



# Lytton Street School

Thursday 10th September

Newsletter: 26/27

**LYTTON**  
STREET SCHOOL



**Team  
Hale**



**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026**



## WELCOME

Another huge week at Lytton Street. Speech competitions, camps, DanceNZMade and of course our busy junior school preparing for their production. In addition, training is now well underway for Cross Country. Have a fabulous time everyone!

## YEAR 5/6 SPEECH COMP

Last week, our Te Tipu space was filled with impressive public speaking as nine talented Year 5 and 6 students took to the stage for our speech finals. Presenting in front of their peers, whānau, and our panel of judges, every single finalist delivered their speech with remarkable confidence, clarity, and passion.

The results for our Lytton Street School speech finals are below:

- 1st Tessa Barnacott
- 2nd Hudson Howard
- 3rd= Anya O'Connor and Aliyah-May Wade

Our top two speakers, Tessa and Hudson, then represented Lytton Street School at the local Lions Speech Competition this past Monday. They both represented our school with immense pride against top speakers from across the area:

- Tessa placed 2nd overall — an incredible achievement!
- Hudson secured a fantastic 4th place finish!

We couldn't be prouder of Tessa and Hudson for their dedication and hard work. A massive well done also goes out to all of our Year 5/6 students for the time, effort, and courage they put into writing and presenting their speeches this term. You all did a phenomenal job!

## ENROLMENT

It is at this time of year that our school begins thinking about classing and teaching options for 2027. With that in mind it is great for planning if we have a clear picture of the five year olds intending to enrol. If you have a child turning five next year, or know of a child turning five next year, who is intending on enrolling at our awesome school, please let the office know. Further information about classing and teaching options will come out early in Term 4. Your support is much appreciated.



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Us for 2027**

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## TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori: 14 - 20 September 2026

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori starts on Monday, 14 September. The 2026 focus is Te Reo Towns - a celebration of the communities who have kept te reo Māori alive and an invitation for all of Aotearoa to help it flourish into the future.

At LSS, we celebrate and acknowledge Te Reo Māori me tikanga Māori every day in our classrooms with karakia, waiata, pepeha, and our own LSS tikanga.

For Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, we have some extra activities and events organised.

- Our Te Manawanui kaiako will be supporting Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori by offering lunchtime activities in their classrooms to celebrate Te Reo me Te Ao Māori, such as whai (string games), Kapa Haka, or te reo games.
- In Te Reo Māori lessons, ākonga will be diving into Te Ao Māori by researching different atua and making a poster about an atua of their choosing
- Te Rerenga Kōtare, our performance Kapa Haka group, has been invited to Te Āhuru Mōwai for a special Kapa Haka performance, showcasing waiata, tikanga and Māori culture. They will be performing at 10:00am. Pop along and check them out!

Jump on to [reomaori.co.nz](http://reomaori.co.nz) to see what other events are happening across the Manawatū and Rangitikei. Kia kaha Te Reo Māori.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Junior Production performances will be held at Lytton Street Hall on the following dates:

- Tuesday 22 September – 5:30pm
- Wednesday 23 September – 12:00pm (Matinee)
- Wednesday 23 September – 5:30pm
- Thursday 24 September – 12:00pm (Matinee)
- Thursday 24 September – 5:30pm

Doors will open at 11:45am for the matinee performances and 5:15pm for the evening performances. Tickets are now on sale at the school office. There will be no door sales. All tickets must be pre-purchased and will be required for entry to the production. Tickets can be purchased for a gold coin donation or cash koha.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24th September at 7pm. These meetings are held in the school staffroom. The public is welcome to attend.



### UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday 15th September: LSS Cross Country
- Thursday 17th September: EPRO8 Competition
- Sunday 6th September: Father's Day
- Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th September: Year 4 Camp (Pohangina)

## CROSS COUNTRY

For the last two years we have added a new event to the Cross Country day for our middle and senior school. Below is a reminder of the structure.

We are keeping the traditional cross country event as we know this is where some students excel and enjoy the competitive aspect of racing. For others, it's their least favourite event in the school calendar. The aim is to shift the focus for some students from having to complete a long distance run in front of the school community, to training with the specific aim of improving personal fitness levels.

Year 3-6 students will have two options on Cross Country Day.

1. Morning - Cross Country Race (same as we've had in previous years).
2. Afternoon - Class Fitness Challenge

**Cross Country Race:** Same as previous years. Students will compete against others from their year group in a competitive race.

- Students who compete in the cross country race can also join the class fitness challenge in the afternoon if they want to.

**Class Fitness Challenge:** Classes will be assigned a time slot where they'll head out to the track and each student will complete as many laps of the field as they can in that time. Students and teachers will keep a tally of how many laps each runner completes and then the total class distance will be added up. The class with the highest average distance per student wins the challenge.

As always, parents are more than welcome to come and support these events. To ensure we're on the same page with what event/s your child will be doing on the day, please have a chat to them and discuss what they'll be participating in.

## DANCENZMADE

As a part of our dance extension programme Whaea Alecia took LSS dancers to compete in Dance NZ Made over 2 days. Solo, duo and trio dancers performed beautifully, achieving 2nd and 5th placings. Congratulations to Evie, Maddi, Tova, Stella, Saoirse and Scarlett!

Tuesday was a huge 8am–7pm day of workshops with tutors from the New Zealand School of Dance and renowned choreographers. Maddi, Evie and Tessa and Scarlett were shoulder-tapped for their outstanding technical ability and awesomeness in class!

The team also achieved an amazing 5th place out of 15 primary schools for their musical theatre *Ease on Down the Road*.

Well done to the team that had multiple practises throughout out the term and also gave up some of their weekends to perfect their dances with Whaea Alecia. Thank you to Grace Ward Smith for sharing your hip hop choreography and expertise and Whaea Aimee for supporting the team get ready both evenings. Also a big thank you to Chelsea and Nadine for all of your help during both competitions.

We are so proud of our dancers and their commitment, hard work and passion!



## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

PTA Pie Sale Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our PTA pie fundraiser! Every pie ordered helped us raise funds for our school, and we are very excited to share that thanks to your incredible support, we're able to purchase new library books AND new furniture for our school library.

And a big congratulations to Rooms 10 & 20 who sold the most pies, you are the lucky classes who get to pie Mr. Ward-Smith on 25th September at 2.30pm.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us create something special for our kids. We couldn't do it without you! ....Your PTA



A large graphic with a blue background. In the center, the words 'THANK YOU!' are written in large, white, outlined capital letters. There are three golden-brown pies: one in the top left, one in the top right, and one in the bottom left that is broken into two pieces. Red concentric circles are drawn around the pies in the top left and bottom left.

**Congratulations!**  
**Rooms 10 & 20**

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