

# **Lytton Street School**

**Thursday 13th March** 

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## **WELCOME**

Camps are underway, the weather is behaving and an enormous amount of fun is being had. Foxton Beach Camp provides a variety of opportunities for our kids to explore in the outdoors. On the list for this camp was fishing, sand dune riding, night skittles and some awesome walks. A massive thank you to the staff and parents who have made this experience viable.



Be sure to check out the fantastic new greenhouse that has gone up down by the junior playground. The greenhouse was purchased through a grant from the Manawatū District Council. Over the next few weeks plants will be added, as well as composting bins and also a worm farm. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity and know that it will teach our kids a range of extremely valuable skills.

## **ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

Below is an example of the reporting format that will come home at the Learning Conversations in a couple of weeks. Students will receive an indication of the effort they are putting in and in terms of achievement. As you may have heard in the news schools are implementing two new curriculums - one in Mathematics and the other in English. Presently, teachers, country-wide are

coming to terms with these curriculums and what they mean in terms of achievement. Teachers as well as the Government are predicting some fluctuations with regards to achievement levels - some of the expectations have increased considerably. With this in mind our school has decided to mark all students as 'Working Towards' in Term 1. Your child's classroom teacher will provide examples of their current learning goals and also their next learning steps. I thank you in advance for your support whilst we, like the schools up and down the country, come to terms with the many new initiatives and expectations that are being placed on the sector.



























- PHONEMIC AWARENESS & PHONICS KNOWLEDGE: Pronounce the phoneme for all consonant digraphs and some long-vowel patterns.
- PHONEMIC AWARENESS & PHONICS KNOWLEDGE: Discriminate between short- and long- vowel phonemes. Next steps:
- CONVENTIONS OF PRINT: Recognise capital letters, full stops, and exclamation marks to identify sentence boundaries, along with basic punctuation.
- PHONEMIC AWARENESS & PHONICS KNOWLEDGE: Pronounce the phoneme for all consonant digraphs and some long-vowel patterns.



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# TE A O MĀORI @ LSS

Over the next few weeks videos from our awesome Kapa Haka group - Te Rerenga Kōtare will be shown on our school Facebook page. Please check these out - we have some amazingly talented tamariki.

# WIRED FOR SUCCESS - SUPPORTING WHĀNAU WITH ADHD

At Lytton Street School, we understand the unique journey of parenting a child with ADHD. That's why we've created *Wired for Success*—a supportive space where whānau can connect, share ideas, and access valuable resources. Our first 2025 gathering was a wonderful opportunity to see familiar faces return and

welcome new members into our group. It's heartening to know we are walking this path together! We warmly invite you to our next meet-up on **April 1st**, where we will host a guest speaker from **Feilding Health Centre**. They will share insights, strategies, and resources to help support your child's growth and well-being. Come along, enjoy a cuppa, and connect with others who truly understand the journey. We'd love to see you there! For more details, feel free to contact Jayne Chapman.

## A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Notifications of absence: If you know your child is going to be away in advance, or if your child wakes up unwell, please contact the school office to let us know. This can be done via our website using the 'Report an absence' option, emailing office@lss.school.nz or by phoning 323 6687 and leaving a voicemail.

#### FROZEN FRIDAY

Frozen Friday is on tomorrow. Thank you to all those students who have supported this fundraiser.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is a massive focus for our school and the country. As mentioned in last week's newsletter it is important that all children attend school regularly. When kids are at school their opportunities for learning increase, as do the strength of their relationships. Thank you for your support.

### LOCAL AUTHOR JO GUY

Local author Jo Guy came in earlier this week to read to our awesome Te Tipu students. Jo has been involved in our school for the last few years working alongside kids.













