apparently their names were Kylie Jenner and Stormy.



We had lunch and were split into three groups. Group 1 and 3 did abseiling first, and Group 2 did orienteering and then we swapped.

Dinner was really good. I had spaghetti bolognese. Dessert was ice cream. After dinner we had a campfire, sang songs and told stories. We got to meet our cabin mates. The boys were in Lizard, Koala or Magpie. I was in cabin Magpie and all 14 girls were in cabin echidna.

Day 2

We woke up at 6am and went to breakfast at 6.55. We had scrambled eggs and hash browns.

Group 2 and 3 went to archery and Group 1 did the giant swing and then we swapped. The giant swing was scary at first but it was a good ride! Some people went to the top! For morning tea we had chocolate crackles.

In the afternoon Group 1 and 3 had canoeing and Group 2 had low ropes then we swapped. Canoeing was a shaky ride going around and you felt like you might tip but you didn't. We played games in the canoe, Zombie vs Humans. It was so much fun.

Dinner was chicken schnitzels and roast potatoes. It was delicious! After dinner we did Splash. At the end we threw water balloons at Sol (our camp guide)! Then we went back to our cabins and slept.



Day 3 - The Last Day

Group 1 and 3 had the challenge course. It was muddy. Group 2 had Leap of Faith. It was tormenting! Then we swapped.

Lunch was sausage rolls to go, followed by going on the bus home.

Our favourite parts were the giant swing and meeting cabin mates and spending time with them. We would recommend sending your kids to camp because it will create great memories for them!

By Ruby and Dean

Change of LRPS Banking Details

Please note below change of bank details for Little River Primary School, effective from Monday 22nd August.

*** School Bank Account Details Update ***

We wish to advise our families that as of Monday August 22nd the school will be changing its official bank account in line with new DET banking and financial services state purchase contract.

Please make sure you update the school's details on your internet banking platform

NEW DETAILS

Commonwealth bank

BSB: 063000

Account Number: 14178998

Account Name: Little River Primary School

If you should have any queries in relation to the school's new bank details please contact Cherie via email, cherie.newcombe@education.vic.gov.au

A reminder to please reference your child's surname and activity in any internet banking transactions to the school account and provide the school with details of your transfer once completed. This includes notifying the school when completing any BPAY transactions.

Learner of the Week Awards – Term 3 Week 8

Congratulations to the following students who have earned their certificate this week!

P/1L	- Mason L for his enthusiasm in taking on challenges in Maths.
P/1M	- Archie T for an amazing effort in reading – always wanting to improve and grow!
1/2L	- Eadie M for being brave and taking responsibility for her actions, Well done Eadie!
4/6K	- Ryder L for assisting the younger students during the literacy block, great job!
4/6S	- Amber Cr for a sensational biography on Stephen Hawking.
	- Joel D for your effort to focus on your learning and applying effort to be your best.
PE	- Indie B for always having a smile and a positive attitude in PE.

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

Happy, happy birthday to Owen L, Bryana B, Sophie G, Lauren B, Royce L, Jake P, Conor T, Zoe M and Max V.

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



Zoe Vs The Magpie

There was once a young witch named Zoe, who was walking through the forest. She had her potion in hand. She was in the deep dark forest and she was feeling a little scared. There was a rustle in the trees! She was worried an animal was going to jump out at her.

She saw a magpie sitting in a tree, it looked a bit suspicious. The magpie stared at Zoe and she stared back. The magpie SCREAMED!

Zoe launched back and landed in a bush.

She dropped the potion onto the ground and the magpie swooped down and snatched it.

Zoe jumped up and ran away from the magpie, forgetting all about the potion. She ran out of breath and slowed down.

She had a feeling she had forgotten something but she couldn't remember what. She sprinted back into the deep dark forest and suddenly remembered...

"MY POTION!" she cried.

She looked around the sky for the magpie.

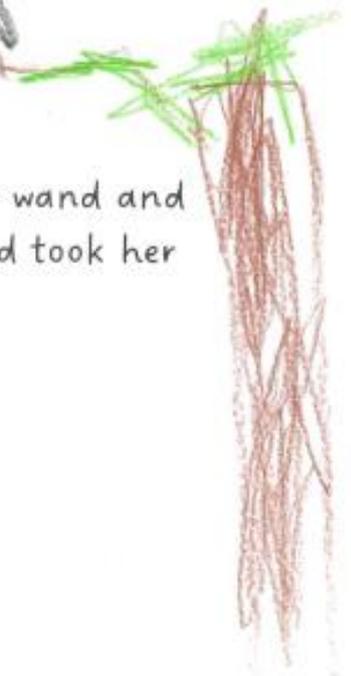
She spotted the magpie holding her potion.

Zoe swiped her wand out of her pocket and pointed it at the magpie. She cast a powerful spell to levitate the potion bottle and floated it down to her. The magpie got mad as a volcano.

It swoop, swoop, swooped to try and get the potion

again but Zoe was not going to let him get it. Zoe waved her wand and turned the magpie into a gold statue. Zoe left the forest and took her potion home.

And the magpie never swooped again.



Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hi Families,

Our veggie patch is really growing strong, the children are enjoying watering and taking care of the garden, harvesting the produce and then tasting the produce they have picked and grown in our masterchef class.

The children are keen to show off their funnybone in our tuesday night comedy club. Jorgette has organised this activity which allows the children to have a laugh and others the opportunity to create their showman skills, whether it be telling jokes or reenacting skits.

If you are looking for a holiday program for your children, Rocketeers is the program for you. There are exciting theme days as well as excursions and incursions.

The closest Rocketeer programs are Manorvale primary school and East Geelong Primary school. I will be the Commander at East Geelong Primary these holidays. If you have any queries about Rocketeers please dont hesitate to ask.

Hope to see you there!

Lauren

Activities coming up

- Comedy club tuesday
- Masterchef Wednesday
- Ukulele Jam Session

What's on the menu

- Cheese nibble plate
- Pancakes and milo wednesday
- Spaghetti thursdays

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

CHRIST CHURCH LITTLE RIVER
4 PM SUNDAY OCTOBER 2
FOLLOWED BY A BBQ

All Pets and Humans Welcome!



LITTLE RIVER
COUNTRY
FETE

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2022
3.30pm - 6.30pm

**Market, White Elephant, Devonshire tea,
Book Fair, Hot food, Karaoke,
Games + Competitions**

Stall holders accepting cash only



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