

HALLOWEEN DISCO - TONIGHT



WELCOME

Welcome to Halloween Week! Every one is amped and looking forward to the disco tonight. More information is contained later in the newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

Since the Covid pandemic the level of attendance across New Zealand has become increasingly concerning. Regular Attendance is described by the Ministry of Education as students attending school over 90% of the time. A new report released today by the Education Review Office (ERO), "Left Behind: How do we get our chronically absent students back to school?", reveals more than 80,000 students missed more than three weeks of school in Term 2 this year. The evidence shows that attendance is directly related to how well learners achieve. The more learners attend, the higher their achievement, and the more NCEA credits they gain. We understand that circumstances such as illness or family commitments can impact attendance. However, it is our aim as a school to support both our whānau to ensure all tamariki attending regularly. Here are a few reasons why consistent attendance is so important. For the most part, our school has decent rates of attendance and effective methods of communication when absence occurs. Just as a reminder I thought I would highlight the importance of regular attendance:

- Students who attend school regularly perform better academically. Each lesson builds on the last, and being present helps them grasp concepts more fully.
- School is a place where children learn to interact with their peers. Regular attendance fosters friendships and improves social skills, which are essential for their future.
- Establishing a routine of regular attendance helps students develop responsibility and time management skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our Attendance Service who operate throughout the region to support students and whānau to attend regularly. If you believe you or your child would benefit from support from this service please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

I would like to extend a huge note of appreciation to all our whānau for working with us to ensure our tamariki attend regularly and achieve the results they so richly deserve.

AWESOME BUDDY READERS

This term we have got a group of Year 5 students participating in a buddy reading programme with Tui Early Learners Lytton Street. Each week these students visit Tui and read to the tamariki. Not only is this a great way for our Year 5s to build relationships with future school students but to build upon and promote literacy for all those involved.



TE AO MAORI @ LSS - TE MANAWANUI

Te Manawanui ki te Reo is a Kaupapa Māori-based philosophy with a strong focus on integrating te reo Māori me ōna tikanga into an everyday english-medium learning curriculum. Teaching and learning involves a higher percentage of te reo Māori use in classrooms alongside the implementation of tikanga based practices. We have a team of developing speakers of te reo who will offer our students the opportunity to acquire, practice, and build proficiency. In Te Manawanui ki te reo Māori we have adopted the Whare Tapawhā model of well being designed by local kaumatua Sir Mason Durie. This ensures that all corners of the learner's whare are supported equally, to allow for growth and development. The strong whānau environment continues from year to year. As much as we emphasise the reo, tikanga is our foundation and something that we uphold on a daily basis. In 2025 Te Manawanui ki te reo Māori will be offered as an option for those tamariki and their whānau who require their students to be involved in classrooms where a higher percentage of te reo Māori and tikanga is spoken and shared. It has been extremely impressive to view the language that our kids now possess through direct involvement in this programme. A letter and response form will be sent out shortly.



GUMBOOT FRIDAY

Gumboot Friday is a **FREE** counselling service for any young person in New Zealand aged 25 and under. An under resourced public mental health service has led to long wait times for young people needing immediate help. Gumboot Friday was designed to meet the needs of young people and provides free and timely access to counselling. In order to raise awareness of this organisation our kids will be undertaking a range of activities run by our Te Raulura leadership team. These activities include Gumboot Throwing, Fill The Bucket, Rob The Nest, Three-Legged Race, Big White Boot Race and Knock The Gumboot. It would be great if your tamariki could support this initiative with a gold coin donation. Thank you.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

A reminder that tonight is our Halloween Disco. Times are included on the flyer to below.

LYTTON STREET SCHOOL'S
HALLOWEEN DISCO
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2024

TIMES:
YEAR 0-3 5.15 PM - 6.15 PM
YEAR 3-6 6.30 PM - 7.45 PM




YEAR 3 STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE WHAT DISCO THEY ATTEND.

\$5 ENTRY
THIS INCLUDES ENTRY, DRINK, CHIPPIS & CHOCOLATE.
PAY AT THE DOOR.

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

MANWATU YOUNG LEADERS AWARDS

Te Tohu Auaha / Innovation Award - This award recognises excellence through social enterprise, inventing creative solutions to real world issues, or artistic endeavour.

Name	Year	Citation
Leo Mercer 	6	Leo is a very critical thinker with an innovative imagination. He has been part of a gifted education programme this year where he has educated his peers about a range of topics. Leo thinks outside of the box to come up with creative ideas to resolve real world issues.
Isabelle Ranger 	6	Isabelle is an incredibly innovative thinker and a very persuasive presenter when she shares her ideas and solutions to real world issues. Isabelle has been a real leader within our gifted education programme this year and she has impressed our group with her entrepreneurial thinking and convincing arguments.
Zoe Payne 	6	Zoe has really let her innovative creativeness shine through in our gifted education programme this year. She has used research to guide her modernistic ideas to solve real world issues and has captured hearts when presenting her ideas to her peers. Zoe has also been very encouraging to others within this space and helping them find their creative, innovative strengths too.



ORGANISATION 2025

It is with excitement that we share the 2025 teaching organisation. Our school is extremely fortunate in that our staffing team is remaining fairly consistent. There are 4 additions to the team. I have mentioned these further down in the newsletter.

As always we are keen to hear the thoughts of our whānau with regards to their child's classroom placement for 2025. If you wish to have input into your child's classing options for 2025, please click on the following link and complete the Google Form. We will take all considerations into account during the classing process.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/kkBm13GBxowQbuq28>

Please complete the form within the next two weeks.

STAFFING CHANGES

I am pleased to announce the addition of five new staff for the 2025 school year. Sam Corser is returning to us from 5 years in Nelson. Sam was a very popular teacher here and is coming into the Year 5/6 area. Mandy Dever-Tod and Alicia Henderson are both beginning their teaching careers here at Lytton Street School. Mandy will be well known to many of you as she has been a student teacher here for the last term. Alicia is coming to work alongside our staff later in November. Finally we welcome Erica Meads. Erica is currently teaching at Awapuni School and also directing Cinderella (see flyer below). Erica brings production and teaching experience to our kura. A warm welcome to you all.

ICE SKATING RETURNS

Yes, the ice rink returns for 2024! From Monday, November 18 to Thursday, November 21, all students will enjoy an ice-skating session with their class. Please remember that each child needs to bring their own socks. Additionally, you can book a 30-minute disco session for your child on Tuesday or Wednesday. Visit our Facebook page to reserve a spot!



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STAFFING	NAMES
Te Tipu - Year 1	Dani McPherson, Ainsley Seabrook, Kelsi Pratt
Year 1	Kelsey Price
Year 1/2	Aimee Dame
Year 1/2	Rachelle Watson
Year 1/2	Jamie Pond
Year 2	Michelle Wagstaff
Year 2	Alecia Viles
Year 2	Anna Lewis
Year 3/4	Sarah Gundesen
Year 3/4	Sarah Orr
Year 3/4	Paige Roberts
Year 3/4	Sarah Payne
Year 3/4	Holly Ryan
Year 3/4	Amanda Harris
Year 5/6	Sam Corser
Year 5/6	Paul Stewart
Year 5/6	Alicia Henderson
Year 5/6	Nicola Campbell
Year 5/6	Sam Diffey
Year 5/6	Mandy Dever-Tod

Feilding Little Theatre Players Proudly Presents:

CINDERELLA

Written by Ben Crocker

Directed by Erica Meads
Musical Direction by Delwyn Mackenzie

Performances

November

Evening – 7pm
15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th

Matinee – 2pm
24th

Under 2 Free	Under 16 \$10	Adult \$20
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Phone Bookings: 06 323 5051 or eventfinda

OUR FIRST EVER VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Our first ever LSS volleyball team had their first game last Tuesday afternoon at the Arena in Palmy! Fantastic work team - awesome sportsmanship and technique! Bring on the rest of the season!

COMMUNITY PANTRY

We are excited to have a community pantry now located outside the gate on Lytton Street. We know how tough times can be at the moment and we hope this initiative will help out many families. If you ever have anything to spare to add to the pantry please drop it straight in there any time. A massive thanks to the team at GJ Gardner for donating this to our school community and to Ryan O'Fee for building it for us. Photo top right.

LSS XMAS DROP 2025

Christmas is a time of sparkle, of festivities, of fun and whānau. It is our aim to bring this same Christmas spirit into our school community to share with ALL our kids. So how, you might ask? Over the last two years we have donated in excess of 1800 gifts to kids in our community thanks to a range of sponsors.

Our school would like to once again provide a \$5 gift for each child to be given out in the last week of Term 4. Santa Claus will come into school to do the honours. All gifts will be prepared and wrapped by our Parents Association of Lytton Street (PALS) group. It is our vision to gift to the Lytton Street School community as well as the surrounding early childhood centres. In the long term it will be our aim to ensure every child in Feilding receives a Christmas gift.

In order to make this happen we need support from the local Feilding community. If you, a local business, or anyone you know would be able to provide some financial support or sponsorship, this would be much appreciated. Please email me at principal@lyttonstreet.school.nz or ring or text me on 021 525 410 and our office will contact you shortly. Any sponsorship will be acknowledged in our school newsletter and on Facebook.

Thank you for your support and consideration. 'Bringing Christmas to the Lytton Street community' is an extremely exciting and proactive initiative in order to enhance the lives of all our children.

IMPORTANT DATES

As the end of the year draws close things get extremely busy. Here is a snapshot of some of the important dates that are coming up - please diary them now.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION - Wednesday 4th December
FEILDING CHRISTMAS PARADE - Sunday 8th December
FINAL CELEBRATION - Wednesday 11th December
MAKINO FUN DAY - Tuesday 17th December

