



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



# WHĀNAU EVENING - THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024

## WELCOME

Welcome to the 2024 school year - and what an awesome year it will be. The weather is fine, the kids are happy and learning is underway.

Please schedule in our Whānau Evening coming up on Thursday 15th February 2024. The evening will run from 4pm until 6.45pm. Bouncy castles, games, free sausages and ice blocks will all be available. This is a super chance to come along and chat to your child's classroom teacher and connect with other parents - fingers crossed the weather stays fine.

## WAITANGIDAY

A reminder that next Tuesday 6th February 2024 is Waitangi Day. The school is officially closed on this day.

Below a couple of our cracking Te Tipu kids are showcasing their creative talents. Starting the day off with Investigations is a super way to promote interest and play.



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Thursday 1st February 2024



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## TE AO MAORI @ LSS

Mihi Whakatau Process - Here at LSS, we begin the term with either a pōwhiri, or a mihi whakatau. Each term, these will be held on the first Wednesday back at school, starting at 11am. All school whānau are welcome to attend. The first one for 2024 was held yesterday with the whole school in attendance to welcome not just our new tamariki and their whānau, but our new staff as well. The main difference between a pōwhiri and a mihi whakatau is that while a pōwhiri may be conducted on a Marae, a mihi whakatau can be done in other locations and may not feature a karanga (the call of the woman). In this case the mihi whakatau is still an official welcome for all new students and whānau. It removes the tapu (restrictions) of the manuhiri (visitors) to make them one with the tangata whenua (hosts). We are very fortunate to have the capability to carry these long held traditions with the blessings of the local mana whenua. A huge thanks to Whaea Sarah and Pā Matt for carrying some of these roles on behalf of those attending. We look forward to sharing events such as these with as many of you as possible in the future.



## SPECIALIST TEACHING STAFF

Excitement is extremely high this year as we are operating three specialist teachers to teach Science, Te Reo Māori, Robotics and Physical Education. Students will get indent learning and have an opportunity to be immersed in these fields. In the photos above the kids are learning about lift, drag, thrust, and gravity. Awesome effort.

## PIANO LESSONS FOR 2024

Piano lessons are offered during school time through a private teacher, Carly-Rose Hulewicz of Perfect Harmony Music. She has over 10 years piano teaching experience and has already been holding lessons at our school. Lessons will be held during school time. There are currently openings for students this term so if you are interested in enrolling your child or have any questions, please contact her on 0274239088.

## INTRODUCING SOME NEW STAFF



Whaea Sarah (LSC)



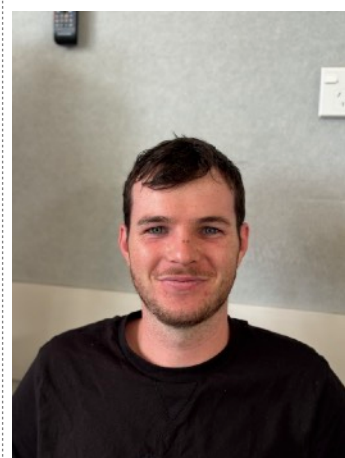
Whaea Olivia (R25)



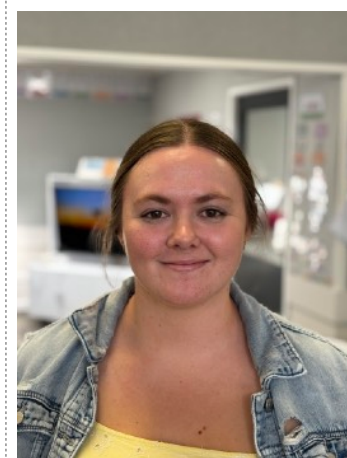
Whaea Michelle (R6)



Whaea Jaime (R16)



Matua Paula (R20)



Whaea Holly (R2)



## 125TH JUBILEE

Our 125th Jubilee is coming up in 2026. This will be an awesome event for our school. Currently we are assembling a team who will lead the organisation of this event. If you keen to be involved please let the office know.



### 2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1: Wednesday 31st January - Thursday 11th April

TERM 2: Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July

TERM 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

TERM 4: Monday 14th October - Thursday 19th December

Teacher Only Days: Friday 12th April, Friday 31st May,  
Friday 9th August & Friday 25th October

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