

WHĀNAU BBQ - TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2017

WELCOME

What an awesome start to the year we have had. Our kids have settled back into classroom routines with ease and learning programmes are now well underway. Please feel free to pop into your child's classroom and see what they are up to. This year has seen a further extension of our technology resources within the classrooms. Our school has now one device per student from Year 3-6, over 500 devices in total. It is great to see the kids seamlessly using these devices to support their learning - great job.

WHĀNAU EVENING

Our Whānau Evening is coming up on Tuesday 14th February. It will kick off at 4.30pm. Bouncy castles, waterslide and a sausage (\$1) and ice blocks (\$1) will be provided. Teachers will be in classrooms from 4.30-5pm for a meet and greet time. Check out the Whānau Evening picture to the right - grass is yellow, must have had a summer that year!



ACTIVATE CHURCH

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of Activate Church here in Feilding. Last week the church dropped off 100 school bags fully kitted out with stationery and lunch boxes. This is a massive effort and is absolutely reflective of the great work that is taking place within our local community. Thanks again.

WHĀNAU EVENING FLASHBACK

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lee Jenkins was omitted from the list of Board members last week. My apologies to Lee. Our next meeting is coming up on Monday 20th February. This will be in the school staffroom. On the agenda will be the reviewing of our school Charter, Annual Plan and Targets for Student Achievement. The Board is now also working on our next 5 Year Property Plan. It is our hope that the modern learning environments currently being created will be able to be extended further across our school.

TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

A note and permission form went home earlier this week for anyone who is interested in after school tee ball or softball at Victoria Park. It is beginning on Tuesday the 14th February at 4:30pm but this is the same time as our Whānau Evening so Lytton Street teams will join the competition the following week (21st Feb). The age groups will be Yr 0-2, Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6. Teams are being registered this weekend so please hand in permission notes with the \$10 fee by tomorrow if your child would like to play.

ROOMS 1 & 2

Room 1 and 2 are now happily ensconced in their new classrooms. The break out spaces are in full use as well as the large doors that open onto the decking areas. It is hoped that Rooms 3 and 4 will be completed by the end of the school term.

STATIONERY

All stationery is now in the classrooms with our students. If you could ensure this is paid for at the school office as soon as possible that would be much appreciated.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF LYTTON STREET SCHOOL (PALS)

The PALS group are meeting next Wednesday 15th February at 7pm in the school staffroom. This is a meet and greet with cheese and wine. All welcome.



health & safety at work



ROAD PATROLLERS

I would like to extend a big thank you to our Road Patrollers who are keeping the intersection at Kimbolton Road and East Street safe for our children. It would be great if you could extend special care around this area whilst our new recruits come to terms with the demands of the job. The Police are also providing regular training to ensure all patrollers are up to speed.

SCHOOL CAMPS 2017 - YEAR 5/6

Term 4 Camp: Our Year 5/6 classes have their main camp every second year at Vertical Horizons in Taranaki. This is booked for the 20th November this year. They will spend 3 days and 2 nights at camp and be involved in a variety of unique activities that provide challenges and learning opportunities. The following website has more information. www.verticalhorizon.co.nz The cost of this camp will be \$100 per student. This covers food, accommodation and activities for the 3 days. We are sourcing funds from various grants to help subsidise the cost of camp which would otherwise be more than \$100. Payment plans can be arranged with the school office if families would like to pay small amounts per week rather than a lump sum in Term 4.

Term 1 Overnight Camp: Following the success of our overnight camp to Sixtus Lodge last year we have decided to make this a regular part of our EOTC programme at Lytton Street School. Having an overnight camp at the start of the year is a great way for students and teachers to get to know each other and form relationships that will have positive impacts on learning and the classroom culture for the rest of the year. In contrast to the bush surroundings at Sixtus Lodge, this year we are heading for a beach environment. We are asking for \$10 to contribute to the cost of this camp and the school will fund the rest. We will be going to Foxton Beach Boys' Brigade Camp in Week 7 for a 2 day / 1 night camp. The following website has more information. www.foxtoncamp.org.nz

SCHOOL CAMPS 2017 - YEAR 4

Our Board is currently working on an outdoor education experience for our Year 4 students. This will be an overnight adventure, take place in the winter and be of minimal expense to parents.

A WALKER LEARNING MORNING...



UP AND COMING...

- Tuesday 14th February - Whānau BBQ
- Monday 20th February - Board Meeting
- Monday 20th February - Thursday 2nd March - Swimming Lessons
- Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 1st March - Learning Conversations
- Monday 6th March - School Swimming Sports



Together, we learn to live and live to learn