

## Term 4 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome back

This past Monday saw our whole school return to onsite learning, it was truly lovely to have all the students back at school. Thank you to our families who began dropping off their children from 8:30am till 9:00am. This staggered approach to bringing students to school completely eradicated the potential for parents to congregate – thank you.

Our expectation that children will be at school, in class by 9:00am stands and will not change. Congratulations to staff, students and families again on our staggered times to leave school. **Surnames beginning with A – K leaving at 3:15 from designated gates and then L – Z from 3:30 again from designated gates worked beautifully.** When collecting your child /children I am asking you to please follow these whole school guidelines in the best interests of safety.

If your child is attending school and is late, you must bring them to the office to be checked in. The following also applies from Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.

- Drinking fountains will be out of use, students need to bring their own water bottles
- The playground will be used and cleaned three times per day
- Students will often be learning outside, please ensure your child has a jumper and hat
- Students who have a loaned device need to return them during this week to the office
- All Little River Primary School staff will be onsite from Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### Congratulations Gill Light



The Victorian Education Excellence Awards recognises inspirational teachers, principals, business managers and education support staff for outstanding dedication and achievement in government education.

This year, 41 finalists from government schools across Victoria have been shortlisted for the 2020 awards which will be announced on Friday 20 November 2020.

It is with great pleasure and pride that we congratulate Gill Light for being in the top 3 finalists for the Outstanding Primary Teacher Award. This award recognises an effective and innovative teacher who has demonstrated excellence in teaching practice and has made a significant contribution to improving student achievement, engagement and wellbeing.

Gill endeavours to instil a genuine love of learning and sense of agency in all students at Little River Primary School. On behalf of all staff, families and our community, I wish Gill all the very best on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at the award ceremony.



## Principal Awards

The following students have been selected for a Principal Award. These students will be the first of many students who will be photographed and placed in a frame with an explanation as to why they were chosen for the Principal Award. **Congratulations to Owen, Emily, Hannah, Memphis, Holly and Harley.**



## Ronnie Douglas – School Chaplain

Ronnie, our school chaplain has continued to make herself available during this critical time for any family who would like to contact her in relation to their child's health and well – being of their own family. If you would like to contact Ronnie, please do so: [Rhonda.douglas@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Rhonda.douglas@education.vic.gov.au)

## 2021 Enrolments

### ***Leaving Little River Primary School Notice***

**We will not be attending Little River Primary School 2021**

FAMILY NAME..... CHILD/CHILDREN's NAME.....

SIGNATURE.....

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

(e.g. We are unsure at this stage but expect... We will begin the year in Feb but plan to move in ...).

**Return ONLY if this applies to your family**

## 2020 School Yearbook

As in previous years, we are happy to again offer a school yearbook this year. It has certainly been an interesting and different year and the yearbook will reflect this, looking a little different as an accurate reflection of the strangeness of 2020! All orders and payments must be returned by Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.



## Thunderstorm Asthma Season



Grass pollen season occurs between October and December. During this time there is an increased risk of seasonal asthma, hay fever and epidemic thunderstorm asthma. Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are triggered by an uncommon combination of high grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm, resulting in large numbers of people developing asthma symptoms over a short period of time.

People with a history of asthma, undiagnosed asthma or hay fever are at an increased risk of epidemic thunderstorm asthma during this time. More than ever before, this year it's important for families to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions

can produce symptoms that are similar to coronavirus (COVID-19) such as runny nose, cough or shortness of breath.

**The best way to reduce and prevent symptoms of asthma or hay fever and reduce unnecessary absences from school is to follow an up-to-date asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan.**

**If your child has asthma** please make sure your child's plan is up to date, advise the school of any changes to their action plan and make sure that a Student Health Plan has been set up to support your child.

**If your child suffers from seasonal hay fever** you should contact your GP to set up an action plan and contact the school so we can support your child with a Student Health Support Plan.

## Little River's Speed Hump!

Can I please ask all families to remind their child/children that our speed hump out the front of the school is NOT a children's crossing. Already this week I have seen too many close encounters and situations that could be avoided if our student's knew that it's not a crossing. Teachers will also remind students. Thanks in advance



## Camp Australia Awards – congratulations to the following students

**Levi H** for being a good sport even when the odds are not in his favour and respecting all.  
Great work Levi!



## \$\$\$ Talking School Finance \$\$\$



Thankyou to all families that have paid for their 2020 Bookpacks and Essential Items. If you are not returning to Little River Primary School in 2021 or moving on to secondary school can you please settle your school account prior to departure.

If you need an account balance or are having difficulty in making payment please come and see me or call at any time.

My hours of work are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Alison Levvey - Business Manager

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## Hats



It's term 4 and we all know what that means! Hats!!!!

Please ensure your child/children comes to school with a labelled hat. If students don't have one at school they will be asked to play under shaded areas only. With respect to sunscreen, students can bring sunscreen to school and leave it in their bags. They will have to apply it themselves but teachers can and will remind students on particular days.

## Learner of the Week Awards – Term 4 Week 2

**As we are not holding a pre-recorded assembly this week, it is still important to acknowledge those students who have gone above and beyond their learning for week 2 of this term.**

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

<b>Prep</b>	Harper S for asking for help in Maths when she wasn't sure what to do and working beautifully with her Maths group.
<b>1/2S</b>	Hayley A for being able to answer comprehension questions by highlighting the evidence within the text.
<b>2/3L</b>	Oscar C for a great start to Term 4 back in the classroom. Well done!
<b>3/4A</b>	Lauren B for an amazing start to Term 4 back at school! Keep it up.
<b>4/5/6L</b>	Ari V for a great start to Term 4 in the classroom, trying her hardest and focussing on her work.
<b>4/5/6 M</b>	Stevie O for her enthusiastic return to onsite learning and trying her very best!
<b>P.E.</b>	Riley R for his positive attitude towards his learning in P.E. A great start to the term!
<b>ART</b>	Holly J for creating a beautiful egg with gorgeous colour.
<b>INDONESIAN</b>	- Hunter M for trying his best to learn 'body parts' and being a respectful class member in Indonesian.

## Happy Birthday to these Students

Harper S      Dean M      Frankie D      Seb F      Fady E      Ava V      Ari V

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

Thank you – stay safe and thanks for your support during the stage 4 restrictions

Gavin Nelson

Principal