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## WHĀNAU BBQ - THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 5PM-7PM

### WELCOME

A huge welcome back to all our wonderful students, parents and staff. It has been fantastic to see the kids come back so excited and eager to learn. Classrooms have undergone huge transformations over the school holidays. Our electricians have been hard at work installing heat pumps. These have made a huge difference and ensured our school classrooms remain 'cool' places for learning. Also, the introduction of Walker Learning has seen classroom layouts modified in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

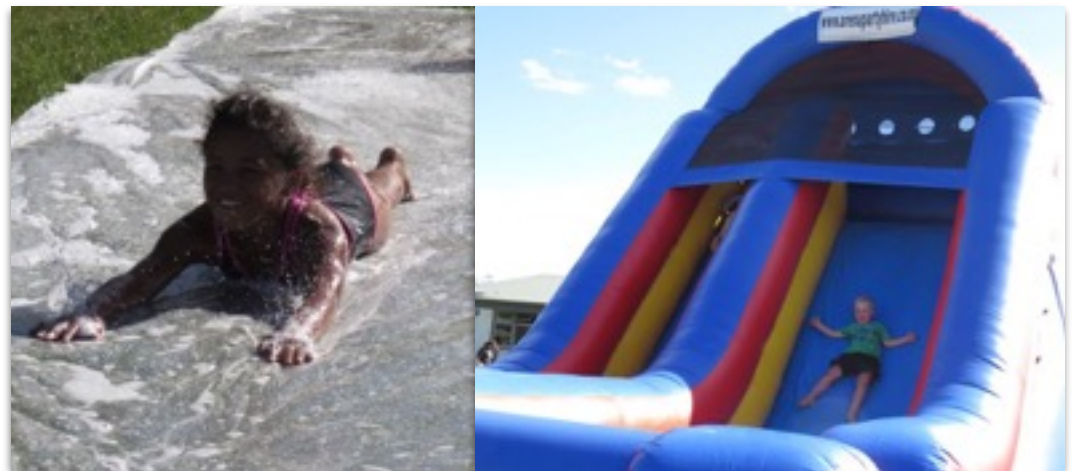
Walker Learning is based upon brain research, neuroscience, child development theory and the range of cultural and social influences from family and the wider environment. It places the child at the centre of the curriculum and teaching strategies; it ensures authentic personalised learning. The classroom environments have been designed with this in mind. Whilst a major element of Walker Learning is student engagement through the children's investigations and interests, it still requires formal, explicit teaching in literacy, numeracy and other curriculum areas. As an education academic Kathy Walker, the founder of Walker Learning, stresses the importance of ensuring a balanced curriculum of authentic student interests and engagement alongside teacher scaffolding, direction and explicit teaching. The inclusion of in-depth planning for the development of children alongside learning intentions is a major part of this curriculum and makes it unique amongst all other curriculum designs in the primary years.

If you would like more information regarding Walker Learning please feel free to ask your child's teacher or you can go online to the Early Life Foundations website - [www.earlylife.com.au/info/section/walker-learning](http://www.earlylife.com.au/info/section/walker-learning). We plan to hold a Walker Learning Information evening early this term for parents and caregivers.

### 2015 FLASHBACK - WHĀNAU BBQ

#### WHĀNAU BBQ - THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 5PM-7PM

The Whānau BBQ will be held next week, on Thursday 11th February. It will run from 5pm-7pm. Please come along and bring your dinner, maybe a couple of deck chairs and enjoy an evening of great company with entertainment for the kids. It is also a terrific opportunity to make contact with your child's classroom teacher for the 2016 school year. A sausage sizzle will also run. Sausages will cost \$2 each and lemonade ice blocks will be sold for \$1. We hope to see you all there.



#### WEET-BIX TRYATHLON 2016

The date for this year's Weet-Bix Triathlon is Thursday 24th March at Ongley Park. It is open for 7 year olds and above. If you enter as part of our school group the cost will be \$35 before the earlybird cut off date (24th Feb) and \$39 after this date. Entries close on the 1st March. Entering as a school group gives you a discount and means we can set up a gazebo as a base on the day, however, we will still be relying on parents to transport students and bikes to and from the event. There are two ways you can enter.

Approximate distances:

- **7 year olds:** 50m swim / 4km cycle / 1.5km run
- **8 – 10 year olds:** 100m swim / 4km cycle / 1.5km run
- **11 – 15 year olds:** 150 – 200m swim / 8km cycle / 1.5 km run

1. Collect a permission slip from the School Office, complete it and return it with the payment before March 1st and we will register your child for you.

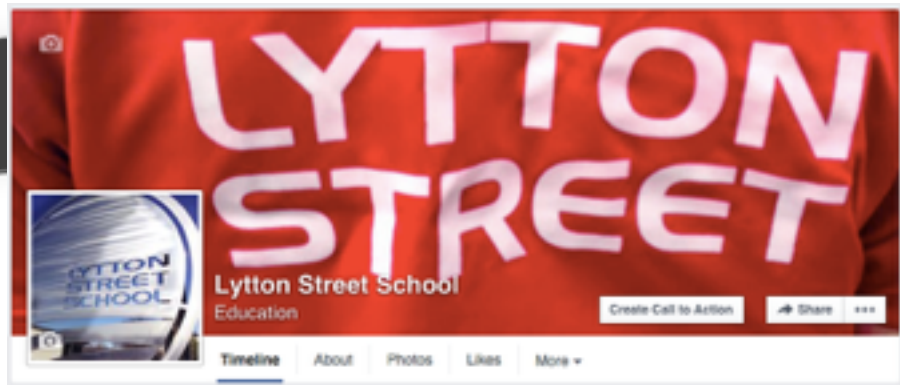
2. Register online and link to our group using our school code - LYTT1330 (preferred option).

When you register with the school group, your child's pack will be delivered to the school 3-4 days before the event.



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### YEAR 5/6 OVERNIGHT CAMP

In Week 5 this term each Year 5/6 class will be heading to Sixtus Lodge for an overnight camp. This outdoor education centre is situated 62 km from Feilding, just past Apiti at the base of the Ruahine Ranges. The following website has more information. [www.sixtuslodge.co.nz](http://www.sixtuslodge.co.nz). This will be a fantastic experience for students and a great way to bond with their teacher and peers which will benefit classroom learning throughout the year. Many thanks to our BOT who are fully funding this camp so there will be no cost to families. Permission forms and specific details will be sent out shortly.

### SPORTS UNIFORMS

Parents Association of Lytton Street (PALS) have kindly offered to put some money towards purchasing some more sports t-shirts. With our growing roll and plenty of sporting opportunities coming up this year we are giving families the option of purchasing their own Lytton Street School t-shirts to keep and use when needed. The cost is \$33 and the sizes are 8, 10, 12, 14 and L. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt for your child, please call into the office and place an order. Alternatively you can pay online and contact our office to let us know what size. The first order will be placed on Friday 12th February so if you are interested, please have your details in before this date.

### ROAD PATROL

Well done to all of our new Year 6 Road Patrollers who have started the year in fine form by being punctual and taking their role seriously. Teachers are supervising most of the crossings before and after school but we are looking for volunteers from 3pm-3:15pm who could supervise the Kea Crossing which is outside the main entrance on Lytton Street. Please contact Mr Dodunski or the Office if you are available.



### BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS

We are needing some volunteers for our breakfast club this year. This involves being at school at 8.10am and setting up a table and chairs in the hall, being in the hall while students come in and have Weet-Bix for breakfast, then a quick clean up. Please let the office know if you are available for a morning this term. It would be great to have a team of people to share in providing a good start to the day for many of our students.

### NEW TEACHERS 2016

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new classroom teachers this year. Miss Reid is in Room 6 (Year 2), Miss Southey is in Room 3 (Year 3), Mrs Jones is in Room 14 (Year 5/6), Mr Young is in Room 15 (Year 5/6) and Mr Smith is in Room 23 (Year 4). Mr Smith is also the Te Manawanui Team Leader. On behalf of the Lytton Street School community I hope you have a very enjoyable time at our school.



Miss Charlotte Reid - Room 6



Miss Tess Southey - Room 3



Mrs Carla Jones - Room 14



Mr Mike Young - Room 15



Mr Dave Smith - Room 23

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

Just a short note about our fabulous Teacher Only Day. This year, as part of our team building, the staff went down the Whanganui River on Canadian canoes. There was also the chance to perform a dance on the Bridge to Nowhere. Check out the link on our school website.

### STATIONERY

Please pay for school stationery as soon as possible. This has been an extremely smooth process and all students are now working away in their new books.

### SCHOOL HATS

School hats are now compulsory. There has been some leniency whilst they have been unavailable for purchase from the school office. Hats should be in by early next week. Thank you for your patience.

### NEW ENTRANTS - 5 YEAR OLDS

If you have any children, or know of any who are turning 5 this year it would be much appreciated if you could inform the school office. Knowing our enrolments in advance really helps us to plan effectively for the year. Thank you for your support.

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