



# Lytton Street School

Thursday 6th February

Newsletter: 25/01

**LYTTON**  
STREET SCHOOL

## WELCOME

A huge welcome back to you all and a special welcome to those whānau who are new to our school. It has been fantastic to see the sun come out, the kids return happy and the learning well underway. 2025 promises to be another amazing year for our kura. There are many exciting things planned and most certainly much to be proud of.

## WHĀNAU EVENING

Our awesome community event will take place next Thursday evening from 4.30pm-7pm. This is an amazing chance for all our school to come together, enjoy some dinner and have a terrific time. Bouncy castles, free sausages and a waterslide will all be available for you and your kids to enjoy. You are also welcome to bring your own kai along to enjoy at this event.

## STAFF CHANGES 2025

Each year our school does have a few staff changes. As with previous years we have been extremely fortunate to be able to replace those departing with high calibre applicants. This is due in part to good planning but also the reputation our school has earned in the community. This year we welcome Erica Meads who has joined us from Awapuni School and Sam Corser from Nelson. Both Erica and Sam come with a wide range of teaching and leadership experience. A special welcome also to Mandy Dever-Tod and Alicia Henderson who are beginning their teaching careers at our school. Further information will come out shortly. In addition Grace Chapman and Lyneece Wojcik who are finalising their teaching training as part of a new Massey University within school programme. It is great to have you all on board.

Finally, during the holidays Pā Ronald moved with his whānau to Opunake where his wife, Janie secured a teaching role. Ronald has been an integral member of our staff and community for over ten years. Ronald will be undertaking a flexible leadership role with Te Akatea - The Māori Principals' Association. This will see him travel the country supporting new principals in their roles. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Ronald and his whānau every success in the future.



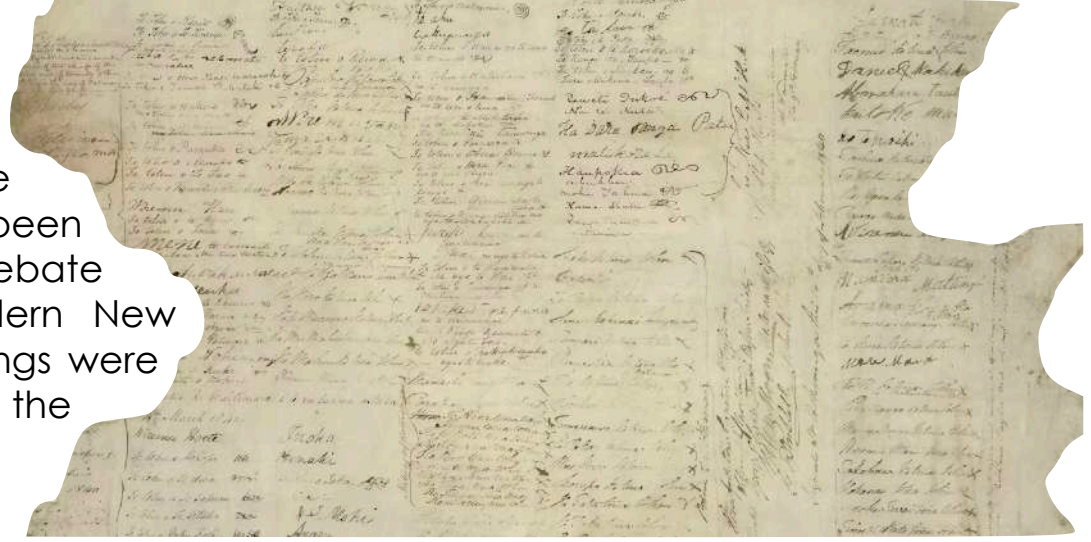
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## TE A O MĀORI @ LYTTON STREET

### Waitangi Day | Rā o Waitangi

Every year on the 6th February, New Zealand marks the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) in 1840. In that year, representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Māori chiefs signed what is often considered to be New Zealand's founding document. The day was first officially commemorated in 1934, and it has been a public holiday since 1974.

For some people, Waitangi Day is a holiday; for others it is the occasion to reflect on Te Tiriti. Since the 1970s the style and mood of the commemorations on Waitangi Day have been influenced by the increasingly heated debate surrounding the place of Te Tiriti in modern New Zealand. As in previous years large gatherings were once again seen at Waitangi, the location of the initial debate and signing of Te Tiriti.



## HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS PROGRAMME

This year our school is pleased to offer a high performance sports programme. This programme will operate from 7.30am-8.30am five days a week and also from 3pm-4pm three days per week. The programme will focus on developing the strength and conditioning skills as well as the mental skills to perform at a high standard in sport. Crete Cribb will be taking the programme and be assisted by Mike Young and Richard Dodunski. Students will have the opportunity to apply to be part of the programme. A notice is coming out to all whānau on Friday. The programme is available for those students in Years 5 and 6.

## BUILDING PROJECTS

During the holidays a tremendous amount of building work has been undertaken. Room 5/6 have had their pelmets removed and been completely repainted and carpeted. The walls are due to be re-lined in the next 2-3 weeks. These are the last of our classrooms to be modified.

The repaint continues around the school and the renovations to Block 2 have progressed. This is an extremely exciting time for our kura. Be sure to come and check out all the amazing redevelopments.

## TAMARIKI TOA

Coming up on the 28th February is our Tamariki Toa event. This is a 'tough kids' styled activity for our students. It is held at Timona Park and includes kids from all over the region. Our school is the main organiser. Further information will come out tomorrow. The event is for all students in Years 3-6. It is not a race, it is something that kids can complete in pairs at their own pace - having a bucketload of fun along the way. This year we are extremely lucky to have a huge range of sponsors to support us on the day.

T-shirts for this event are also available. These are \$35 each and are a really cool representation of the day. An order form will come home with the letter on Friday. Check out the design of the t-shirts below.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

This term, a strong focus for us, and indeed for the Ministry of Education and the current government, is regular school attendance. Being at school every day possible is crucial for children's learning, social development, and overall well-being. Every day counts, and consistent attendance helps students make the most of all learning opportunities. We are now reporting daily attendance data to the Ministry, highlighting the importance of this kaupapa. We encourage all families to work with us to ensure their children attend school regularly and arrive on time, ready to engage in their learning journey. At school, we have changed some of our practices to ensure we meet these obligations on our side as well. There are only four teacher-only days this year. These include the ones provided by the Minister directly for implementing the new maths curriculum. Thank you to you all for your support.



### Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.

## SCHOOL DANCE PROGRAMME

This year we are once again offering a school dance programme. The programme will be run by Whaea Alecia. Alecia is a dance teacher who teaches here at school and previously at Dance Unlimited here in Feilding. Dance is a terrific sport and one that all kids can be part of. If your child discovers a love of dance during their sessions please do not hesitate to get in contact and I can point you in the right direction for further lessons.

## FREE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

Our school is once again part of the Free Lunch in Schools Programme. We were lucky enough to continue with our current providers - Pita Pit and Subway. The lunches are nutritious and seem to be really enjoyed by our kids. To the right is the new lunch menu for Term 1, 2025. If you know there is a meal that your child does not enjoy, please ensure they have a packed lunch instead. Please enquire at the office for the menus for our students who have allergy requirements.

## SCHOOL POLICIES LINK

Our school is part of SchoolDocs - an online platform that is completely assessable to our parent community. In order to gain access please enter the following website into your browser:

[lyttonstreet.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm](http://lyttonstreet schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm)

Once you have accessed the website please use the following details to log into our school-specific site.

Username: lyttonstreet  
Password: learn



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WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	WEEK 6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit		Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit
	Cheeseburger	Ham Sammy	Ham & Pineapple Pizza + Yoghurt	<b>Waitangi Day</b>	Ham Mac & Cheese		BBQ Chicken Sub	Ham Roll	Spaghetti Meatballs	Roast Beef Sub + Mandarin	Butter Chicken
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>WEEK 7</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit		Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit
	Meatball Sub	Chicken Roll	Enchiladas + Cheese Stick	Ham Sub + Grainwaves	Lasagne		Cheeseburger	Ham Sammy	Ham & Pineapple Pizza + Apple	Butter Chicken & Rice	Ham Mac & Cheese
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>WEEK 8</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit		Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit
	BBQ Chicken Sub	Ham Roll	Beef Nachos & Corn Chips	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Butter Chicken		Meatball Sub	Chicken Roll	Lasagne & Grainwaves	Roast Beef Sub & Yoghurt	Nachos
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>WEEK 9</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit		Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit
	Cheeseburger	Ham Sammy	Ham Pineapple Pizza + Mandarin	BBQ Chicken Wrap + Yoghurt	Nachos		BBQ Chicken Sub	Ham Roll	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Turkey Sub & Apple	Butter Chicken
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>WEEK 10</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit		Pita Pit	Pita Pit	Subway	Subway	Pita Pit
	Meatball Sub	Chicken Roll	Beef Nachos & Corn Chips	Ham Sub & Grainwaves	Lasagne		Cheeseburger	Ham Sammy	Ham & Pineapple Pizza + Pear	Lasagne & Grainwaves	Ham Mac & Cheese

Pita Pit back up lunch will be mac & cheese should any day need to be subbed out



2025 TERM DATES

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Term 1: 3 February - 11 April

Term 2: 28 April - 27 June

Term 3: 14 July - 19 September

Term 4: 6 October - 17 December

Teacher Only Days: 30 May, 22 August, 24 October