

LYTTON STREET

*Kia ora kia tahi,
kia tahi kia ora*

DANCING WITH THE STARS - WHAEA TRUDI & MR SMITH (FRIDAY NIGHT)

WELCOME

It's Week 7 already and the term is simply flying by. Over the past few weeks there has been considerable effort to ensure our kids get a taste of the greater community and what that has to offer. From our local Marae to Wellington Zoo, they've been there. The remainder of the school year will be no different. Tough Guy and Girl Challenge is coming up. This is a terrific chance for children to test their endurance in a fun and challenging event. There are also two more camps coming up - our Year 4s head to Camp Rangī Woods and our Year 5/6 to Vertical Horizons in Taranaki. Loads to look forward to. A warm welcome to our new students this week. Aksyl and Rueben have started in Te Tipu, Harlem in Room 3 and Oliver in Te Tipu 9. It is great to have you all at Lytton Street and we hope you have a fabulous time.

Finally, it is like to extend best wishes to Mr Smith and Whaea Trudi who are competing in our local Dancing With The Stars competition. After weeks of training it has come down to the final competition night this Friday. Go well Team Lytton Street.

VAN SPONSORSHIP

We have been able to secure a number of sponsors for our new school van. Having members of our local community support this venture has been awesome. I would like to personally thank Sparky's On Time - your local electrician; Secret Garden Childcare; sKIDs - on site before and after school care; Crank It - bike specialist; Symonds Racing - need I say anymore; John Turkington Forestry; and Footwork Podiatry. Your support is much appreciated. Please check out their logos to the right.

HOMEWORK

Homework is given out every week by teachers. It is our belief that homework provides a window into the learning your kids are currently doing in class - a chance for parents to support their children. Please check your child's bag for homework and see that it is completed. There is a signing and feedback option for all parents on the homework sheet. Please be aware homework should take no longer than 10-15 minutes per night. Thank you for your support.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

On Tuesday Whaea Trudi (Mrs Rei) visited a number of our local early childhood centres. This is a neat opportunity for us to see all the wonderful things that are happening for our kids before they come to our school. If you have a 5 year old intending on enrolling at Lytton Street, or you know of a 5 year old, please get in touch with the school office. There is no need to do this if you have already notified the office or completed enrolment forms upon the entry of another sibling. It is really helpful for our school to know student numbers as this supports us to plan ahead and predict classes, ensuring we maintain our excellent student-teacher ratios. Many thanks in advance.

TEAM LEADER APPOINTMENT

With Mr Smith now taking his dancing career to Taranaki the school has been following a rigorous appointment process to find his replacement. I'd like to inform the community that this process has now been completed and I shall be making the announcement in next week's newsletter (there are some paperwork tasks I need to complete beforehand). Without divulging too much we have been able to make an extremely good appointment - stay tuned.



health & safety at work

ACCESS IN AND OUT OF OUR SCHOOL

There is a carpark located off Lytton Street which provides access to the back of the school (near the Caretaker's Shed). Please be aware that this carpark, and the access further into the school is for staff members only. If you are picking up kids, or dropping them off from SKIDs it is advisable to use the Monmouth Street entrance and walk them in. I understand that this is not the best drop off point but in the interests of the safety of our students it is the only one. Kids are playing in and around these drop off points and the addition of vehicles to this area creates further hazard. Thank you for your support.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees is meeting next Monday 19th June. The Board will be reviewing our recently audited accounts as well as beginning the process of finalising our 5 Year Property Plan. This is the plan for the school over the next five years. It's an extremely exciting time especially on the back of our Block 1-4 Renovation. Our aim is to bring the whole school up to this standard, creating modern, innovative environments for our students. Your Board Chairperson, Ange Duthie and I, are meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Education and Proarch (our 5 Year Property Plan Managers) to map out this next exciting phase in the development of our school.

TE PAE TAMARIKI

Our Te Pae Tamariki team are now ready to go. The team have put

Te Pae Tamariki
"Te Huatau o te Whanaungatanga"

in a large number of practices and are feeling extremely excited about next week's event. Their last public performance, prior to the event, will be at Makino Kindergarten on Friday. Thanks to our PALS group who are working hard to source grant funding to purchase new kapa haka uniforms for our team in the future.

SCARLET FEVER, STREP THROAT & OTHER BUGS

We have had confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever and Strep Throat recently. Whilst these are not notifiable disease under the Health Act 1965 it is important for our parents to be aware. If your child has a fever, sore throat, flushing of the cheeks, a fine red rash on the chest and stomach, swollen glands, a whitish coating on the tongue, abdominal pain or body aches please pay a visit to your local doctor. In addition to this there also seems to be a prevalence of bugs causing diarrhoea and vomiting. If your child is suffering from these symptoms they should not attend school until they have been free of them for 48 hours.

It is extremely important to remember the 20:20 rule for hand washing - 20 seconds with soap and warm water, and drying for 20 seconds. Good hygiene practices and careful attention to hand washing can prevent illnesses from being passed on to others. It is important to ensure that if you have concerns regarding your child's health you should visit your doctor or you can contact Healthline on 0800 611 116. Thanks for your support.

Check out our Facebook page - Lytton Street School



PALS

Your parent fundraising group...

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.

GRANTS

Our wonderful PALS group are working their way through a range of grant applications. These cover kapa haka uniforms, 20 new bikes, a container to house them and also the gathering of further funds to develop our awesome bike track - watch this space and a big thank you to the team.

CERTIFICATES

1st: R21 - 100%
2nd: R23 - 80%
3rd: R14 - 70%

GOLDS

R2 - Laris Wyatt
R1 - Spencer Heyward
R21 - Rylie Wolland
R3 - Drew Carter, Maya Thomson-Ward
R23 - Emeliah Kay, Ryan Mitchell



UP AND COMING...

- Friday 16th June - Dancing with the Stars
- Monday 19th June - Board of Trustees Meeting
- Tuesday 26th June - Te Pae Tamariki
- Friday 30th June - PALS Pizza Lunch
- Tuesday 4th July - Learning Conferences
- Wednesday 5th July - Learning Conferences
- Friday 7th July - Sausage Sizzle Lunch
- Friday 7th July - End of TERM 2
- Monday 24th July - Start of TERM 3
- Saturday 26th August - Quiz Night

Together, we learn to live and live to learn

Check out our website - www.lyttonstreet.school.nz