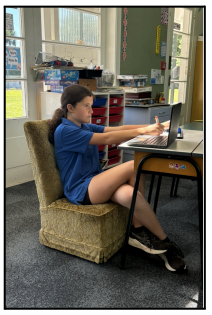
Little River School Newsletter
27.10.26







Kia Ora, Bula Vinaka, Bonjour, Kon'nichiwa and Olá
The new term has kicked off with a hiss and a roar. Term 4 is always a busy term with sporting events, Parihaka and Camps. Next week Kahikatea departs to Waipara for their three night camp. They will be experiencing kayaking or shooting air rifles, giant swing, flying fox, archery and more! We thank Ms Pannett for all her hard work in organising this and to Glen Manning, Mel Birch and Matt Rowley for volunteering to help on the camp. It is sure to be a wonderful time.

E noho e, kia raungāwari
Sit down and bide your time

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua,"
I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past

Athletics Day
Thankyou to all the whānau for their support on Athletics day with the home baking, helping at the stall and support of the tamariki. It was a really lovely day.

These tamariki have qualified for Lincoln Zones (Friday 6 November):

Niamh, Isla R, Isla S, Ollie, Sean, Elsie, Erin, Charlotte, Chanelle, Oliver M and Jasper.



Consultation
Our 'Cake and Korero" evening is postponed until Tuesday 8th November 7-8pm in the staffroom at school. This is a time for sharing together around the big question of "How can Māori achieve as Māori at LRS?" I am really looking forward to sharing this time with our Māori whānau.

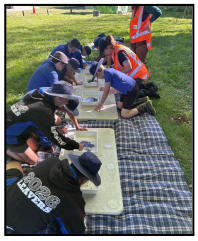


Upcoming Events
Tuesday 27-30 November: Kahikatea Camp
Tuesday 3 November: Cake and Korero - 7pm
Thursday 5 November: Parihaka Day - Okains Bay
Friday 6 November: Lincoln Zones Athletics (qualifying tamariki only)
Wednesday 11 - Thursday 12 November: Kānuka sleepover and mini camp.
Thursday 12 November: School Disco
Friday 13 November: Canterbury Anniversary Day (School closed for instruction)
Tuesday 17 November: Pet Day 1pm
Wednesday 25 November: Sport Canterbury Athletics (qualifying tamariki only)
Friday 27 November: Reports go live
Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 of December: Parent / Teacher interviews.

Kahikatea

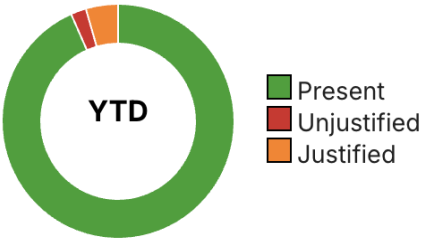
Last week, Kahikatea had a visit from the crew at Nature Agents, which is a hands-on freshwater science program. The children act as citizen scientists, collecting meaningful scientific data to track the health of the Okana River. We checked the temperature, pH level, and clarity of the water, as well as collecting samples of some willing (?) invertebrates. Using an identification flow-chart, the children were able to name the critters under their magnifying glasses. In summary, the children discovered that the health of the Okana is "pretty good, but could be better".

Excitement is building in Kahikatea as we count down to camp! We're off to the Waipara Adventure Centre for four days and three nights of outdoor adventure. Our action-packed itinerary includes kayaking, archery, the giant swing, the water slide, 'Faulty Towers', and plenty of team-building challenges.





Attendance



Year to date: 93.4%, Justified 4.5% Unjustified 2.1

Communication

Please ensure you have the SkoolLoop App installed and notifications turned on so that you receive communications in a timely manner

Kānuka

On November the 11th, we're staying the night at school for the first time in history!! We made a few ideas through brainstorming our activities for the day and night. These had to be cool, accessible for all the children (years 1-5), and be local. We're making all our own dinner (pizza and sushi are leading favourites), going for a bike ride, having a camp concert, making poi, flax weaving, art, baking, visiting the library for Mānuka Stories, having a camp fire(!!) … and Smores!! We're sleeping in sleeping bags … in tents…. in Kānuka class. (If the little kids come, 5 & 6 year olds, they need to bring a caregiver). It's going to be the best night ever!! - *by the Kānuka Yr4 & 5s*

Photos from previous tent experiences at school. This is going to be a really fun event.




Thank you!

We send our heartfelt thanks to Shaun Mitchell for the work he did making the long jump pit ready for Athletics Day. Not only did he dig it out but he also reinforced the sides making it very flash!



Thanks and enjoy the week ahead
Kealy and the Team at Little River School