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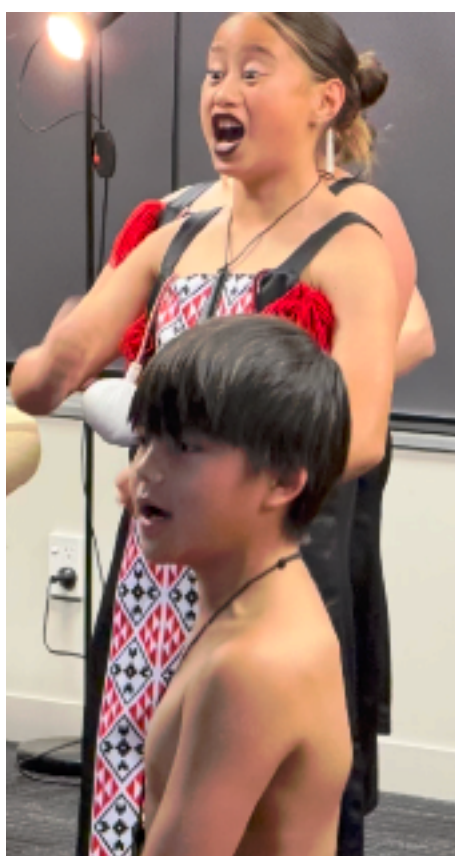
WELCOME

A warm welcome to you all amidst very cold conditions. The last few weeks our kapa haka group, Te Rerenga Kōtare have been featuring heavily in our local community. Firstly, as described in last week's newsletter, the group performed with much acclaim at Te Pae Tamariki and then; last Friday night they opened the Manawatū District Council's Staff Awards evening. This was a showcase event and was well received by all who attended. Te Rerenga Kōtare has grown significantly in recent times under the tutelage of Pā Crete, Whaea Chanse and Whaea Sarah. However, I would also like to commend Whaea Holly who joined the team and has been amazing at supporting the organisation and logistics of the group. Nothing happens in schools without a wonderful team, and we certainly have that.

While Te Rerenga Kōtare blossoms I would also like to remember the historical origins of this group. Te Rerenga Kōtare is a name that was gifted to the Lytton Street School kapa haka rōpū in 2021 to acknowledge the korowai (cloak) of manaaki (care) that covers them. It was gifted by their tutor, Rārite Mātaki, who is of Ngāti Kauwhata descent and is part of the Mana Whenua collective of the region.

The name comes from the manu kōtare, the sacred kingfisher bird, and was chosen because of the behaviours and characteristics that are similar to our tamariki. Kōtare is also the name of Kauwhata's father, though the group is not named after Kōtare the tupuna, there remains a link to the whakapapa of Kauwhata itself.

Our kura is extremely proud of Te Rerenga Kōtare and the progress they are making. Keep an eye out for performances in the future.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

I want to share some fantastic news and extend a massive thank you to a very special member of our staff, Whaea Kathy. Recently, Lytton Street School officially achieved a major milestone by successfully becoming a signatory to the: Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. This is a significant achievement. Being a signatory means our school is officially recognised as meeting the absolute highest standards of wellbeing, safety, and pastoral care required to welcome international learners into our community.



This milestone is no small feat, it requires an immense amount of rigorous policy work, detailed auditing, and a deep, unwavering commitment to the pastoral care of our tamariki. Whaea Kathy has been the absolute driving force behind this entire process. She has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, navigating complex Ministry requirements with her usual dedication, diligence, and grace. Because of her hard work, our school is now in a wonderful position to further enrich our students' learning environment by safely welcoming global cultures and perspectives into our classrooms in the future.



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 (coinciding with our Learning Conversations) 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

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.

YEAR 3/4 COSMODOME VISIT

To celebrate the end of the integrated learning topic, Navigators of the Night Sky, our Year 3/4 classes enjoyed an exciting visit from the Te Manawa Cosmodome. Inside the portable inflatable planetarium, students were immersed in stunning 360-degree views of the night sky, exploring galaxies, planets, and the ever changing patterns of the stars.

The interactive experience deepened students' understanding of astronomy. Students learned about local Māori star constellations and discovered how to locate Matariki and Puanga in the night sky. It was a memorable and engaging way to bring all the learning to life!

