

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

Well it has all been happening this week. Our kids have enjoyed extension art classes with Joe McMEnamin, Cycling Skills with Sport Manawatu and of course Te Manawa's Cosmodome. In addition, preparation is now well underway for Te Pae Tamariki - the showcase of Kapa Haka in the Manawatu region. It is terrific to be able to provide so many awesome opportunities for our tamariki.

TE PAE TAMARIKI

Our awesome Te Rerenga Kōtare take to the Te Pae Tamariki stage next Monday 17th June at 11am at The Regent. Whānau are more than welcome to attend. Best wishes to all our performers.

JOE MCMENAMIN ART EXTENSION

The awesome Joe McMEnamin was in school last week working with a range of groups providing terrific art extension. To the right are Te Tipu smashing out some wonderful creations. Great job all. Joe will be running a series of lessons that develop and strengthen the skills of our students.

SPORT MANAWATU CYCLING

Te Raukura completed their first cycle skills session run by Sport Manawatu this morning. All students learnt how to correctly fit a helmet, check their bikes for legal requirements, and spent time developing their bike handling skills. We are all set for our on road session next week! Ka rawe team!

COSMODOME

This week at Lytton Street School we have the Yorb Cosmodome from Te Manawa set up in the hall. Kirsty and Keila from Te Manawa are teaching us about our galaxy, and the constellations we can see from Aotearoa.

Firstly, Kirsty told us about three constellations that we need to look for: Māhutonga (the Southern Cross), Te Tauru (Orion's Belt), and Te Matau a Māui (Scorpius). Then we all went into the cosmodome and sat around the edges. The lights went out, and we saw the stars projected onto the roof of the dome and we found Matariki, using Te Tauru to guide our eyes across the sky. We saw how the stars appear to move from east to west, and we learned that you can't see Scorpius and Orion at the same time. It was a great experience, and we are so lucky to have the Cosmodome here at LSS.

MR. D

For your information Mr. Dodunski will be on leave for the next four weeks. He is visiting whānau overseas. If there is anything you need please defer this to Ben or Jolie.





TE AO MAORI @ LSS

The fifth star is Waiti. Waiti is connected to fresh water and living creatures in the rivers, streams, and lakes. You can look upon this star as recognition and appreciation of our fresh waters in Aotearoa. It is a great time to set intentions to help preserve our freshwater ways, such as not wasting water or joining community stream cleaning events.

DYSPRAXIA

Understanding dyspraxia, a developmental coordination disorder, is crucial for parents to support their child effectively. Dyspraxia affects coordination, motor skills, and sometimes cognitive function. Here's how parents can help:

1. **Educate Yourself:** Learn about dyspraxia from reliable sources to understand its symptoms and challenges.
2. **Observe Your Child:** Notice difficulties with coordination, balance, and fine motor skills, and identify struggle areas.
3. **Encourage Patience:** Be patient and supportive, celebrating small victories and offering reassurance during setbacks.
4. **Provide Structure:** Establish routines and clear instructions, organising the environment to reduce sensory overload.
5. **Offer Practical Support:** Break tasks into manageable steps and use visual aids and verbal cues to guide activities.
6. **Advocate for Assistance:** Collaborate with educators and healthcare professionals to ensure suitable adaptations are made.
7. **Promote Self-Esteem:** Focus on strengths and interests, encouraging activities where your child can excel.
8. **Seek Community:** Connect with other parents of children with dyspraxia for support and shared experiences.

By understanding dyspraxia and providing appropriate support, parents can empower their children to navigate challenges and thrive.

TE MANAWANUI UPDATE

Te Manawanui Raranga Putiputi Workshop / Awahuri Forest Trip - As we welcome Matariki, the Māori New Year, we are excited to announce two special events that will bring Te Manawanui together to reflect on the past, plan for the future, and strengthen our whakawhanaungatanga (relationships). On Wednesday 26th June, we are holding our first whānau evening workshop on how to weave harakeke flowers. This hands-on session is a wonderful opportunity for our kaiako, whānau, and tamariki to connect and learn a new skill together. All materials will be provided, and no prior experience is necessary. This will be followed by moving to the hall to see the outstanding art pieces our tamariki have created for the Art Expo.

In Week 10, on Tuesday 2nd July, Te Manawanui will be heading to Awahuri Forest for a morning of exploration and learning. This visit is an excellent opportunity for our tamariki to learn more about one of our special local places. Kaiako will lead various activities where tamariki will discover the history of the park, the forest ecosystem, and the native birds that inhabit it. This excursion will not only provide educational insights but also foster a deeper connection with our natural environment. We look forward to seeing our whānau at these events, celebrating Matariki together.

Ka mahuta a Matariki i te pae, ka mahuta ō tātou tūmanako ki te tau - When Matariki rises above the horizon, our aspirations rise to the year ahead.



All events at
Manchester Street School from
10.00am till 11.30am

Monday 8th July – Glowing stars
Tuesday 9th July – Rainbow catchers
Wednesday 10th July – Mask decorating
Thursday 11th July – Rock painting
Friday 12th July – Dramarama with Alan Dingley

Monday 15th July – Little box robots
Tuesday 16th July – Critters
Wednesday 17th July – Bouncing Buddies

We're pressing pause on all the fun stuff for
Thursday, July 18th, and Friday, July 19th, to gear
up for the reopening! The Manawātū Community Hub
Libraries at Te Āhuru Mōwai doors will open wide to
welcome you on Monday, July 22nd, at 9.30 am.

Te Manawanui

Raranga Putiputi

A one night workshop on
weaving harakeke flowers.

Bring your whānau for a great evening
learning how to weave a harakeke flower.
The workshop will finish with kai and
kapu ti.

Wednesday 26th June 2024

Te Manawanui block

5pm-6pm

