

LYTTON STREET SCHOOL

Kia Ora Tatou, Greetings to all our parents and caregivers

WELCOME

Welcome to the last week of the school term. What a terrific term we have had! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday. A warm welcome to Summer-Lee and Joshua who have started school for the first time this week, and to Iziah who has joined us from another school.

BASKETBALL

A huge congratulations to our two basketball teams who both finished second in their competitions. Also, many thanks to the coaches Richard Riwai and John Tomson. Great effort to all of you.

SPEECH COMPETITION (see photo right)

On Tuesday night our Senior Stars Speech Competition was held in the library. All our students presented really terrific speeches and we were proud of them all. Ashley Jaggard won our speech competition with Manaia Samuel-Kereti coming in as runner up. These students will now represent our school in the area competition. Congratulations to all our students and also to the teachers and parents who have coached and assisted.

NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Assistant Principal. Richard Dodunski, currently a Team Leader and teacher of a 1:1 classroom at South Makirikiri, has won the position. Mr Dodunski has a long history with Lytton Street School with both his parents teaching here. He will be taking up his position from the beginning of Term 1, 2015. Mr Dodunski will undertake a teaching and mentoring role throughout the school as we seek to implement our new iPads into our teaching and learning programmes. He also brings specialist physical education skills. This will see him operate a number of sport and PE programmes. We will welcome Mr Dodunski to Lytton Street School at the start of the new year.

FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL BANDS (see photo right)

Feilding High School Year 11 Bands came to school on Tuesday morning. They presented a wonderful arrangement of music from modern day songs to blues. The final band rocked the hall with an arrangement of heavy metal songs which the kids thoroughly enjoyed. It was also really cool to see so many old pupils return to showcase their skills.

TOUGH KIDS 2014

On Friday a selection of our athletes will take part in the Rangitikei Tough Kids Competition. This is a terrific competition that will really challenge our students. Two letters came home yesterday, one with a gear list and the second a transport list. If you have not received one of these please inquire at the school office. If permission slips have not been received prior to the trip departure then students will not be able to attend.

THE DOWNS GROUP
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WHANAU HUI

Our huge thank you to all the parents who attended the Whanau Hui last week. It was great to hear your ideas and opinions. We are planning on creating an Ohu Whakahaere (lead consultation group). This group will meet and have further dialogue with school staff. If you would like to be involved please see Ben or Trudi. Our plan is to meet in the first week of the holidays.

Together, we learn to live and live to learn
Kia ora kia tahi, kia tahi kia ora



Our Classrooms. . .

CAR SAFETY

In November last year, the law changed, so it is now a legal requirement for children to remain in an approved car seat until their 7th birthday. Recent crash statistics, provided by NZTA, recommend children remain in approved car seats until they are 148cm tall, to minimise injuries, should they be involved in a crash. On Friday 17th October from 10.30am-11.30am. Plunket, Police and Horizons Road Safety will be visiting our school to provide an educational session to our year 3-4 students about car seat use and the 148cm recommendation. All parents are invited to attend and there will be the opportunity to discuss car seat hire or have existing car seats checked for compliance by Plunket technicians. Plunket are also available to confidentially discuss payment options, car seat hire or any concerns you may have about car seats.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

All the unclaimed property which has collected this term will be on display on Friday. Please check, as there is quite a lot, and you may be needing some of it during the holidays!

PASIFIKA COMMUNITY

Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Ni Sa Bula! We are wanting to connect with our Pacific Island community members and ensure that Lytton Street School is providing the best possible education for our students, and meeting your needs and aspirations for your children. If you are interested in being our Pasifika liaison person, know someone in our community who might be keen, or just want to find out what this is all about, please contact Deputy Principal Tony Greer before the end of term. We would love to hear from you! tgreer@lyttonstreet.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Kiwi Cricket (with a soft ball) Tuesday afternoons at Kowhai Park. For year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. This is a fun first step in kid's cricket. Term 4 = \$15.00 or Term 4 and Term 1 = \$30.00. Saturday Morning Cricket (with a hard ball). For any age child who is competent with hard ball. Games follow traditional cricket rules. Practise once a week. \$60.00 for term 4 and term 1. Some Saturday games are in Palmerston North. Registration for either option is at the cricket pavillion, Kowhai Park, Feilding. Wednesday 15 October 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Saturday 18 October 11.00am – 1.00pm. Bring payment please or use 030626 0117294-00 (child's name as reference).

TERM FOUR SPORTS

T-ball, Softball and Touch: There has been an amazing response to the number of children wishing to play sports next term. At this stage it looks like we could have the following number of teams - Under 7 - 3 t ball, 3 touch; Under 9 - 3 t ball, 2 Touch; Under 11 - 1 softball, 3 touch. Unfortunately we do not have the number of adults required to coach or manage these teams on a Tuesday or Thursday. We can work around at school trying to give these teams a practice game each week but we cannot let a team play on a Tuesday or Thursday without adult supervision, so if you are able to assist can you please let the school know - talk to your child's teacher or Colleen Trembath in Room 15. I need to register the teams the first week of Term 4 and if I do not have enough adult supervision some children will not get to play.

CROSS COUNTRY

Full results from our school Cross Country will be published in the first newsletter next term. Many thanks to you all for your organisation. Check out the photos below of the Hodge boys battling it out at Timona Park.

THANKS from the Cowx Family for the support given to them as they raised funds for their family Rep Hockey involvement. They have raised over \$4,000 towards their costs involved in representing this region in Hockey, at various levels.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you have any interest in being on the Board please email Keith Dobson, our Board Chairperson, before Friday 3rd October.

COMING UP - September

Friday 26th September	Tough Kids Challenge at Ohingaiti Last day of Term Three - school closes at 3.00pm for the holidays
Monday 13th October	First day of Term Four

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

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Year 3 Boys - Lincoln Lees & Machar Brown

Year 3 Girls - Sophie Heyward

Year 4 Boys - Adam El Bayouk

Year 4 Girls - Quitara Naera

Year 5 Boys - Jacob McMillan

Year 5 Girls - Jorja Bacchus

Year 6 Boys - Seth Hodge

Year 6 Girls - Grace Paltridge

