



# Lytton Street School

Thursday 11th June

Newsletter: 26/17

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STREET SCHOOL



## WELCOME

The weather is certainly chilly. Make sure you dress up warm. Beanies are for sale in the school office should you wish to purchase one. Have an amazing week.

## TE TIPU OPEN DAY

On Thursday, Te Tipu proudly opened its doors to prospective students and their whānau for our Open Day. It was fantastic to see so many families taking the opportunity to visit our new entrant classroom, meet our staff, and experience firsthand what makes LSS such a special place to learn and grow. We were delighted by the turnout and would like to thank everyone who attended. We look forward to welcoming many of our future students and their whānau into the LSS community in the years ahead.



## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2026

On Wednesday 3 June, ten Te Raukura students travelled to the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North to attend National Young Leaders Day. This year's theme was "Leaning Into Fear", encouraging students to step outside their comfort zones and embrace challenges as opportunities for growth. Throughout the day, students listened to five inspiring speakers who shared their personal journeys of overcoming obstacles and persevering through difficult situations. Their stories highlighted the importance of courage, resilience, determination, and believing in yourself.

Following the event, students reflected on the messages they heard and discussed the insights that resonated most with them. Each student identified and shared their own key takeaways from the day. A summary of their reflections can be found on the attached poster.

We are proud of the way our Te Raukura students represented our school and engaged with the valuable learning opportunities provided throughout the day.



Graci Kim

She was a New Zealand diplomat and now is a New York best selling author. A key takeaway from her speech was to keep trying even if you fail. Make mistakes not regrets.



William Pike

After a tragic mountaineering accident, he lost his right leg and thought he could not walk again. We learned that being a great leader involves facing our fears, taking action, and doing the hard things.



Lola Fisher

She is a 17 year old youth engagement advisor who strives to create positive change. An important message was that leadership is not a solo journey; great leaders surround themselves with great people.



Riley Elliott "Shark Man"

He is a marine scientist and conservation advocate who turned his fear of sharks into a passion and career. A key takeaway was to embrace fear and that we will all fail at some point but it is how we respond which is important.



Stephen Gallagher

He is an Emmy award-winning composer and music editor. He encouraged us to find something that you care about and then truly care about it. He also reminded us that fear usually means this matters, it should not be a stop signal.



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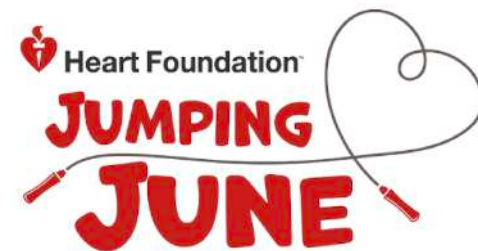
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## JUMPING JUNE 2026

This year, Lytton Street School will be taking part in Jumping June. This is a charity fundraising initiative through which we hope to raise much needed funds for The Heart Foundation. The Heart Foundation is New Zealand's heart charity, leading the fight against heart disease.



All students will receive their own skipping rope and will spend the weeks leading up to our 'Jump Day' - Thursday 25th June 2026 - learning new skipping skills and tricks as well as raising funds for The Heart Foundation.

On 'Jump Day' all students will be given an opportunity to show off their new skipping skills and skip alongside their fellow classmates, friends and students. If they feel game enough, they may even challenge their teachers to the double dutch!

### How Does My Child Fundraise?

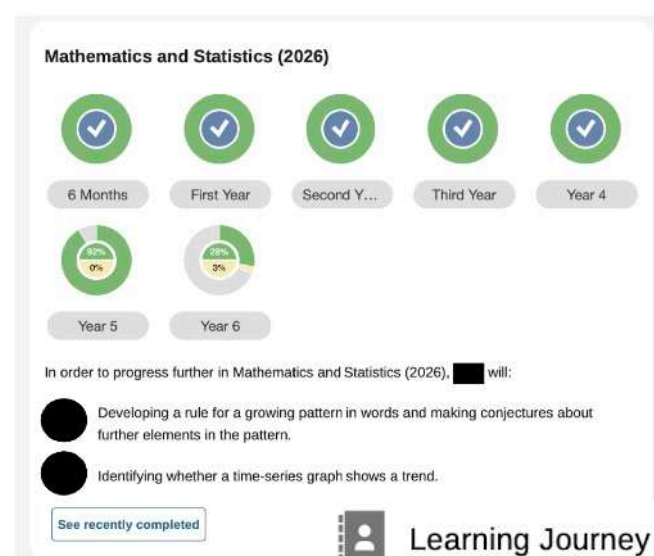
To get started, students will need to create their own fundraising profile page with their parent or caregiver by visiting: <https://www.jumpingjune.org.nz/event/lytton-street-school>

Families will be asked to enter a password when registering: Password: lyttonstreet

Once a student's profile is set up, fundraising can begin by sharing their fundraising link with family and friends via email, text message, or social media. Please note that this fundraiser is being run through School Boost this year and differs slightly from the platform we have used previously. As a result, there will be no prize incentives attached to fundraising. We are looking forward to coming together as a school community, having lots of fun, and raising as much as we can for the Heart Foundation.

## HERO

Over weeks 10 and 11 the curriculum goal dials are scheduled to be turned on to allow you to see how your child is progressing with their learning. This is not a report, merely an opportunity to see an update for how far through the curriculum they are for the level they are working at. You will be able to see the two most recently achieved curriculum goals as well as the two most recently set goals. This will be available to view from Monday 9am on Week 10 until 3:00pm on Friday Week 11. To access this, under your child's name click Learning Journey (formally named Report 2026), it will then show you Reading, Writing, and Mathematics & Statistics. An example of what it will look like is included. We will begin sharing information about our mid year reporting in upcoming newsletters.



## PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT TEST (PATS)

Over the last few weeks, you might have heard your children talking about doing PATs. PAT stands for Progressive Achievement Tests. Our Year 3 to 6 students do these three times a year. They help our teachers see exactly what your children are great at, and what they need help with next. Here is a quick breakdown of who takes what: Year 3: Maths; Years 4–6: Maths, Reading Comprehension, and Reading Vocabulary; Years 5–6: Writing (as well as the Reading and Maths tests). Because these same tests are used by hundreds of schools across New Zealand, we can see how our students are doing compared to the national average. We are incredibly proud to share that our students are doing exceptionally well and making brilliant progress:

- Reading and Maths: As a whole group, our students have already exceeded the national expectations for this time of the year. Most are already close to reaching the goals usually set for the very end of the year.
- Writing: Our Year 5 and 6 students are also performing well above the national average for this term.

We have collated this by looking at the year group average scores, not individual student scores. These results show just how hard your children are working, and what an amazing job our teachers are doing every single day in the classroom.

