

## TAMARIKI TOA - WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024

### WELCOME

A huge thank you for attending our Learning Conversations last week. Staff have reported how great it was to catch up with you all and share the amazing learning achievements that have been taking place. Please be aware that you are always welcome to come on in and chat to your child's teacher, or send an email if you wish to get any further information. Learning is a shared responsibility and we, as a school, value the important part our whānau play.

### SCHOOL CAMP: SIXTUS LODGE

Room 14 got off to a stellar start with a tramp into Alice Nash Memorial Lodge on our Sixtus Lodge Camp. It is a fantastic way to get all our kids into the bush setting. This is a unique tramp that offers a taste of everything, from rope bridges, river crossings, steep tracks, and marvellous views. The rest of our Year 5/6 classrooms will be heading out to Sixtus Lodge this week and next.

### CENTRAL DISTRICTS FIELD DAYS

Last Friday a group of 18 students were fortunate enough to explore the Central Districts Field Days at Manfield. It was a great experience, being able to see and chat about the various farming implements and equipment that are used in modern day farming. There were some great examples of 'traditional methods made modern' which the children were fascinated by. The very skilled digger demonstration, lawn mower racing and motocross extravaganza were real highlights.

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This is our awesome 'tough kids' like event that is coming up on Wednesday 10th April 2024. Information is coming out regularly regarding this event.

### BUBBLE DAY

Our Bubble Day is coming up on Friday 5th April 2024. A reminder that on this day we shall be naming our native garden in honour of Te Atarangi. A brief ceremony will be followed by the installation of a sign and then all our students will have a bubble wand to play with. Please come and join us if you are free.



## TE AO MAORI @ LSS

### TE TAU TORU NUI O MATARIKI ME TE MARAMATAKA MĀORI

This term, Pā Ronald has been sharing the knowledge he gained from an 8 week long wānanga (learning programme) led by 2022 New Zealander of the Year,

Professor Rangī Mātāmua, called Te Toru Nui o Matariki (The three year cycle of the lunar months). Within this sits Te Maramataka Māori (the Māori Calendar). Te Maramataka is the traditional Māori calendar. Each year has 12 months based on the cycles of the moon. These lunar months begin and end when the moon is full, and last for about 30 days. Each of these lunar months and the moon phases have a direct effect on our environment and the activities associated with the respective realms.

Classes have been exposed to the initial learnings around how to read and understand the sun, moon and stars, how these affect our environment, and how we interact with the environment. Some of the classes have started to learn Ngā Marama o te Tau (The lunar months of the year) through videos posted to Seesaw, and have learned how to find these in the night skies. This, along with the cycles of the moon and sun, provide the basis of Te Maramataka Māori.

Currently, the Gregorian calendar states it is the 19th of March which is the 3rd month of the calendar year. However, according to Te Maramataka Māori, we are currently in Te Ngahuru o Poutu te Rangī (the 10th month), because in mid June, we will welcome Matariki and the Māori New Year which signals the start of the new lunar year. We look forward to sharing more of this learning with you all in the near future.

## BY-ELECTION FOR BOARD MEMBERS

We have been on the search for an additional 2 parent representatives for our Board of Trustees. Nominations for these positions closed on Wednesday 20th March at 12pm. Due to the number of nominations equalling the number of positions available, there is no need to undertake an election. Congratulations to Teresa Shanks and Amber Dodge who will join our Board. We look forward to welcoming you and working alongside you.

## PALS FIREWOOD RAFFLE

Our wonderful PALS group are running a firewood raffle and what a great prize it is up for grabs! \$5 per ticket will get you the chance to win 1 of 2 trailer loads of firewood. Tickets can be purchased from the school office starting from Monday 25th March, or at Woolworths, New World or The Warehouse on the weekend of 6/7th April. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 15th April. A massive thank you to Sam and Libby Bleakley for donating the wood. Check out the flyer to the right.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Our Board of Trustees will have their second meeting of the term on Wednesday 3rd April. Board meetings are held at 5.30pm in the school staffroom.

## ŌROUA JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Ōroua Junior Badminton Club now running for ages 7 and up. Club nights are Tuesdays during school terms, 6pm - 7:15pm, at the Feilding Civic Centre, until the end of Term 3 in September. \$5.00 per night. First night free! Club racquets are available. Please wear non-marking footwear. For more information, please contact David Wasley on 0212491150.

## UPCOMING EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please diary these dates for future reference. Friday 29th March is Easter Friday; Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of April are both observed as Easter holidays. The school will be closed on these days.

## UPCOMING TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please note we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 12th April. Our staff are undertaking professional learning to ensure they have a working knowledge and understanding of the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the story that led to its development, and the many places of significance that surround these developments.



## LYTTON STREET SCHOOL FIREWOOD RAFFLE

**\$5 PER TICKET**

**TWO PRIZE DRAWS**

**(ONE TRAILER-LOAD OF FIREWOOD EACH)**

RAFFLE DRAWN MONDAY APRIL 15

WINNERS NOTIFIED BY PHONE TO ARRANGE DELIVERY WITHIN FEILDING/P.N. AREA

**FOR SALE** ALL WEEK AT LSS SCHOOL OFFICE  
6/7 APRIL - AT COUNTDOWN, NEW WORLD, AND THE WAREHOUSE



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