

# **Lytton Street School**

**Thursday 27th February** 

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# **WELCOME**

This week the hot weather continues. Coming up on Friday is our super Tamariki Toa event. This will see almost 350 of our kids head down to Timona Park to take part in a fun and collaborative course of challenging tasks, climbing frames, bouncy castles, and of course, the waterslide. Our kids will venture down to the course at 12.30pm. Parents and all whānau are more than welcome to come down and see their awesome kids give the course a crack.

# TAXIARIXI TOXI Fillay 23th February 2025

# ATKINS ASSOCIATES









# **FOXTON BEACH CAMP**

Our Year 5/6 students head to Foxton Beach for their overnight camp beginning on Monday 10th

March. Each class will be treated to a super couple of days of beach fun. I wanted to say in advance a big thank you to all those parents and whānau who have given up their time to accompany the kids and make these camps possible. More information and reminders will come out shortly.

# TE MANAWANUI - KOHINGA MAURI TRIP

Last Friday, Te Manawanui ki te Reo embarked on a team trip to Timona Park to visit the Oroua River. The purpose of this trip was for each child to find a small stone from the riverbed, symbolising their mauri (life force) and strengthening their connection to the awa. The collected stones will be cleaned and personalised with designs that reflect each child's identity. Thank you to the whānau who joined us for the morning. Tehei mauri ora! Check out the photo from this trip at the top of the page.

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# TE A O MĀORI @ LSS

Te Puna Reo is a structured online platform that supports the learning of te ao Māori, tikanga Māori and te reo Māori. Our kaiako have started using this platform in the classroom, working through modules with students to help grow confidence and knowledge of te reo Māori. This week we have started with the basics: pronunciation and place names around Aotearoa. As we become more familiar with this platform, we are wanting to open it up to whānau, so keep an eye out for logins coming home later in the year. Kia rere te puna reo Māori. Let the spring of Māori language flow.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2025

2025 marks an exciting time for student leadership at Lytton Street School. This year we aim to provide as many students as possible opportunities to take on leadership roles and responsibilities across the school. There will be two leadership groups: LSS Student Leaders and Te Raukura. Within both groups, students will display the leadership qualities to the right. LSS Student Leaders is a leadership development group for both Year 5 and 6 students.

Students opt into this group and take on leadership roles such as recycling monitors, bike monitors, lunch monitors, athletics and swimming monitors, and many more. A large part of this role involves organising and running lunchtime clubs across the school

#### **Leadership Qualities**

- Respect
- Perseverance
- Self Confidence
- Trustworthiness
- Enthusiasm
- Sense of humour
- Adaptability/Flexibility

for other students to enjoy. Te Raukura is a leadership enhancement group for Year 6 students only. Students who are selected for this group will complete a Leadership Enhancement Programme over the course of the year. Throughout this programme, students will take part in four outdoor education experiences, eight health and well-being sessions, and various community service initiatives both within our school and in the wider community. We are very excited about the leadership opportunities that are on offer for our senior students this year. We aim to have both groups finalised by the end of Week 5.

## **BOOK WEEK**

Get ready for an exciting week celebrating the magic of books in Week 10! We have a fantastic lineup of events to inspire a love of reading in our tamariki. Throughout the week, we will have special guests visiting to share their favourite stories, there will be lots of reading, fun activities, and spot prizes up for grabs! The Scholastic Book Fair will be open that week, giving students and whānau the opportunity to explore and purchase a range of fantastic books. To finish the term with a bang, we will be holding our annual Book Character Day, where everyone is encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. We can't wait to see the creativity on display! Mark your calendars and get excited—Book Week is going to be an unforgettable celebration of reading!

### **ATTENDANCE**

The Ministry of Education have developed categories for schools to monitor attendance which can be seen in the table to the right. There is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing

Regular Attendance	Irregular Absence	Moderate Absence	Chronic Absence
Over 90% attendance	80% - 90% attendance	70% - 80% attendance	70% attendance or less

well in the classroom. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. The categories above will be reported to parents at our Learning Conversations towards the end of this term.







