Little River School Newsletter
12.11.26







Kia Ora, Bula Vinaka, Bonjour, Kon'nichiwa and Olá
It has been a very exciting last couple of weeks at Little River School. Several of our athletes attended the Lincoln Zones Athletics competition. They all acquitted themselves admirably . Special mention to Isla S (discus and shotput), Erin (discus) and Charlotte (high jump and distance) who will be competing at the Canterbury Athletics competition in a couple of weeks. Above is a photo of Charlotte sprinting past the competition to win the 800m. It was very impressive and very exciting to watch! Last week Kānuka stayed at school on an overnight camp. This was very successful and the tamariki had a blast. Massive thanks to Mrs Lopas and all the parents who made this possible.

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu
Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17 November: Pet Day 1pm
Friday 20 November: Student Council Meeting
Disco 5.30-7.30 (Club Rooms)
Wednesday 25 November: Sport Canterbury Athletics (qualifying tamariki only)
Friday 27 November: Reports go live
Monday 30 November: Mobile Library
Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 of December: Parent / Teacher interviews.
Tuesday 8 December: BOT Meeting in the staffroom
Thursday 10 December: House Challenge
Friday 11 December: Fun Man!
Tuesday 15 December: 6.30 pm Hall
Wednesday 16 December: Last Day of School for 2026
Pool Party


Kapa Haka with Cashmere High School on Thursday

General Notices

Possible 2027 Classes
At this stage we are considering Years 0-3 with Mrs Lopas and Years 4-8 with Ms Pannett. As ever, this is determined by school numbers and funding.

Whole School Gatherings
Occasionally, if there has been an incident involving a significant number of children or unknown children we may have a school gathering to discuss this. We do this in order that all tamariki are involved in the solution. Also, as you know, tamariki can get very interested in happenings that do not directly concern them! Having the whole school at the gatherings limits the inevitable whisperings and disruptions that would ensue.

School Docs
Parents, whānau and other community members can now access the school's SchoolDocs site using their email address. They'll receive a one-time code by email, which they can use to sign in. This means community members no longer need a Google account to access your school's policies. The existing Google sign-in option remains available.

Trophies
Could all 2025 trophy winners please return these to the school office this week.

Cashmere Visit

On Friday the Cashmere Kapa Haka rōpu visited. We had a lovely time with them playing games, learning Te Reo, watching and performing Kapa Haka with them. It was a really lovely time and I hope it will become a yearly event.



Transport for Trips

There have been some questions around alternatives to using parent transport for school trips. This is the costing for using a bus.

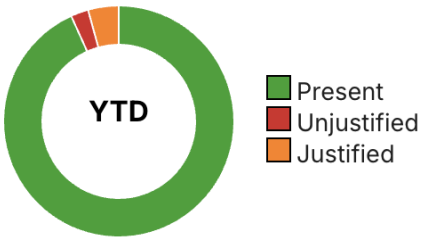
Use of a bus:
For 41 children
The prices would be
Okains Bay - $1374.25 incl GST **$33.51per Student**
Akaroa Area School - $1293.75 incl GST **$31.55 p/st**
Duvauchelle School - $1213.25 incl GST **$29.60 p/st**

Little River School Bus
For 18 or less students
The prices would be
Nga Puna Wai - $701.50 incl GST **$38.97 p/st**
Selwyn Sports Centre - $733.70 incl GST **$40.76 p/st**

This is dependent on the school bus being available at the times required and on 18 children in total.

The total cost will be divided by the number of students on the bus. If a large majority prefer this option then we can explore this option for future trips.

Attendance



Year to date: 93.2%, Justified 4.5% Unjustified 2.2%



Held at the rugby clubrooms

Communication

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

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