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Together, we learn to live and
live to learn



1ST...3RD MARCH - 150TH COMMEMORATIONS



24/05

Thursday 29th February 2024

WELCOME

The 150th Commemorations kick off this Friday with the military parade. Saturday is the Heritage Day and Sunday will feature the school float in the 'Through The Ages Parade'. The picture above displays the awesome mural that kids from around the region have created together under the expert guidance of local artist Joe McMenamin. The mural is fixed on the wall of The Civic Centre, facing McDonald's - be sure to check it out. Heritage Day on Saturday will offer a range of cool events and opportunities for kids to take part in. On Sunday at 2pm the school will be showcasing their 1980s-themed float as we make our way 'Through The Ages'. Be sure to pop into town and check out this awesome event.



TAMARIKI TOA SPONSOR/S

Tamariki Toa is coming up on the 5th April. This is our tough kids event and will provide another exciting, innovative and exciting challenge for our kids. This event will be similar to last year's success. Presently we have a couple of sponsors on board but we are looking for more. This event will be held for kids from around our local region and reach to all areas of the Feilding community. Over 600 students will take part. The exposure for a company is large and the school will support it through newsletters and our Facebook page. Sponsors would be required to provide the event with cash or prizes or support on the day. If you are interested please email principal@lyttonstreet.school.nz



BY-ELECTION FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Nominations for the Board of Trustees' Elections close on the 24th March 2024. If you are interested in running for the Board please pop into the school office and get a Nomination Form off Pene. There are two positions available on the Board. This Board term finishes in 2025. If you are considering running for the Board of Trustees in 2025 this would give you a good induction period. Thank you for your time and investment in our school. If you wish to discuss this any further please come on in and have a chat.



TE AO MAORI @ LSS - KAUWHATA

Throughout the next week we will be taking all children to Kauwhata Marae to experience being hosted on a marae. Feilding has two local marae, connected to the Iwi of Ngāti Kauwhata. Firstly, Kauwhata Marae or Kai Iwi Pā is the tuakana or elder sibling of the two, and has two meeting houses named Kauwhata and Te Aroha o ngā Mokopuna. Aorangi Marae is the second and its meeting house is Maniaihu. In the late 1870's, "Te Iwa Tekau mā Iwa" (literally 90 feet) was built, a large marae at Awahuri. This was said to be opened by the then Māori King, Tāwhiao. The house fell into disrepair during the early 20th century and was blown down in the great gale of 1936. There is growing hope that Ngāti Kauwhata will once again be able to rebuild Iwa Tekau mā Iwa in the near future.

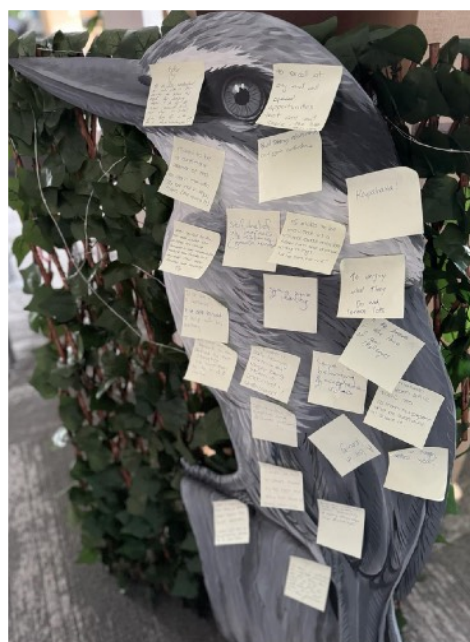
Buses will leave school at 9am sharp each day and return to school prior to 3pm. A gentle reminder that all children attending the marae visit will need kai for the whole day and a water bottle. Whānau who would like to attend are asked to notify classroom teachers prior to their class visit. All year 5 & 6 children should have received a gear list earlier this week for their marae sleepover. If you have any questions, please contact classroom teachers or email Pā Ronald via rnolan@lss.school.nz. Timetable for next week:

- Monday 4 Mar - Te Manawanui Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 21 & Eke Pānuku
- Tuesday 5 Mar - Te Matauranga Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 23
- Wednesday 6 Mar - Te Atawhai Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15, 5 & 6
- Thursday 7 Mar - Te Tipu 1 & Rooms 24 & 25

TE MANAWANUI KI TE REO

WHĀNAU EVENING

Last week was an exciting time for Te Manawanui ki te Reo. We had two great opportunities to build our whakawhanaungatanga (build connections and get to know each other). On Thursday evening, we held our first team whānau evening where teachers introduced themselves, and also introduced our Kōtare, designed and made by Joe McMenamin. While everyone enjoyed a mixture of their own kai, some delicious sausages and ice blocks, parents gave us the aspirations they have for their children for 2024. These were posted onto our Kōtare and have given us great insight for what our whānau want for their children. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend!



KOHINGA MAURI TRIP

Last Friday we had our team trip to Timona Park to visit the Oroua River. The purpose of this trip was for each child to find a small stone from the riverbed to represent their mauri (life force) and connect them to the awa. The children performed waiata, karakia, and had some team building games to play as well. We had a number of whānau come and support us with this trip which was a great success. The stones that were collected will be cleaned and then each child will be creating a design on their mauri which represents them. Both of these events have shown great support from our whānau and the connectedness we have as a team. Tehei mauri ora!

PLANT TO PLATE PROGRAMME

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Rosco's Bulk Yard for their generous donation of compost to our school. Your contribution will play a vital role in our Plant to Plate programmes that we are running with the Year 5 & 6 students this year. Thank you again for your kindness and dedication to helping our school thrive.