

LYTTON STREET

*Kia ora kia tahi,
kia tahi kia ora*

QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST 2017 @ 7PM



WELCOME

A warm welcome to Puja, Emmett and Morgan who have begun this week in Te Tipu, and to Hennessy who has begun in Room 19, after joining us from a school in Taupo this week. I wish you all a fantastic time at Lytton Street School - great to have you here.

All our wonderful Year 4 students are preparing for their awesome camp coming up next week. The venue is Camp Rangī Woods, Pohangina. It is our first Year 4 overnigher so I would like to wish all our kids a terrific time.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Feilding Cultural Festival took place last night, and what an extravaganza of local talent it was from choir, to kapa haka to rubbish bin drums and finally a school band! Our kids got to perform to a bumper crowd. It was terrific to see so many caregivers and families out to support our wonderful kids as they beat their drums, performed their amazing Kapa Haka and sang their hearts out. I would like to extend a special thanks to Kathy Lauridsen who has organised the whole community event. Bringing a group of schools together in this fashion is not an easy task - well done. To Pā Ronald, Anne Humphrey and Hayley Scott - our thanks for your efforts with our school performances, and finally congratulations to our wonderful student performers.



MANAWATU TURBO VISIT

On Tuesday we were very lucky to have Manawatu Turbo and Otago Highlander Kayne Hammington visit us. Our students got the chance to sit down and ask him questions about being a professional sportsman. Following this he was brave enough to venture out into the playground during morning tea time where he was smothered by students wanting autographs. He presented Mathex certificates and even read stories to some junior classes. Thanks so much for spending time with our students Kayne, they really enjoyed your visit.



ROBOTICS

Next Friday, the robotics team heads to Auckland to compete in the 2017 First Lego League Challenge. The group of five boys have been working hard to code their robot to complete different tasks, all to score as many points as possible. As well as robot design and coding, the group has been learning and unpacking a set of core values given by the organisers. Alongside the robotics, a major part of the challenge is the 'Animal Aliens' project. They had to identify a problem where people and animals interact, design a positive solution, and then share it to multiple groups of people. They will also be presenting this project to the judges. The groups project is based on growing trout to survive better when placed back in their natural environment because numbers are slowly dropping. For a couple of the boys, it will be their first time on a plane. Sam Cole and Chris Symon are looking forward to sharing this experience with the group, and are looking to enhance our robotics programme in 2018.



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health & safety at work



PARENTING TIPS: #1 - RESILIENCE

In a break from our normal notes of Health and Safety I thought I would provide some useful tips on parenting. From time to time, and I know this is true in my own house, it's really great to hear some new ideas. These hints and tips are not the magic ideas that will change your lives, rather concepts that align with the school wide thrust towards a Walker Learning school.

"Resilience is the ability to bounce back, to have another go or try a different way, to be able to keep going and not give up and not be too disappointed or devastated if things go wrong" (Walker). In order to develop resilience, the opposite of learned helplessness, parents can give children the opportunity to have a go, to work through a problem, to come up with a solution, without adult intervention in the first instance. The aim is to try to encourage your child, to support them to keep trying.

THE QUIZ NIGHT

After weeks of organisation the PALS have prepared a Quiz Night to behold. This event kicks off on Saturday night at 7pm to a sell out crowd. There are hundreds of awesome spot prizes up for grabs as well as a range of auction items. This is sure to be a fantastic night and will raise much needed funds for our school bike track. My thanks to PALS - awesome effort.

NATHAN WALLIS

Many of you will recall last year that we had acclaimed neuroscience presenter, Nathan Wallis, present to our staff and parents. Nathan speaks about child and brain development and the importance of the early years between the ages of birth - 7. We have secured him again this year and we will have a Teacher's Only Day on Tuesday 24 October for staff to attend Nathan's seminar. Also, like last year, we will host a free parent information session in the evening. We are again facilitating this session with Fairfield School (Levin) and will host the session at St Alban's Church in Palmerston North. We have

asked Nathan to recap some of his information from last year and to talk about adolescence. We are putting on a free bus to get as many of our parents to the presentation as possible.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO)

ERO are coming to school on Tuesday 24th October through to Friday 27th October. ERO are the national body that come and review school teaching and learning programmes. Our staff and students are looking forward to their arrival.

CERTIFICATES

1st: R13, R6 and R14 - 100%
2nd: R21, R12 and R5 - 96%

GOLD

- R18 - Lachlan Wilson
- R20 - Rowan Labuschagne
- R23 - Kayden Bishop
- R19 - MacKenzie Clarey
- R5 - Charlotte Thomson
- R12 - Lukas Morgan-George
- R16 - Jack Adair, Summer Palmer
- R13 - Te Ata Harmony Burnes-Fifield, Ethan-John Verster
- R17 - Jakob Bloomfield, Luke McMenemy, Ashlyn Osborne
- R4 - Cole Broadbent, Tyla Leach, Alahzay Tamoe
- R14 - Samantha Cowx, Brianna Jones-Goodall, Jason-Lee Matete-Collins



STRATEGIES TO BUILD RESILIENCE

- Avoid doing everything for your child
- Allow your child to express feelings
- Allow your child to practise skills
- Encourage your child to seek solutions
- Avoid pushing the issue too far (some new skills need a gradual introduction)
- Avoid comparing your child to others
- Remember, parent have feelings too! (Parents have problems like kids and it's great to model working through and voicing the solutions)
- Use reflective listening (acknowledge how your child is feeling but encourage them to keep going)
- Remember it is ok for your child to experience challenge and failure sometimes. This has led to greatness in some - Steve Jobs was fired from Apple and then went on to design the iPad; Walt Disney was fired from a Kansas City newspaper for lacking imagination and good ideas and finally, J K Rowling, author of the famous Harry Potter novels, was fired from her secretary job for being a dreamer!

Together, we learn to live and live to learn