

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



## **TAMARIKI TOA - WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024**

## **WELCOME**

The awesome events and experiences keep coming for our kids. This newsletter has captured most of these events so please diary them as soon as you can. Camps have continued this week out at Sixtus Lodge. The kids have had a blast. Check out the terrific glow worm cave to the right.

## LSS ATHLETICS DAYS

This year we are changing the format of our middle (Yr 3/4) and senior (Yr 5/6) school athletics days. We'll be having an athletics finals day and also an athletics carnival day. The finals day will be a competition based format for those students who have been selected as one of the top five in their class for a particular event. The carnival day will be more of a fun event for every student to display their athletics skills with a few extra activities included to add to the enjoyment. Each year group will finish their carnival event with a sausage sizzle. In preparation for these events, all classes have been spending time learning the correct technique for long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, and sprints. Students from Year 3-6 will know by this Thursday if they have been selected for an event on the finals day and a letter will be sent home with more details. Below are the dates for each event and as always at LSS, parents are more than welcome to come along and support.

- •Year 5/6 Athletics Finals Day: Wednesday 3rd April
- Year 3/4 Athletics Finals Day: Thursday 4th April
- •LSS Athletics Carnival Day: Tuesday 9th April.
- •Yr 0-2 (9:30am 11:00am)
- •Yr 3/4 (11:15am 12:45pm)
- •Yr 5/6 (1:00pm 2:30pm)

## **EASTER DATES**

In case you have missed the Facebook reminder we wanted to let everyone know that this weekend is the Easter break. School will be closed for Good Friday (29th March), Easter Monday (1st April) and Tuesday (2nd April) as well. This is an education holiday day and is the same for all schools.

School will reopen after the Easter break on Wednesday 3rd April.







## MEET OUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEMBERS

Next Wednesday, 3rd April, we will hold our second Board meeting for Term 1 in the staffroom at 5.30pm. In this week's newsletter we would like to introduce our new Board members, Teresa Shanks and Amber Dodge.

## Teresa Shanks

Tēnā koutou e te whānau. Kō Tākitimu te maunga, Kō Pahia te puke, Kō Waiau te awa, Kō New Zealander te iwi, Kō Murihiki tōku tūrangawaewae, Kō Bradley tōku hoa Rangatira, Nō Kāti Māmoe ia, E tahi āku tamariki, Kō Emily tāku tamāhine. Ko Teresa Shanks ahau. Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa



I am excited to be able to put my name forward to be a member of the Lytton Street School Board. My husband, Bradley, and I moved to Feilding in 2005, and our daughter

Emily is currently in Year 6 at LSS. We were incredibly humbled by the welcome the school gave to Emily and us when she started at Lytton Street School, and to be able to stand for the Board is an opportunity to be able to give back. I have been involved in the education sector for 23 years, working across both secondary and primary levels. I have sat on school boards for almost 10 of those years, holding various positions. This experience means that coming on to the Lytton Street School Board, I am aware of the responsibilities that a board holds. I see being on the Board as a privilege. I am also aware of the current challenges that New Zealand schools are facing and the mahi that is being put onto school senior leadership teams and teachers. Here at Lytton Street School, we are blessed to have the team we have and as a board member it is important that through our roles we are there to ensure they have the means to fulfil the strategic direction we have set for them. As a member of a school board, I believe we must always be the advocates for our ākonga and their time at school. We must always make decisions that benefit all tamariki. I want all our tamariki to feel a sense of belonging and know the joys that come from learning.

## **Amber Dodge**

Kia Ora, I am Amber Dodge.

Not only did I attend Lytton Street School for my primary years, I have been a parent/caregiver here at Lytton Street School for the past nine years. My youngest is currently Year 3. I am passionate about the future for all our children, teachers and support staff. Participating in our school community at a governance level will ensure that I can be part of the journey for a bright future. I am a business owner, mother and caregiver. I also sit on a local Kindergarten Board, and find joy helping out in the community. Always a listening ear, come and say hey.

## PENHEY CUP TEAM

A huge congratulations to our Penhey Cup swimming team who competed at Makino Pools on Monday evening. This is an annual competition between local school and includes 100m races, relays and a cup is awarded for the swimmer with most perfected technique. You all did a magnificent job. George finished 5th in his final, and the team came fourth in the relay race. What an outstanding effort from all who competed. Congratulations to Pippa, Melody, George and Leo.

# CUITENT FORM CONTROL CONTROL

## TAMARIKI TOA REMINDER

Tamariki Toa is coming up next Friday, 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 and will be held at Timona Park. Tamariki Toa is open to other Feilding

schools, with each school being allocated a time slot. We look forward to seeing our awesome Lytton Street kids in action once again. Thank you to those in our community who have been in touch regarding sponsorship.

## **BUBBLE DAY REMINDER**

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.











## LSS

## TE AO MAORI @ LSS

## TE PAE TAPŪ @ LSS

Here at LSS, each class begins and ends the day with Te Pae Tapū. This is a time-honoured concept from Te Ao Māori – the Māori world. The 'pae tapū' is usually the place where the orators and the singers of the local people sit. Here at LSS, we believe that by giving tamariki the 'mana' over the start and end of the day, this builds whanaungatanga and enhances the mana of those leading this. The most important developmental asset parents and teachers can teach is to ensure that children and students are aware of their mana tangata--their unique leadership potential, collective belonging, cultural connectedness, embedded achievement, and responsibilities to others. In education, mana tangata refers to an individual's contribution to the learning process. This should be a process where opportunities for learning are equitable and each learner's contribution is valued. In this process of contributing, the learner develops their self esteem.

There are four parts of Te Pae Tapū. Karakia or blessings, shared waiata, pānui or daily notices, and the recital of the local Ngāti Kauwhata pepehā which solidifies our connection and recognition of the Mana Whenua of Feilding. All students explicitly learn the structure and expectations of Te Pae Tapū and participate. Te Pae Tapū leaders sit on chairs at the front of the class, with all others facing Te Pae Tapū. Students lead each section individually and the teacher facilitates and supports them. At the end of each day, this is once again conducted, which concludes the day's learning at school. As with anything at LSS, whānau are always welcome to join us for Te Pae Tapū, please see your child's classroom teacher.

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## 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 a 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. 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 below.













