

### SCHOOL DISCO - THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2019

#### WELCOME

Well the weather has certainly chilled off but the kids have been kept warm and entertained by the wonderful Tim and Harold from Life Education and also our super Zero Waste programme. These have been extremely useful programmes that teach children valuable life long skills. If you require any further information pop in and chat to your child's classroom teacher.

On Monday, just before the end of day bell, our fire alarm went off. I wanted to mention that even though this wasn't an emergency our kids performed brilliantly. This time of day can often be a confusing one with the arrival of parents and other students but I could not ask for any more. To have all the kids assembled and safely accounted for in under five minutes is amazing. I would like to extend a special thank you to our terrific local fire brigade who arrived in double quick time. This was the same fire brigade that was educating our students on their role just a couple of weeks ago. Lastly, the support and understanding from our parent community enabled everyone to do their job and leave the premises promptly. Much appreciated.

#### A big thank you to...

##### Ange Duthie

For the last term the Board has been led by Angela Duthie. Ange has served for many years on the board as a parent representative and in more recent times the Board Chairperson. I would like to thank her for the knowledge and leadership she has brought to this position. Ange is a practical charismatic thinker who understands education and has overseen some amazing changes to our school.

##### Lee Jenkins

Lee Jenkins has served for the last three years on the Board. Lee has advised the board on many aspects, most close to his heart the recent building upgrades. A draughtsman by trade ensures Lee has identified and enhanced many developments around the school. A big thank you to Lee.

##### Shona Duncan

Shona has served on the board for over three years. Shona is currently a lead teacher at Monrad Intermediate in Palmerston North. Having a teaching background has proved extremely valuable to the board and she has used this to support a variety of teaching and learning initiatives. Great job Shona - thank you.

##### Troy Haronga

Troy has served as our Māori representative on the board. Having Troy's enthusiastic and thoughtful approach to the board has been highly appreciated. Troy is unique in the fact that he has not only been a parent of the school and a board member, but he was also a student. This has enabled him to bring a perspective that spans the ages. Thank you Troy.

A warm welcome to Arthur and Lewis who began in Te Tipu today. We wish you all a fabulous time at Lytton Street School.



#### TE PAE TAMARIKI

On Tuesday our amazing Kapa Haka group performed at Te Pae Tamariki. Since 1993 Te Pae Tamariki has been an annual event held within the Manawātū region. It is an occasion where Primary and Intermediate Schools meet and perform Kapa Haka. These performances celebrate Māori culture and the achievements of young people who participate and support this. We were once again proud of our amazing team. A huge thank you to Pā Ronald who has worked with all our kids to offer this terrific opportunity.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees elections are now over. Thank you to those members of the community who voted. The following members of our school community were elected to the Board of Trustees. The new Board took office on Friday 14th June 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Board of Trustees. Mike and Allan will continue to serve on the 2019 Board of Trustees.

#### LYTTON STREET SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 2019

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# health & safety at work



## HEALTH & SAFETY: HOW TO GET YOUR KIDS PITCHING IN WITH THE CHORES

**Paint the picture** - All families need a bit of a dream and some inspiration. Let your kids know that everyone is a wonderful part of the family and everyone is needed to chip in and help. Keep the growling out of it and let your kids know that you're confident they can do a great job.

**Show them how** - A little bit of time explaining how to match the socks or how much food goes in the dog's bowl all set children up for being successful. Some children will drain your 'patience' bucket, but showing them a few times may be what's needed.

**Use a list, not your voice** - Too many verbal reminders can end up as nagging. Let the list on the fridge do the reminding. Each child gets to see what their tasks are for the week. Keep them age and stage appropriate.

**Chores are for love, not money** - There's a temptation to offer pocket money for helping. It gets complicated and can mess with the big life lesson that we do things because we're part of a family and even when no one's watching.

**Routines turn into habits** - Children get better at things so hang in there when the going gets tough. Children do research on their parents - they want to know if doing chores is a flash in the pan or a way of life. It will take many days for the routine to become a habit.

### Celebrate

Notice the little things you see your children do and acknowledge it. "Thanks for setting the table without being asked - I appreciate how you just got on with it." Have times when the whole family celebrates that the chores are done for the day. On a Saturday, have a moment to enjoy morning tea or an ice cream while you express your appreciation. We keep going when we feel that we're noticed and valued.

Next week I will include a guide to what types of chores could be expected for each age level.

### WELLBEING

To the right you can see our staff engaged in their first wellbeing session of the year. This is professional development being facilitated by Whaea Kathy (our wellbeing guru). The focus is on talking, sharing and engaging in wellbeing topics such as resilience and life balance - great initiative.



### TOUGH KIDS

An expression of interest letter has been sent home for the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge at Linton Military Camp this year. This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest obstacle course/mud run series. Permission slips and payment are due back by tomorrow - this is the very last day for acceptance into the event.

### LIFE EDUCATION

We have been delighted with the response of the wonderful pupils at Lytton Street to the ideas around using our own uniqueness to be the best friend we can be: whether it is showing that we care, being there in good times or bad, being supportive, being honest, listening, or treating others how we want to be treated - we can put our own spin on these to show our own brand of AWESOMENESS!



### SCHOOL DISCO

**Date:** Thursday 27th June  
**Times:**  
 Year 0 - 2/3 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
 Year 3 - 6 6:30pm - 7:45pm  
 Year 3s can choose to go to either the 1st or 2nd disco  
**Cost:** \$5 - includes entry, drink, chippies and chocolate (to be supplied in a break during the disco)

It has been wonderful to read the kind messages on the cards we have received - thank you so much - and now we challenge EVERYONE to ask: who has made our day better, and how can we BEST THANK THEM? Be creative, put your idea into action, and come and tell me what you did, why, and for whom! (Our last day is on Monday, so please don't delay!) Can't wait to hear your stories - take care, have a brilliant Friday and a spectacular weekend!  
 LOVE FROM TIM AND HAROLD!

COMING UP...

### EVENTS

Term 2 Dates: Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July  
 Friday 7th...24th June - Life Education  
 Monday 10th...Friday 21st June - Zero Waste  
 Thursday 27th June - School Disco

Together, we learn to live and live to learn