



Lytton Street School

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LYTTON
STREET SCHOOL



WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to school amidst a rapid chilly change in the weather. With the onset of autumn, the mornings are colder and unusually woodburners have been cracking in April!

Term 2 is going to be exciting and filled with learning opportunities for our students. As always our staff have invested many hours in creating programmes that will both engage and inspire your kids. On behalf of the staff we look forward to sharing this term with you all.

BUBBLE DAY

On the last day of Term 1 our school held Bubble Day in hour of Te Atarangi. Once again the school was filled with laughter and fun as the kids enjoyed one of Te Atarangi's favourite pastimes - bubbles. A huge thank you to Te Atarangi's whānau for attending this day and celebrating her life with us.



ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is a very important day in New Zealand. It happens every year on April 25th. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On this day, we remember the soldiers from New Zealand and Australia who fought in a big battle at Gallipoli, Turkey, during World War I. Many brave people died or were hurt, and ANZAC Day honours their courage and sacrifice. It's also a time to think about all New Zealanders who have served in wars, not just in Gallipoli. People go to special ceremonies called dawn services, lay flowers called wreaths, and have a moment of silence. It's a day to feel proud of our country and thankful for the peace we have today because of their bravery. A group of our students from Te Raukura will be laying a special wreath at the Dawn Service this Saturday 25th April in Feilding.



125TH CELEBRATIONS

The 125th celebrations were an outstanding way to finish off Term 1. The celebrations brought together a huge number of people from across New Zealand, and even Australia. The school is putting together a magazine that will be available in PDF form as well as a hard copy. This will be available in Term 3. In addition, plaques and school hats are also offered for purchase. If you would like to this opportunity please pop into the school office and talk to Pene or Laura.

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TE AO MĀORI @ LSS

This term our school will continue to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and ensure our students recognise the uniqueness of Aotearoa | New Zealand. Te reo Māori lessons will once again be offered as well as opportunities within each classroom for students to gain exposure to the Māori language such as learning key phrases and vocabulary. In addition, aspects of local history will be incorporated into our teaching and learning programmes. It is our school belief that there is a richness of New Zealand history and language and this is something for our students to be proud of and celebrate.

FUEL PRESSURE

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the enormous stress that some of our families are under with regard to the dramatic rise in fuel costs associated with the unfolding events in the Middle East. We are all seeing the numbers at the pump, with petrol prices hitting \$3.50 plus per litre and diesel costs spiking even higher and as your Principal, I see the downstream effects of this right here at our school gate. The rising cost of fuel isn't just a budget line item; it is a direct pressure on the well-being and daily life of our community. For our families living some distance from school fuel has become a massive weekly expense. It is our fear that the squeeze on budgets could well impact on the daily life and opportunities for our children. The extras become just that, extras. Not only do our students and their whānau feel the pressure, our staff do also. Those with distance commutes have seen a huge spike in costs and while the Ministry is working towards some relief it will only be a drop in the ocean. Our school is committed to consistency and ensuring no students misses out on learning because of a petrol light on the dashboard. If you are struggling with transport or the costs associated with upcoming school events, please reach out to our office or come and have a quiet chat with me. We do have various ways to support families discreetly, and know we'll get through this by looking out for one another.



LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

The Life Education Mobile Classroom will be visiting our school from 7th - 22nd May. Every year they teach over 250,000 children about food and nutrition, healthy bodies, and friendships. Through interactive sessions in the mobile classroom, students will explore topics such as friendships, feelings, and keeping themselves safe. More details of the lesson content will come out closer to the time. Tim and Harold the Giraffe are always a highlight for our students and we're looking forward to them returning.

LIFE EDUCATION

Learning with Harold



YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING

Year 5/6 swimming is kicking off next week. This opportunity will provide approximately 10 lessons for each child. Lessons are dependent on the pool being functional at all times. The lessons are ability-based and swimming coaches are provided. It is our aim to ensure all our students reach a level of safety in the water where they can both further develop their confidence and have a blast. A huge thank you to the Board of Trustees who continue to fund this important experience for our students.

MANAWATU LIT QUIZ

Today a team attended the Manawatu Lit Quiz at the Civic Centre (photo to the right). I would like to wish them all well. More information to follow next week.

ATHLETICS ASSEMBLY

Athletics Assembly Yr 3-6: There will be a short assembly tomorrow at 10:15am in the hall to award certificates to the top 3 overall championship winners from our school event. Also certificates for any top 3 place getters from the Interschool event.

