



Lytton Street School

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WELCOME

Welcome back. I trust everyone enjoyed a fantastic mid-winter break. Term 3 has really kicked off with a bang. This is a term where all our kids will strive to invest heavily in their learning and set themselves up for the 2027 school year. With over half the year gone there still remains plenty of time to focus on the learning. Our new online reporting system affords our parent community real time knowledge of their child's learning and achievement. There are also the Learning Conversations which can build on the home and school partnership and also offer further opportunity for questions and support.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter carefully. It highlights the many fabulous initiatives, opportunities and events that are coming up for our kids.

Once again, I would like to welcome you all back and wish you a term of learning alongside your children.

PAE TAMARIKI @ LSS

Te Rerenga Kōtare, our performance kapa haka rōpū, performed at the Regent on Broadway on Wednesday at Te Pae Tamariki. Pae Tamariki 2026 is a primary and intermediate school kapa haka festival which takes place every winter. Our rōpū has put in a huge amount of mahi, including learning poi for the first time, and we are very proud of their mana, dedication, and performance. A big thank you to Crete and Chanse for the time and expertise they have given to teach our tamariki.

Ka mau te wehi, Te Rerenga Kōtare. E poho kererū ana mātau i a rātou. Awesome work Te Rerenga Kōtare. We are so proud of you all! See photo above.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

A reminder that Learning Conversations will occur from the 4th-6th August this term. Information regarding how to book will be sent out tomorrow, Friday 24th July. If you require any support to make your booking please pop into the school office. Our staff look forward to chatting to you about the learning of your children.





JUNIOR PRODUCTION

Get ready for an exciting adventure! Our Year 0–2 students are thrilled to present this year's Junior Production - 'Footprints Across the World'

Follow our brave young explorers as they travel across the globe in search of a very special, missing Kākāpō. Along the way, they'll discover fascinating animals, explore a variety of habitats, and share their learning through music, drama, and dance.

Auditions for our lead roles will begin next week. We encourage all students who would like to audition to give it a go. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, develop their performance skills, and have fun.

More information about rehearsals, costumes, and performance dates will be shared with whānau soon.

We can't wait to take you on this exciting journey around the world!

125TH CELEBRATIONS

Our 125th Jubilee magazine is finally ready to be sent out. The magazine was printed in hard copy, for a cost, and is also available, free of charge, via PDF. The school collected email addresses during the initial process but if you missed out for any reason, please let the office know. The magazine is a super chronology of the 125th event and captures many interesting stories and photos. Be sure to get yours as soon as possible.

ART EXPO

Come along and celebrate the incredible creativity of our students at this year's Art Expo! There will be an amazing showcase of artwork on display, highlighting the hard work of our tamariki. The Art Expo will be open during Week 3: Tuesday 4th August – Thursday 6th August at the following times:

- Tuesday: 8:30–9:00am and 3:00–5:00pm
- Wednesday: 8:30–9:00am and 3:00–8:00pm
- Thursday: 8:30–9:00am and 3:00–5:00pm

These times coincide with our Learning Conversations.

We look forward to seeing you there to support and celebrate our young artists!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Whaea Anna and her team for the organisation for this event. It is the culmination of weeks of great art learning and will most definitely be something to behold.



Parent Information Afternoon School Reports

With all of the changes that have been happening we think it is important you have the opportunity to come in and hear from us, in person, about how your child's report is going to look for Mid Year and End of Year Reports.

We will cover:

- What the reports will look like
- What the information on them means
- How you will access them



Thursday 30th July
2:30pm - 3:00pm
LSS Staffroom

PLAY ZONE

I am delighted to share that our upgraded and newly fenced Play Zone is now open and already proving to be a fantastic addition to our school. The new fencing has created a safe, secure, and inclusive environment where all of our students can play, learn, and explore with confidence. For many of our learners with additional needs, this space provides greater independence and opportunities to develop social skills, confidence, and physical coordination in a well-monitored setting. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces making the most of this special area. A huge thank you goes to the incredible volunteers who generously gave their time over the school holidays to install our new nest swing and additional swings. Your hard work and commitment to our school community are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our PTA who funded this project. These new play features have already been incredibly popular and are bringing so much joy to our students every day.

To enrol or find out more, contact Perfect Harmony Music on 027 423 9088 or email admin@perfectharmonymusic.co.nz.

YEAR 4 CAMP

In Week 8 of Term 3, our Year 4 students will be packing their bags for an exciting one-night adventure at Camp Rangi Woods. Situated in Totara Reserve in the Pohangina Valley, this trip is always a highlight for our Year 4s. We have been running this camp for the past nine years, and have designed it to provide a fun and supportive first school camp experience. Activities will include a bush walk through the surrounding native forest, a night walk, shelter building, target practice with slingshots, marshmallows around the campfire and twig raft races. We can't wait to see our Year 4s step up and create wonderful memories together. A google form with more information went home to students earlier this week. If you would like to be a parent helper, we need this form completed by the end of this week. If you're not intending to put your name forward to be a camp parent then you have plenty of time as the form isn't due until the 14th August.



PERFECT HARMONY MUSIC

At Lytton Street School, we offer a variety of music lessons to suit students of all ages and abilities, including vocals, piano, ukulele, and, new this term, guitar.

For students wanting a more personalised learning experience, individual 30-minute lessons are also available. These one-on-one sessions are tailored to each student's interests, musical goals, and ability level, and are \$30 per lesson.

Group lessons begin in Week 2 and are just \$15 per session. With small class sizes and limited spaces available, we encourage families to register early.

