

BUBBLE DAY - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2024

WELCOME

Well what a wonderful few weeks we have had, with a lot more in store to come! Many thanks to all our whānau who have attended Learning Conversations this week. These provide a wonderful opportunity to share in the progress and achievements of our tamariki. It has been wonderful hearing the conversations between you and your children as you leave the classrooms, celebrating the successes of a wonderful start to 2024.

We have loads more to come this term, including Year 5/6 camps, athletics events and Tamariki Toa. Watch out in the newsletter and on Facebook for the details as they arise.

YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP

2024 marks an exciting time for student leadership at Lytton Street School. We aim to provide as many students as we can with opportunities to take on leadership roles and responsibilities across the school. This year there will be two leadership groups: LSS Student Leaders and Te Raukura.

LSS Student Leaders is a group for both Year 5 and 6 students. Students opt into this group and take on leadership roles such as recycling, bike monitors, lunch monitors, PE shed monitors, athletics and swimming monitors, and many more. A large part of this role is going to be organising and running lunchtime clubs across the school for other students to enjoy.

Te Raukura is a leadership group for Year 6 students only. All students who are selected for this group will complete The William Pike Challenge. The William Pike Challenge is a structured, specialist Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), project-based and service learning programme wrapped into one. This initiative prepares students to overcome challenges and achieve their personal best in three key areas: outdoor activities, community service and passion projects. These experiences set up a foundation for exponential growth in a child in terms of mindset, resilience, confidence and adaptability. Due to the nature of this programme, this group will be capped at 30 students.

We are very excited about the leadership opportunities that are on offer for our senior students this year.

BY-ELECTION FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Nomination forms are available at the school office for any member of our school community who is keen to serve on the Board of Trustees. If the number of nominees is more than the number of vacant positions then an election will be held. Nominations need to be in by 12pm on Wednesday 20th March.

BUBBLE DAY

Last year our school mourned the loss of our little ray of sunshine, Te Atarangi. She brought enormous joy, compassion and hope to all whose paths she crossed. This year we intend to unveil and name our native garden space and chair in memory of Te Atarangi, and also hold a Bubble Day. Bubbles were a real passion of Te Atarangi. The iwi will be supporting us as we open this garden. The event will be held at 12.30pm on Friday 5th April 2024. Following the conclusion of the event all students will be given a bubble wand and can have the best fun remembering Te Atarangi and the joy she brought. All whānau are welcome to attend this event.



TE AO MAORI @ LSS

Last Monday morning saw the start of a truly amazing opportunity for LSS as the whole school ventured to Kauwhata Marae. Te Manawanui were formally welcomed as the face of LSS onto Kauwhata Marae by Matua Manga & Whaea Ari. Ngāti Kauwhata remarked how excited they were to have the marae full of life. Often marae are associated with sadness and mourning, so to hold a week-long kaupapa ora (an event full of life) is always something to celebrate. Each day, tamariki were engaged in a range of activities and tasks that created connections, while building an understanding of the function of the marae, and its people. At the conclusion of each day, the senior classes prepared for their evening sleepover. This gave them a chance to practise the skills essential to life at the marae; making beds, keeping shoes tidy at the porchway, and dishes! As the Kaiāiki or caretakers of the marae, we held the responsibility of welcoming arriving whānau each day, and also a whānau who unexpectedly arrived to visit their own marae, after a period of living in Australia. Prior to the departure of classes each day, a reflection time was held and all tamariki and adults were invited to share a word or statement about their time at the marae. To the right are a few examples of their thoughts.

- Kai
- Kauwhata
- Whānau
- Connections
- Relaxing
- Whareniui
- PepehaFun
- New experiences
- Sleeping
- Marae
- Kōtare (The father of the rangatira, Kauwhata)
- Yummy
- Learning
- Oi (The local dog who visited regularly)
- Dishes
- Engaging
- Singing
- Connect 4 with Crete
- Porridge

A huge congratulations to all tamariki and staff, and a thank you to all parents and whānau who attended to support our kura. Last but not least, to Ngāti Kauwhata for their ongoing support of LSS, and the provision of their sacred space where we all felt welcomed, at peace and well cared for. Rirerire hau. Paimaarire.

NGĀ TAONGA TĀKARO

A group of 14 students attended Ngā Taonga Tākaro on Monday which is a Traditional Māori Games Festival. It was held at St Joseph's School, here in Feilding, and the students had the opportunity to participate in a range of games throughout the day. Students were mixed into different teams with tamariki from other schools so they could work and learn alongside one another. A great time was had by all and a huge thanks to St Joseph's School for providing this opportunity for us. Photos to the right and below right.



SIXTUS LODGE CAMP

Every year our senior students get to experience a Term 1 camp at either Foxton Beach or Sixtus Lodge at the base of the Ruahine Ranges. This year it's back to Sixtus Lodge which is always a fantastic time for our seniors. We are all set to go with Room 14 kicking things off on Monday 18th March. Here are some reminders.

- If your child requires a booster seat, please bring it to school on the day of their camp.
- Use our equipment list to check that your child has got the correct clothing. Having a raincoat is very important.
- Please include a container of baking or biscuits as we will be using these for morning/afternoon tea and supper. Avoid nuts please. Students with food allergies can provide their own appropriate snacks in a labelled container if you like, to be saved specifically for them.
- Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle on their first day of camp.
- Any specific medication for your child should have been indicated on the permission form and needs to be handed to their teacher on the morning of camp.

Times	Mon 18th March	Tue 19th March	Wed 20th March	Thur 21st March	Fri 22nd March
11:00am Depart LSS	Room 14	Room 15	Room 20	Room 25	
1:30pm Depart Camp		Room 14	Room 15	Room 20	Room 25
Times	Mon 25th March	Tue 26th March	Wed 27th March	Thur 28th March	
11:00am Depart LSS	Room 4	Room 21	Room 19		
1:30pm Depart Camp		Room 4	Room 21	Room 19	

