

LYTTON STREET

*Kia ora kia tahi,
kia tahi kia ora*

YEAR 4 CAMP - 28TH AUGUST ONWARDS...

WELCOME

Yesterday was an historic day for teachers and principals up and down the country. It was the formal realisation that the profession has hit upon hard times and drastic action needs to be taken. For some time educators have known of the shortening list of available teachers to staff schools, the increased needs that our kids are presenting with and the growing disparity in earnings. These are all issues that have a major impact on our ability to attract people to education and retain them. As both a parent and the principal of our school I believe it is essential that we want the absolute best people teaching our kids - currently we do. In order to maintain this into the future, as with all schools, we need the Government to support us.

A huge thank you to our parent community for their support. I apologise for the inconvenience a strike can cause families but please trust me that at times the work force needs to stand strong and show the solidarity that may ensure our kids continue to get great teachers in front of them.



A warm welcome to Cyrus, Kora and Pearl who began at Lytton Street this week. It's great to have you all here.



NEW LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Two new leadership positions have been created within our existing school structure. These positions are both formally called Associate Principal. The school has maintained the same management structure for the last four years. Four years ago the roll was a tick over 350. Now with over 580 marvellous kids attending our school the need for further management positions has become a necessity.

Over the past two weeks these positions have been advertised internally. Shortlisting and interviews took place earlier this week. I would like to thank Ange Duthie (Board Chairperson) and Lee Jenkins (Deputy Board Chairperson) for supporting this process.

I would like to congratulate Christopher Symon and Jolie Heyward for winning these positions. Both positions are uniquely different and enable us to further build our leadership capacity and expertise within the school. Jolie will play a role in special education and literacy, whilst Chris will focus on mathematics and technology, concentrating on coding, 3D printing and further extending what we have in place already. These positions have been created with a view to our current leaders, Whaea Trudi and Mr Dodunski acting in mentor roles. These positions will commence in Term 4.

These positions also come with classroom release time and I would like to thank Mrs Jayne Chapman for once again providing the willingness and expertise to seamlessly fill any role asked of her. Jayne, my thanks to you.

This is an exciting time for our school. It is with certainty that I can say Chris and Jolie will make a massively positive impact on the future development of our school. Well done to you both.

RUGBY & NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to all our rugby and netball stars who competed at North Street School today against a number of schools. This is an awesome tournament for us to have been a part of. Well done to you all.

SCHOOL CAMP

The Year 4 camp is fast approaching. Please ensure camp payments are made at the school office as soon as possible. The camp is only \$20 per child as it is heavily subsidised by our Board of Trustees.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are scheduled for Monday 20th August. Forms have come home relating to this event. If you have yet to receive one please enquire at the school office.



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PARENTING TIPS: HOW TO TALK ABOUT: GRIEF WITH YOUR KIDS

Most parents try to protect their children from experiencing grief but grief is an inevitable part of life. Here's how to help them navigate it well.

The more we value something, the more we grieve when it is gone. Our kids place value on different things to us. Sometimes with our adult point of view, we can devalue the grief that our children experience when they have lost something, or when something has changed.

However, taking the time to sit and ask questions and listen to your child, actually helps them put language and expression to their experience. Once you can see the world through their eyes and have heard their perspective on the thing they value, only then can you offer another perspective. If they valued something, then they will experience grief – even if you didn't value it.

In conclusion it's great to take the time to empathise with your child about their losses and disappointment.

MANA IN EDUCATION

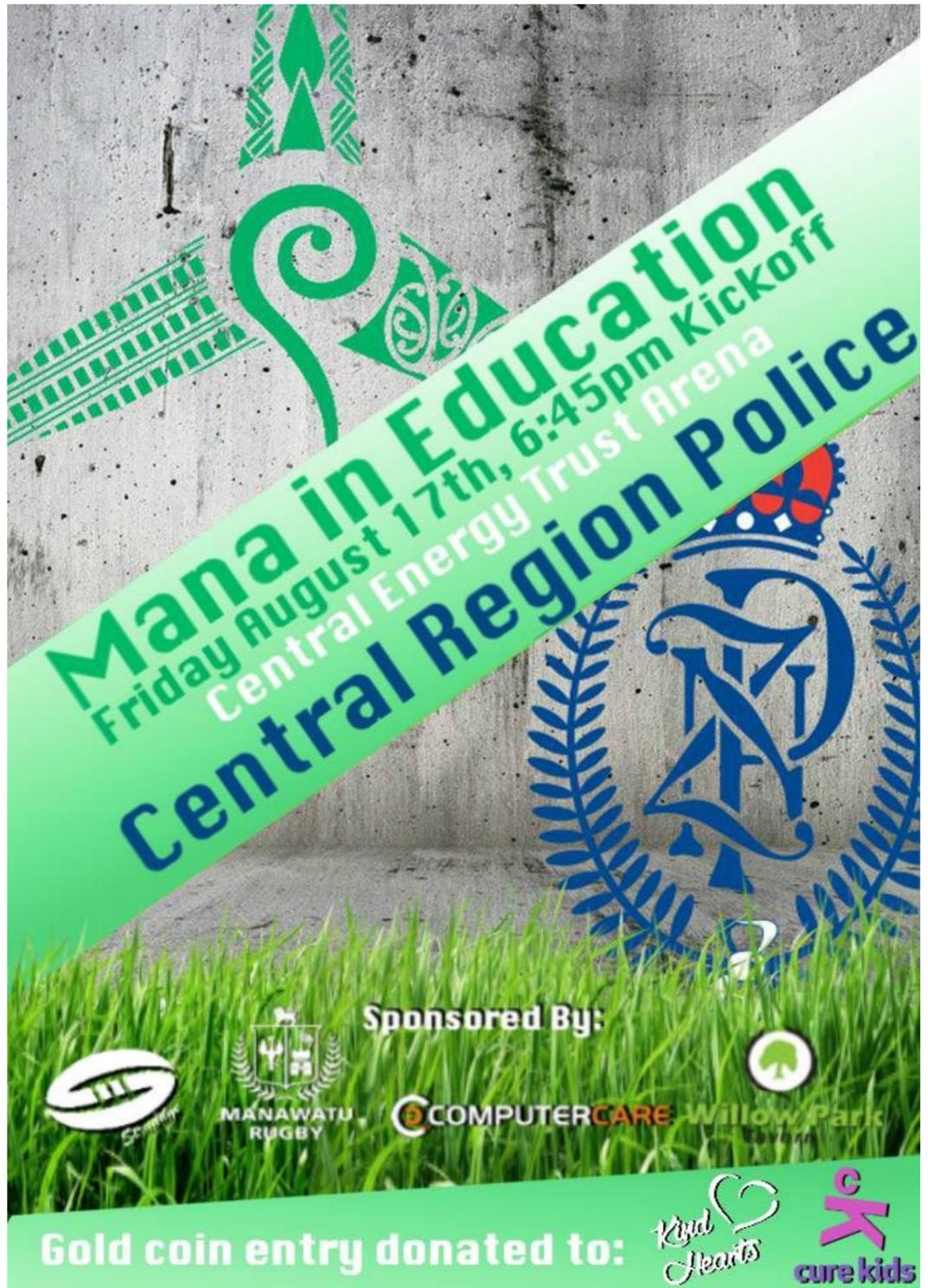
Check out the flyer to the right. Our very own Pā Ronald goes up against the mighty Central Region Police team. Last year Pā was such an imposing figure that Police Officer, and member of our Board of Trustees, Allan McLean, faked a calf injury so he did not have to take the field. It will be a magnificent game so be sure to get along and see two great teams do battle and raise funds for our great kids!

NORTH STREET SCHOOL VISIT

Just a reminder that all our Year 6 are visiting North Street School on Tuesday 21st August to check out their Intermediate facilities.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Constable Sarah who is currently taking the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme throughout the school. She has done an amazing job and our kids are learning a huge amount. Thank you Sarah - what a community asset!



UPCOMING EVENTS

School Photos	20th August
Year 4 Camp	28th August Onwards
Life Education	30th August Onwards
School Tennis	5th September
School Tennis	12th September
School Cross Country	14th September

GOLDS

Congratulations to...
 R15 - Elowen Cotter
 R12 - Corban Dobson
 R21 - Layla Wilson
 R3/4 - Adrian Dixon, Caino Kay, Portia Lewis, Georgia Telford, Sharelle Windley

