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## SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

### WELCOME

It was great to see so many of our parents attend the talk by Nathan Wallis on Tuesday evening. Nathan is an extremely talented speaker who puts what could be complex information into a manageable format. The main thrust of Nathan's talk was around the importance that is now placed on the first 1000 days of a child's life. It is believed that the human brain is genetically and biologically designed to gather data in the first 1000 days in order to set itself up for the rest of life. This showcases the importance of the interactions a child has with its parents - face to face interactions. Nathan described the four brains that make up the human system - 1: Focuses on survival; 2: Controls Movement; 3: The Emotions and 4: The Learning Brain. It is Brain # 4 that is the most important as this enables the human aspects to form - language, Literacy, Numeracy and so on. The development of Brain # 4 occurs largely in the early stages of a child's life, hence the importance of a strong relationship with a caregiver. Of particular importance was the fact that even though Brain # 4 is the most complex it is not the boss, Brain # 1 is. A person's survival instincts will always take control of any learning situation. Hence the need for children to be calm and secure when they approach learning situations.

There were strong links to the Walker Learning approach which is being adopted here at Lytton Street School. Our focus is on raising kids to be resilient and engaged. Research has found that resilience develops between ages 3 and 7 and generally happens in a free play environment. Nathan was strong in his conviction that the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy concepts at a young age can reduce the 'free play' time of our kids and ultimately limit their development. In short, teaching concepts when kids are ready and not drumming them full of information so they are prepped for school is the key. The golden ticket - ensuring kids have a love of, and positive disposition for, learning when they start school.

Next year we have booked Nathan Wallis in at the same date to provide Session 2 of his training workshops.

### QUIZ NIGHT

Our Quiz Night is fast approaching - Saturday 19th November. We already have teams registering so get your group together and sign up at the office. It will be a terrific night with many amazing prizes on offer. A special request... It would be great if parents could donate grocery items to be part of our raffle prizes on the night. If you have some spare items please leave them with Jess at the school office. Our thanks in advance.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (BAASC)

Our current BAASC Manager, Pene Hallett, has tendered her resignation to enable her to spend more time with her family. The Board of Trustees met last night to discuss the future of BAASC. It has been decided that BAASC will be outsourced to SKIDS, an external provider with years of experience. We are extremely excited about this partnership and look forward to having them on board. The transition to SKIDS will be very smooth and not affect the day to day care of your children whatsoever. If you have any questions please feel free to come and talk with me.



Touch Rugby is now well underway. The photo above is of our Year 3/4 training with Mr Smith and Mr Symon.

### LIBRARY

The library is now closed to students. Could we please have all outstanding books returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### SCHOOL DISCO

The school disco will take place on Friday 11th November at the Feilding Intermediate School hall.



## Kia ora kia tahi, kia tahi kia ora

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## INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday 30 of our students from Year 4-6 raced in the Feilding Interschool Cross Country held at Timona Park. They battled a strong wind for over 2 km and all put in a fantastic effort in these conditions. We had some excellent results which indicates the amount of training these students have been doing. Our placings earned Lytton Street the title of Champion School for 2016. Well done all of you. Thank you to the team of Year 6 Leaders who helped with the many jobs that needed to be done to ensure the event was successful. Here are the runners who gained a top 5 placing in their race. See final results to the right.

## CHARLOTTE TURNER LEAVING

I wish to inform our parent community that Charlotte Turner is moving with her husband, Greg, to Dunedin in 2017. Greg is a surgeon and consequently gets moved around the country according to need. We are extremely disappointed to be losing Charlotte (I have voiced this to her on numerous occasions). Charlotte has been a fantastic teacher at Lytton Street. Not only is she a super classroom practitioner she has also shown herself to be a natural with Walker Learning - demonstrating innovative and creative thinking. I would like to wish Charlotte and Greg all the best with their move to Dunedin. Thank you for your expertise.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS		
Name	Race	Place
Kayley Lambert-Moore	Yr 4 Girls	1st
Kyle England (new record)	Yr 4 Boys	1st
Ofa Vao	Yr 5 Boys	1st
Aiden Curtis	Yr 4 Boys	2nd
Hayleigh Corbett	Yr 5 Girls	2nd
Jordan Kane	Yr 6 Boys	2nd
Rachael Telford	Yr 4 Girls	3rd
Riley Jenkins	Yr 4 Boys	3rd
Quitara Naera	Yr 6 Girls	3rd
Deejay Croasdale	Yr 5 Boys	4th
Adam El Bayouk	Yr 6 Boys	4th
Reti Mataki	Yr 5 Boys	5th
Monique Buckthought	Yr 6 Girls	5th

## 2017 CLASSING

Our finalised list of classroom teachers for 2017 came out last week. As always we are committed to working with our parents to ensure the effective classroom placement for your child. Please let Trudi or I know if you have any requests. Please do not approach your child's current classroom teacher with these requests.

## MANGAWEKA FIRE BRIGADE FIREWORKS

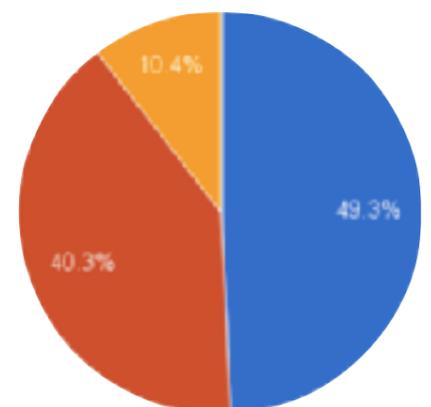
Gate opens @ 6.30pm on Friday 28th October @ the McIntyre Reserve, Ohingaiti. Entry fee: \$5 per person, \$20 per family (2A, 3C). Postponement date - Friday 11th November. Food, bouncy castles and a waterslide available. Contact Aaron McCann, 021 288 9918 for further information.

## SCHOOL HATS

School hats are compulsory this term and kids will not be able to be outside without one. Hats cost \$3.50 from the school office.

## TRIPLE 'C' NIGHT

Statement 4: 'I would like more input into my child's learning goals'. Yes-Blue; Red-No; Orange-Unsure. Our staff are currently working through this feedback. It is extremely important for us to provide opportunities for our parents to feed into the learning goals of their children. It is our vision to have a format that enables this to happen at the start of the school year, 2017. It is most likely that the first Learning Conversations will be more collaborative and informal to allow this to happen. Watch this space!



**Year 4-6**  
1st - Room 15  
2nd - Room 14  
3rd - Room 21

**Year 1-3**  
1st - Room 6  
2nd - Room 5  
3rd - Room 17

**GOLD**  
Room 16: Ruby Te Rauna  
Room 17: Makarita Goff  
Room 3: Paxton Kinsey Goodwin  
Room 21: Alahni Floyd-Reid  
Room 12: Tayzen Donovan & Barcardi Tiitii-Larsen  
Room 19: Luke Clarges and Jamie Lilly  
Room 5: Cara Gilchrist, Callum McLeod & Shayloh Simpson  
Room 14: Zoe Beaton, Kyle McNeill, Charlotte Stephens  
Room 6: Kaea Drummond, Logan Sullivan, Harmony Te Whatu, Mia Graham  
Room 15: Keira Graham, Lily Howard-Hill, Quitara Naera, Jack Seigal, Jaxon Wihongi Pore

## UP AND COMING...

- Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November - Noel Leeming Week
- Wednesday 2nd November - Intermediate Bake Sale
- Friday 9th November - First Aid: Year 6 Leaders
- Friday 11th November - School Disco
- Saturday 19th November - Quiz Night