

LYTTON STREET

*Kia ora kia tahi,
kia tahi kia ora*

WHĀNAU EVENING - THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY (FROM 4PM-7PM)

WELCOME

Well what a terrific first week we have had. Classroom learning programmes are now well underway and kids have settled seamlessly back into the groove. Over the course of the summer there have been some major changes to the reporting and assessment guidelines that the Ministry of Education provides for schools. In 2018 schools no longer have to report against the National Standards. The Labour Government believes these have been counterproductive for our students. Schools now have the choice to report against a range of assessment options - some of you will already be familiar with these.

Our reports will look quite different from previous years. Students will complete learning goals and these will be reviewed throughout the year. At the completion of the year there will also be assessment information provided that will show where your child is achieving at in comparison to the New Zealand Curriculum. This is a broad assessment but it will inform parents and show the progress and achievement that takes place during the course of a year. The report will be shared with parents, in the first instance, at our Learning Conversations (more information below).

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Learning Conversations will take place in Week 5 - Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February. These will once again be learning conversations that involve both families and your children. Information regarding these conversations will come out shortly. Our online system will be used to log appointment times. It will be great to see you all there supporting your child's learning.

HOMEWORK

No Homework will be coming home with your children in 2018. There are a number of reasons for this change to how we operate. Current research shows that homework has little to no substantial benefit for kids in terms of achievement. Often it is completed in homes when kids are tired and it can create more problems that it's worth. Our policy has always been to provide homework so that parents get a window into the learning of their children. Seesaw, our online student sharing application, will be used to fulfil this function in 2018. It is essential that you get connected as soon as possible so you can receive updates and alerts. It is also our school belief that kids will continue to practice their reading, writing and maths at home. Reading is especially important for kids so please make time for this at home. If you wish to have homework continue in some shape or form for your child please speak with the classroom teacher - they will be happy to support learning in the home. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

All Year 5/6 classes will be heading to Sixtus Lodge in Week 6 for a 2 day / 1 night camp. Sixtus Lodge Outdoor Education Centre is situated 62 km from Feilding, just past Apiti at the base of the Ruahine Ranges. The following website has more information. www.sixtuslodge.co.nz



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Thursday 8th February 2018



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ROAD SAFETY

It is worthwhile providing a reminder to all our families about road safety around the school and also transportation to and from the school. There are in excess of 700 people moving in and out of the school at drop off and pick up times. It is essential that extreme care is taken. Vehicles need to be travelling safely and an awareness of our kids needs to be a priority. The Police have also increased their presence in our area. They are ensuring all care is taken with travel in and around the school and also checking on the safety of the vehicles in use - warrant of fitness, registration and of course the use of car seats for under 7 year olds.

WHĀNAU EVENING

Coming up on Thursday 15th February from 4pm is our Whānau Evening. This will be a terrific event and a great chance to meet your child's classroom teacher as well as other parents from our community. Teachers will be in their rooms from 3.30pm to meet with any parents. From 4pm there will be a slip 'n' slide, bouncy castles as well as a BBQ (sausages for \$2 each). Please lock in this date and be sure to come along and celebrate.

MARKET DAY

Our awesome school Market Day is scheduled for Sunday 25th March. A garage sale, market stalls, games, entertainment and food and drinks will all be available on the day. It is going to be a cool day and one we want all our families, and the greater Feilding community to be part of. Coming out shortly will be a request for items for the garage sale. Items will be able to be dropped off in Room 10, most likely daily from 2.15pm (this will be confirmed later). There is a Market Day planning meeting being held tonight at 7pm at the PALS Chairperson's house. If you would like the address please contact the school office.

NEW STUDENTS TO LYTTON STREET SCHOOL

It has been fantastic to see the enormous number of new students who have been welcomed to Lytton Street. Kids have joined us from all over the country - see below.

- Te Tipu 1: Siena, Rai, Hunter, Arorangi, Piata, Carter, Vynneesa, Alex, Bryden, Bella-Maree, Layla, Lakaijah, Rebecca, Corbyn, Rylan, Charlise, Zoe, Katie, Brearna, Ash, Axle, Leah, Myiah, Maddison, Rohan, Toby and Dallas.
- Room 1: Korbyn from Clifton School.
- Room 2: Lucius from St Joseph's School
- Room 3: Ethan and Taylah from Highfield School
- Room 4: Nevaeh from St Joseph's School
- Room 5: Ella-Rose and Mikaere from James Cook School, Michelle from Western Heights School
- Room 6: Taine from Henley School
- Room 12: Francesca from James Cook School, Morgan from Kimbolton School
- Room 13: Alex from Awahou School
- Room 14: William from Whenuapai School
- Room 15: Nikita from Kairanga School, Elowen from James Cook School, Michael from Taonui School, Stephen from Rongotea School, Luella from Waiau Pa Primary School
- Room 16: Legacy from St Joseph's School
- Room 17: Hunter from Kairanga School, Lachie from Hokowhitu School
- Room 18: Amalia-Rose from Waiau Pa Primary School
- Room 19: Ben from Taonui School
- Room 20: Josh from Mt Biggs School
- Room 21: Aaron, Robert and Tessa from Taonui School
- Room 23: Madi from North Street School, James from Kimbolton School

SWIMMING

Our Year 3-6 students will be having half hour swimming lessons over a 2 week period from 16th - 27th February. In order to give our students the best possible swimming instruction, it is essential to split classes into smaller groups during the lessons so we'll be asking for parent volunteers. Teachers will be sending home a letter with more information shortly.

NEW BALLROOM AND LATIN CLASSES

- Tuesday 13th February @ 7.30pm - Beginners
- Wednesday 14th February @ 7pm - Intermediate, and @ 7-8pm Advanced
- Kids Dance Classes start on Tuesday 13th February from 5.45pm

All classes are held at the Feilding Civic Centre. For further information call Tempo Dance Studio on 021 550 622.



Together, we learn to live and live to learn