

Lytton Street School

Thursday 11th December

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TE RAUKAWA RAFTING

On Monday, Te Raukura students spent the day rafting down the Rangitīkei River. This trip marked the culmination of a year of leadership development and was a fantastic way to celebrate the confident, capable leaders our students have become. A huge thank-you to our wonderful parent helpers for joining us and supporting this experience. We look forward to offering a new range of leadership development opportunities again in 2026.

FISHING TROPHY

This year our senior classes had the chance to experience what it was like to have a fish on the end of the line out at Foxton Beach. Most of our classes had this opportunity on camp in Term 1 but Room 20 had to wait until this term as they were rained out in March. Fishing was brand new to the majority of our seniors and we had wonderful support from Turners Sports who helped make it happen with fishing rods and lures. They even sponsored our first ever school fishing trophy.





















WHĀNAU KIRIHIMETE CRAFTS

Our Whānau Christmas event was a wonderful success, and it was fantastic to see such a strong turnout from our community. Thank you to all the families who came along to join the fun and support our learners. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their Christmas crafts and sharing the festive spirit with their whānau. We truly appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to celebrating together again next year.

MAKINO FUN DAY

On Friday 12th December, we will be holding our Makino Fun Day for Years 3–6. Our Juniors and TT classes will enjoy their own Fun Day at school. Please be aware that children will be walking to and from Makino Pool, so suitable footwear is essential. Students will only need to bring their swim bag, school hat, and a drink bottle. We are looking forward to this awesome event!

TREE CLIMBING

Tree climbing will be prohibited for the near future. The school is looking at checking our trees and possibly carrying out some minor maintenance work. It would be great if parents could support this both before and after school. Thanks in advance.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that school hats are now compulsory. Both bucket hats and caps are available for sale in the school office. The weather has really heated up so it is essential that kids have their hats on. Sun screen is available in the school office, and our classrooms, for students who wish to apply this.

SCHOOL CHOIR

Our choir performed for the Oroua Women's Club on Thursday. Thank you to Carly Rose for her work this year with her work with the choir. Photo to the right.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

The Board of Trustees is meeting for the final time in 2025 today at 5.30pm in the school office.

LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The last day of the school year will be Wednesday 17th December. School will finish at 1pm on this day. Please make arrangements for the early finish.

PLAYGROUND - BY ROOM 1

The playground by Room 1 will be undergoing some maintenance in January. This will include additional features to the slide and some rails to the Burmese swing bridge. Please take care if using this playground during the school holiday period.



SPORTS UNIFORMS

Sports Uniforms: Now all school sports are finished, we need uniforms back please. All sports shirts are numbered and have been assigned to students. Please wash and return them by Wednesday next week.

125TH CELEBRATION - TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Stu Freebairn - All Black. Freebairn was born in New Plymouth on January 12, 1932. "Stewie" played all his early rugby in the forwards whilst at Lytton Street School and later at Feilding High School. Stewie played for the Feilding Yellows at club level and Manawatu at provincial level, representing the province in 84 games in which he scored 53 tries. He was also selected for the All Blacks at the age of 21. Freebairn played 14 matches on their 1953–54 New Zealand rugby union tour of Britain, Ireland, France and North America.



