

## MARAE VISITS - MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY... NEXT WEEK

### WELCOME

Our terrific trips are now well underway to the Wellington Zoo and Te Papa Museum. It is an essential part of learning to give students relevant and authentic experiences that are, essentially, hands on and hugely informative. Our Year 4-6 students have been involved in education sessions at the Zoo where experts guided them around a variety of enclosures, explained characteristics and adaptations of different animals and even gave them a chance to touch a tuatara. At Te Papa our classes were shown through the impressive ANZAC exhibition and rounded off a magnificent day by exploring the Mountains to Sea displays. The students have all been exceptionally well behaved and I know our final two classes are very excited about heading down tomorrow.



Thank you very much to the teachers who have organised this experience and the parents who have volunteered to help out with supervision throughout the week. I would like to extend a special thanks to both the Parents Association of Lytton Street School (PALS) and also our Board of Trustees for their willingness to support trips such as these, their understanding and belief that experiences can, and will, foster learning. Please take the time to talk with your children about what they have learnt and how they intend on applying it to their current areas of learning. Each child is working on their Education Research Projects (ERPs). These are focused on ensuring students learn key New Zealand Curriculum concepts but through contexts that encourage, motivate and inspire them, in summary, targeted at their interests. To the right and above Gracelyn and Lukas are meeting some of the zoo animals.

As some of you may have been aware I have been in the United Kingdom this last week checking on my father who is currently unwell. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff who have covered for me in my absence, much appreciated.

A warm welcome to Sam who has begun this week in Te Tipu.

### BLINDS FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL

A huge congratulations to our wonderful PALS group who have worked hard on a grant for blinds school wide. A special thank you to Katie Burgers who has worked on this specific application. The school will receive \$11, 649.76 which will enable us to install sunshade blinds throughout the whole school. This is a huge bonus and something our PALS group can be extremely proud of - well done.



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## FROSTY DECKS

The school has taken action to improve the safety of our decking areas however they remain slippery in the winter conditions. During frosty mornings, such as last week, it is essential that everyone tread carefully.

## SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco was held last Friday night. It was extremely well attended by our student community. A special mention to Whaea Trudi and Mr Smith who gave everyone a sneak peak of their amazing dance performance coming up at Feilding's Dancing With The Stars. Thank you to our Year 6 Leaders who helped organise and run this successful event.

## MARAE VISITS - WEEK 5

On the 29th, 30th & 31st of May, all whānau teams will be travelling to Aorangi Marae to take part in a formal pōwhiri and spend the day further enhancing their knowledge of Te Reo Maori me ōna Tikanga - The Maori Language and it's Customs, as well as deepening our connections with local iwi. Classes will travel to and from the marae by bus, leaving school at 9am and returning to school at 2.45pm. All children are expected to attend, however, if your child is unable to attend due to special circumstances please inform their classroom teacher. Please ensure your child has sufficient food for the day, a drink bottle and warm clothing. We are asking for children to provide a kōhā (contribution) towards the marae by bringing a gold coin donation to their classroom teacher prior to the day. We will be formally welcomed onto the marae with a pōwhiri, then classes will participate in a range of workshops run by classroom teachers. Parents are more than welcome to attend however, we would ask that parents attend the pōwhiri alongside their children to ensure correct protocols are upheld.

Whānau teams will attend on the following dates:

- Monday 29th May - Te Manawanui (Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 23)
- Tuesday 30th May - Te Atawhai and Te Tipu (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 21 + Te Tipu 1 & Te Tipu 9)
- Wednesday 31st May - Te Mātauranga (Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15, 5 & 6)

## RUGBY CLUB

Our school lunchtime Rugby Clubs are now underway. Kids are taking part in both Rippa Rugby and also tackle rugby. It is essential that all kids bring a change of clothes as the weather is rough and the field is muddy. Thanks to Mr Dodunski for offering our kids this opportunity.



# PALS



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## LSS QUIZ NIGHT

Our cool LSS Quiz Night is booked in again for this year. The date has been set down tentatively as Saturday 26th August 2017.



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our Sausage Sizzle is coming up this Friday. A huge thank you to our PALS group for putting on this service. PALS have also purchased a brand new BBQ to make the process a whole lot easier. If you have some time to assist with the sizzle please let Jess know in the school office.

## CERTIFICATES

- 1st: R21, R13 - 100%
- 2nd: R4 - 86%
- 3rd: R3, R14 - 80%

## GOLD

- R1: Quaylen Sisson
- R2: Zane Martin
- R23: Sam McLean
- R3: Asher Siggelkow
- R14: Ryder Rakatau
- R4: Vincent Burr
- R20: Skye Huntingdon, Dantae Stoney
- R19: Te Rangi Mareikura-Kane, Sharelle Windley
- R21: Zoe Beaton, Gage Harper, Luke Povey
- R15: Jacob Clarges, Kage Fredrick-Rarkus, Lily Howard-Hill, Caitlyn Hamilton



## UP AND COMING...

- Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (Week 5) - Marae Visits
- Monday 5th June - Queen's Birthday
- Tuesday 6th June - Teacher Only Day
- Friday 16th June - Dancing with the Stars

Together, we learn to live and live to learn