

## Term 4 – Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islander's Day Observance Committee, who view their role as to essentially increase awareness in the broader Australian community about the status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. In an effort to learn more about the theme for this year, I accessed <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>, which provided this great overview:

*Always Was. Always will Be. The 2020 National NAIDOC Week theme has been developed to shine a focus on the length of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander occupation of Australia. In our narratives Aboriginal people talk of continuous occupation of being here when time began, we are part of the Dreaming – past, present and future. Anthropologists and archaeologists have dated our sites to being hundreds of thousands years old, in fact recording some of these sites as being the oldest on this planet. Additionally, the NAIDOC theme seeks to get the community to explore and learn about, and appreciate the wealth and breadth of Indigenous Nations, languages and knowledge of this continent. Exploring and learning about Indigenous understandings of the environment, plants, animals, greater astronomy and cosmology, waters, land use and protection, Indigenous sciences and maths.*



### 2021 Prep students

Earlier this week we gave our 2021 prep parents the opportunity to join in on a Webex conversation around what next year will look like for our newest students. Specific information regarding our school, practical issues for families, school finance, emotions and behaviours and the school – parent partnership were discussed. Next week we will be able to host three separate prep transition experiences for our 27 new students.

**Session times are 9.15am to 10.00am, 11.30am-12.15pm and 1.30pm-2.15pm**

## Remembrance Day

**Remembrance Day – 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month** of each year, marks a very important day in modern global history, as it marks the time an agreement was signed to end World War One. Each year Commonwealth countries acknowledge the day to remember those who have died in the line of duty. At Little River we could not have our annual ceremony this year due to Covid-19 restrictions, but we still held a short service in each class as a sign of respect to those who have lost their lives. Our school captains held a short service which was recorded for our classes to also view. A wreath was laid at the base of the Australian flag. Well done to our captains again who keep re-inventing what it means and looks like to be a student leader in our school.

## Hot Shots

This week saw the first of four weeks of tennis coaching for our students. HOT SHOTS tennis ran our students through their paces and by all the reports, they loved it. The coaches mentioned how respectful and grateful our students were that we could have professional tennis coaches come in and assist Mrs O'Donohue with tennis lessons. Any parent interested in having their child coached at the Little River Tennis Club can register their interest by contacting Gary Rees on 0402 016 794. We are hoping to have coaching available in the New Year if there is enough interest.



## Teeth on Wheels – 9<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**Great news!**  
**Teeth On Wheels**  
**are coming to**  
**your school**



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Teeth On Wheels are a highly qualified dental team who will be coming out to our facility. They press their focus on diminishing dental anxiety by practicing pain free dental treatment. Their mobile clinics are designed to be child friendly, making a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The onsite dental clinic is able to provide all treatments listed below:

- ✔ Examination
- ✔ X-rays
- ✔ Preventative Fissure Sealants
- ✔ Scale and Clean
- ✔ Fluoride treatment
- ✔ Minor Fillings

We highly recommend signing up with this special program to ensure your child's Oral Health needs are met.

[teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform](https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform)

Please use the link above to complete our Consent eForm.



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## 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

## \$\$\$ 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

[alison.levvey@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:alison.levvey@education.vic.gov.au) (ph. 5283 1214)

### Camp Australia Awards – congratulations to the following students

Landon W for showing respect to his peers. Keep up the good work!

Evie R for always being cheerful, respecting her peers and being a great little helper!

### Oral health Kits

Next week the children will be coming home with a Colgate Bright Smile kit, which have been kindly donated by Colgate. Each kits contains a little toothbrush and paste.



## Learner of the Week Awards – Term 4 Week 6

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 6 of this term.  
Congratulations to the following students who have earned their certificate this week.

Prep	Dakota F for trying her very best with her writing – practising numbers and copying under a model
1/2S	Rose A for being able to follow the writing process to assist her with improving her first draft.
2/3L	Evie R for being kind, helpful and supportive to others in her class.
3/4A	Jack T for being an efficient and independent worker and always trying his best.
4/5/6L	Amelia J for the leadership skills she is demonstrating during Technofrogs.
4/5/6M	Seb S for being an active, enthusiastic learner this week, particularly during maths!
P.E.	Tom R for his positive attitude and enthusiasm when participating in the Hot Shots Tennis Program.
INDONESIAN	Ari V for listening attentively and taking notes when learning about the Minangkabau
ART	Teatau R for amazing efficiency when catching up after a week of absence and creating a well blended artwork with oil pastels.

### STUDENT REPORTS



We are aware that some families would/may like a second copy of their child/ren's school report. If you require a second copy please see the office and one will be organised for you.  
We are able to post or email reports to families.

### Upcoming Curriculum Day

Victorian schools have four curriculum days throughout the year, these traditionally being pupil free days.  
As it stands, our school has one of these days remaining.  
To help families plan ahead, the date are below:

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

Thank you

Gavin Nelson



Principal

# THE BIG ART & EXPRESSION COMPETITION

November 9th - 18th



Showcase your child's talents to a national audience and win big prizes!

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE:**

Apple iPad Pro 11-inch 128GB  
+ Apple Pencil (2020)



**2<sup>ND</sup>**

Wacom One 16" Creative Pen Display



**3<sup>RD</sup>**

Sphero RVR Programmable Robot



#### How to enter:

1. Download the 'All About U' template from [campaaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp](http://campaaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp)
2. Let your child run free with their expression inside the template.
3. Upload your child's artwork at [bigartcomp.com.au](http://bigartcomp.com.au)
4. Share with your friends and family. The top 3 entries with the highest votes will win a prize!

**WIN BIG PRIZES**

Open to all Camp Australia families. Register with us now, for free!

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Entries close Wednesday 18th November, 2020