



Lytton Street School

Thursday 14th May

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**Team
Hale**



WELCOME

The busy weeks have continued to fly by. Our kids have been enjoying the awesome weather and great learning experiences.

Staff are working tirelessly to implement the refreshed New Zealand Curriculums for English and Mathematics. These are proving very useful documents and are now being well supported through our student management system - HERO. Please keep utilising this app as the school will be embedding this further into everyday life. If you need any support with accessing HERO, please pop into the school office.

TE TIPU OPEN DAY – YOU’RE INVITED!

Come and experience the magic of learning at Lytton Street School! On Thursday 4th June, our incredible Te Tipu class will be open from 9am - 1pm for whānau, friends, and the wider community to explore.

Whether you're a current whānau member, a younger sibling, have a child aged 3–5 years, or know someone exploring schooling options, we'd love to show you what makes Lytton Street School such a special place to begin your child's school journey.

Pop in anytime between 9am–1pm, have a look around, see learning in action, ask questions, and get a feel for our school community.

Please share this with friends, whānau, and anyone who might be interested. We can't wait to meet you!

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND FENCING

Lytton Street School boasts a very healthy roll with a constant stream of 5 year olds starting throughout the year, as well as students transferring from other schools. Additionally, we have many children with diverse needs, and we are incredibly proud of the inclusive culture within our school. Supporting our tamariki to be kind, caring and accepting of others is something that makes our school a very special place.

To continue strengthening this inclusive environment, we will soon be fencing one of our playground areas. We have consulted with the Ministry of Education on ways to innovatively provide a safe environment where children who require additional support can play with a greater sense of freedom and independence.

All children will be welcome to play in this space. It will provide multiple opportunities for our students to further develop social skills, confidence and resilience alongside their peers in a setting that supports their strengths and needs.



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OPEN DAY

NEW AND CURRENT WHĀNAU WELCOME

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2026
9.00 AM - 1.00 PM

COME AND SEE OUR TE TIPU CLASS IN ACTION!

06 323 6687

Check out our website - www.lyttonstreet.school.nz

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TE A O MĀORI @ LSS

Our tamariki will once again be performing at Te Pae Tamariki at The Regent in Palmerston North. It will be held on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd July 2026 - the first week of Term 3. The school is awaiting on the exact date for our performance. It is anticipated that a practice or two will be required during the school holidays.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Welcoming our first international students is a transformative milestone stretching our school's boundaries far beyond New Zealand's shores. By integrating these students into classrooms, we offer local ākonga a front-row seat to global perspectives. This isn't just about geography; it's about developing cultural intelligence through daily interactions—sharing lunch, debating ideas, and building friendships that transcend borders.

Beyond social enrichment, a robust international program allows us to reinvest directly into our school. These resources fund facility upgrades and specialist staffing benefitting every student on our roll. However, the most profound impact is the spirit of manaakitanga our community has shown. Watching our students act as buddies and our families open their homes reminds us that education is a global bridge. We aren't just teaching visitors about our culture; they are teaching us how to be truly global citizens. Thank you for helping turn our school into a global village.

WRITERS TOOLBOX LEARNING

Last week, Kathy Lauridsen (Associate Principal), Nicola Campbell (Team Leader), and Rachelle Watson (Year 5/6 teacher) spent three days deepening their knowledge and understanding of Writer's Toolbox. At Lytton Street School, we have been using the writing tool for the past four years and have seen a noticeable increase in student confidence, sentence structure, and engagement in writing.

During the trip, the team visited three high-performing schools to observe Writers Toolbox being used effectively in classrooms. They also attended the Writers Toolbox Conference, where they heard from the creator of the programme, Dr Ian Hunter, and participated in a range of inspiring keynotes and practical workshops. These sessions further strengthened their understanding of the tool and provided valuable insights into the implementation journeys experienced by other schools.

Currently, all Year 5/6 classes at Lytton Street have licences for Writer's Toolbox.

ROOM CHANGES

There are some significant changes happening with regards to rooms and resources over the next few weeks. Te Manahua, a calming space for our students, is shifting to Eke Panuku and will also take over the library section. This redesigned space will be known as the Learning Hub. The Library will be shifted to Te Manahua, a bigger space that will enable classes to fully utilise the extensive book assets that the school has. It is our hope that these changes will be completed over the coming weeks.

YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING SPORTS

A reminder that next Friday 22nd May our Year 5/6 students are taking part in their Swimming Sports. This will be held at the Makino Pools and kick off around 11am. Whānau are most welcome to come along and support their kids. See you all there.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees are meeting next Thursday 21st May at 5.30pm in the school staffroom.

