

**MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY - FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024****WELCOME**

A warm welcome to a chilly week. It was awesome of our runners to endure the conditions and test their skills at the inter-school event - see below.

**INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Yesterday our awesome cross country team attended the inter-school cross country held at the Ashhurst Domain. This is a cool event and gives our kids the chance to compete against regional athletes.

**Results from Inter-School Cross Country**

Our students achieved some great success at this event with fields of around 100 students. It is also worth considering that this event is held outside of our usual training season (Term 3). All of our students ran very well and three finished in the top 15 - Pippa 6th, Rhys 9th, and Scott 11th. Congratulations team.

**JUMPING JUNE**

Once again Lytton Street School will be taking part in Jumping June. This is a charity fundraising initiative through which we hope to raise much needed funds for The Heart Foundation. The Heart Foundation is New Zealand's heart charity, leading the fight against heart disease.

All students will receive their own skipping rope and will spend the weeks leading up to our 'Jump Day' learning new skipping skills and tricks as well as raising funds for The Heart Foundation. On 'Jump Day' all students will be given an opportunity to show off their new skipping skills and skip alongside their fellow classmates, friends and students. If they feel game enough, they may even challenge their teachers to the double dutch!

Funds are raised through an online fundraising platform. All students who fundraise \$10 or more will be able to select from an awesome bank of prizes. The more money the students raise, the better the reward.

This is an awesome initiative and we look forward to raising as many funds as we can for The Heart Foundation. Thank you for your support.

**UPCOMING SCHOOL WORKS - PROPERTY**

The school has two new exciting building projects coming up over the next six months. The first will be to modify the fencing around the western and southern boundaries to ensure it meets current standards and to complete the fence line along the northern and eastern boundaries. This project is being fully funded by the Ministry of Education.

The second project is the complete upgrade of Block 2 - Rooms 12-15. This begins in December so as to minimise the disruption to the school.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Thank you for your support during our Teacher Only Day on Friday 31st May. It is hugely important that our staff get the opportunity to enjoy professional learning and development. My thanks to you all - our school is well aware of the impact that this can have on whānau.



## TE AO MAORI @ LSS

The fourth star is Tupuāurangi which is associated with food that comes from the sky and is linked to birds. Traditionally kererū were harvested around this time. It is also connected to the harvesting of elevated foods such as berries and fruits.

Look upon this star to find inspiration for your five plus a day. Winter berries and fruits can be harvested around this time such as kiwifruit, feijoa, lemons, limes, oranges, mandarins, and passionfruit. Make sure you enjoy some of this fresh kai.



## DYSLEXIA

Understanding dyslexia is crucial for parents to support their children effectively. Dyslexia is a complex learning difference affecting how the brain processes language, not just a matter of reversing letters or reading slowly. Here's a guide to help parents:

1. Recognise the Signs: Look for difficulties in reading, spelling, writing, and speaking. Persistent struggles despite effort and intelligence are key indicators.
2. Understand the Cause: Dyslexia is neurological and often hereditary, not due to laziness or lack of intelligence. It can be detected early in childhood.
3. Embrace Neurodiversity: Encourage acceptance and celebrate your child's unique strengths.
4. Educate Yourself: Learn about dyslexia from professionals, and dyslexia organisations to advocate for your child's needs.
5. Seek Support: Collaborate with teachers, tutors, and specialists for tailored strategies and interventions.
6. Focus on Strengths: Dyslexic individuals often excel in creativity, problem-solving, and innovative thinking. Nurture these talents.
7. Promote Self-Esteem: Encourage passions and provide opportunities for success to boost confidence.

Understanding dyslexia helps parents provide the right support, helping their children thrive academically and emotionally.



## COSMODOME

The Cosmodome mobile planetarium is visiting next week. The Cosmodome is a portable starlab from Te Manawa in Palmerston North that will be set up in the hall on Tuesday 11th through to Thursday 13th June. The dome features a simulation of the night sky beamed on to the interior of an inflatable structure and allow students to go on a virtual trip through the universe yesterday. The dome simulates sprawling galaxies and allows pupils a flight through the solar system that includes close-up peeks at each planet.

## TE PAE TAMARIKI

Te Pae Tamariki is a two-day kapa haka festival held at the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North. It features hundreds of primary and intermediate age children from across the Manawatu and Horowhenua region. Te Rerenga Kōtare have been practicing hard for this event. It is awesome to see that over 80 students have registered and will perform at The Regent on Broadway. I would like to thank Pā Ronald, and all our staff who have supported the development of these skills over many weeks.

Our group will be performing at Te Pae Tamariki on Monday 17th June at 11am. Whānau are most welcome to come and watch this performance.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th June at 5.30pm in the school staffroom.

### “How to Handle Stress and Live More”

Tuesday 11th June 6:30-8pm  
Feilding Golf Club  
Delivered by Aimée Perrett

Unlock the Key to Stress Mastery  
Discover the power to conquer chronic stress  
and reclaim your vitality



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