

**DAFFODIL DAY - FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2024**



**DANCE NZ MADE 2024**

On Monday the LSS Dance extension team attended Dance NZ Made for a national dance competition. The team showed great determination and perseverance in the Musical Theatre, Hip Hop and Jazz workshops during the day with the adjudicators. The opportunity to perform the dance on stage was a highlight for them. Also to come in the top 10 schools was a massive achievement, well done to all of you, we are very proud of your effort! A special thanks to the whānau who supported the team on the day and leading up to the event.



**OLYMPIC SPIRIT**

The Olympic Games seem to have come and gone in a flash - but what an extravaganza of sport it proved to be. With so many awesome achievements it is hard to select a highlight. Lisa Carrington continues to bring in gold medal after gold medal and show a humble and competitive spirit at all times - champion. Alongside these achievements were Hamish Kerr in the High Jump and of course our amazing Women's Sevens Team. Paris is also a city of amazing sights, each event with a backdrop of some building steeped in history. The fun continues on shortly with the Special Olympics - be sure to check them out.



**MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM**

The recent announcement from the Prime Minister commented on the perceived decline of Year 8 maths. The announcement stated that 22% of Year 8 students were achieving at or above the curriculum expectation. It must be acknowledged that this data came from a very small sample size of only 42 schools and 833 children; based on assessments against a newly created draft curriculum which students haven't been taught from. Other data could have been used such as the countrywide assessment tool, The National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement (NMSSA). This assesses a larger sample size from a wide range of schools. This assessment was last completed in 2022. NMSSA report showed there was little to no decline in Year 8 maths achievement between 2013 and 2022. Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is often held up as measure of achievement analysis as it ranks our students against their peers across the The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) nations. In Maths NZ ranks in the top quarter of these countries and the last findings stated - "After several cycles of stable performance, Aotearoa New Zealand's mean mathematics score dropped 15 points, from 494 in 2018 to 479 in 2022. The OECD mean also dropped by 15 points over the same time period, meaning Aotearoa New Zealand's mean score continues to be higher." In conclusion whilst we can argue that the decline in maths achievement is not as huge as the Government would have us believe, it exists and there is work to be done. It is our aim as a school to embrace the Draft Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum and ensure our students are afforded every opportunity to meet and possibly exceed, expectations.

**Te Mātaiaho**

**The New Zealand Curriculum**

**MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS YEARS 0-8**



## TE AO MAORI @ LSS - NGĀTI KAUWHATA

Ngāti Kauwhata is our local iwi and is partnered with Te Kāhui Ako o Kawakawa. Ngāti Kauwhata whakapapa to the Tainui waka, having originated in the Kawhia area before travelling inland to Pirongia and Kakepuke. During the 1600s, Ngāti Kauwhata were known to have moved deeper into the Waikato region. There they developed strong kinship ties with other inhabitants of the area including their close kinfolk of Ngāti Raukawa. Around the turn of the 19th century conflicts arose with the long term and migrating iwi from the Hauraki and Coromandel areas. Ngāti Kauwhata responded to a request from Te Rauparaha to journey south to support his people. This resulted in the main body of Ngāti Kauwhata joining the early 1800s migration south known as 'Te Hekenga Mai Raro.' Ngāti Kauwhata settled in the Manawatū region and have resided here ever since. Colonisation impacted the iwi negatively in terms of loss of te reo Māori, land, identity and culture.



## THE WIZARD OF OZ - FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE

The Wizard of Oz is coming to the Feilding Civic Centre on Saturday 17th and 18th of August. This will be a super cool production and features our very own Max Ingram and Ava Allison. Be sure to get your tickets and check it out. See the flyer to the right.

By L. Frank Baum  
With Music and Lyrics  
by Harold Arlen and E. Y.  
Harburg

Adapted by John Kane for the  
Royal Shakespeare Company

Background Music by Herbert  
Stothart

Based upon the Classic Motion  
Picture owned by  
Turner Entertainment Co. and  
distributed in all media by  
Warner Bros.

Dance and Vocal Arrangements  
by Peter Howard  
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Directed by: Ngaire Ngatuere  
Musically Directed by: Shane Brown  
Choreography by: Vanessa Coogan

Feilding Civic Centre  
Saturday 17th August 2024 at 2pm and 7.30pm  
Sunday 18th August 2024 at 1pm

LIMITED DOOR SALES  
CASH CANDY BAR

Adults: \$49.50 (Plus Booking Fee)  
Child: \$35.00 (Plus Booking Fee)  
Senior/Student: \$39.50 (Plus Booking Fee)

Book Now at [www.newstageproductions.com](http://www.newstageproductions.com)

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## DYSCALCULIA

Dyscalculia is a specific learning disability that affects a person's ability to understand numbers and perform mathematical tasks. It is as common as dyslexia but less well-known. At Lytton Street School, we believe in fostering awareness and understanding of dyscalculia to support affected students. Children with dyscalculia may struggle with number sense, memorising maths facts, understanding mathematical concepts, and performing calculations. These challenges can impact their confidence and academic performance. Early identification and targeted interventions can significantly help these students succeed. By increasing awareness and providing appropriate support, we can ensure that every child at Lytton Street School has the opportunity to excel.

## SCHOOL CARPARK

It is hoped that the school carpark will be completed early next week. With the inclement weather it has been tricky to finalise a time to pour the concrete. Once this is done, approximately 20 cars will come off the Monmouth Street parking area and free up space for our parent whānau. Please be aware the carpark off Lytton Street is for staff vehicles. This is a very busy entranceway and not a safe place for dropping off and picking up your children.



## NED - NEVER GIVE UP, ENCOURAGE, DO YOUR BEST

Thank you for all of your support with the purchasing of yo-yos following the NED show last week. We have now fully funded the NED show so they are able to visit another school in Aotearoa. We also are able to give to our Parents Association of Lytton Street (PALS) Group a total of \$357 through the sales. This has been a terrific initiative for our school and enabled kids to get an understanding of the 'pay it forward' concept.

## JAN WILLIAMS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our awesome team competed at the Jan Williams Netball tournament at North Street School. It was great to see the kids compete really well. A special thank you to Whaea Olivia and the huge number of whānau supporters who came along.

