

**MARAE VISIT/STAY IS POSTPONED NEXT WEEK****WELCOME**

At the start of the year it is awesome to see our classes completing such colourful and creative pieces of art work.

**CYCLONE GABRIELLE**

Well what an incredibly rough week the country has endured whilst Cyclone Gabrielle exerted its full force. Rain and heavy winds lashed out - and so far we have been lucky in this region. I think it serves as a reminder for us to ensure all our protocols are up to speed. These events are coming with greater frequency and they may well be something we have to get used to.

**MILOS? YES PLEASE!**

A huge thank you to our wonderful Learning Support Coordinators, Whaea Michelle and Whaea Shelley, who put on warm Milos and biscuits for our kids on Tuesday. This was a welcomed treat whilst the kids sat out Cyclone Gabrielle.

**LOUD SHIRT DAY**

Wear your brightest outfit for a day this February and raise vital funds to help children and adults who are hard of hearing and access sound through cochlear implants.

Loud Shirt Day is on Friday 24 February ahead of International Cochlear Implant Day (25 February) but you can get LOUD with us in any way and on any day you like.

Loud Shirt Day is the national fundraising campaign for The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme (SCIP) – the only two charities in New Zealand dedicated to helping children and adults with cochlear implants learn to listen and communicate. Together, these two organisations support thousands of Kiwis in every region of New Zealand living with cochlear implants. Through their passionate and dedicated teams of audiologists, specialised therapists, and support staff they deliver a range of services and programmes to assist babies, children and adults with cochlear implants as they learn to hear and communicate. It would be great if you could wear your loudest shirt and bring along a gold coin donation for this very deserved organisation. #GetLOUD2023

**TEE-BALL/SOFTBALL**

Tee-ball and Softball are all go today. Times will be as previously printed in the school newsletter. If the weather takes another turn for the worse a cancellation notice will be posted on the school Facebook page.



## TE A O MĀORI @ LYTTON STREET

### **Marae- Places of gathering and refuge.**

Generally, a marae is a fenced-in complex of carved buildings and grounds that belongs to a particular iwi (tribe), hapū (sub-tribe) or whānau (family). Māori see their marae as their tūrangawaewae - their place to stand and belong. Marae are used for hui (meetings), āhuareka (celebrations), tangi (funerals), educational workshops and other important tribal events. A marae often incorporates a whareniui (carved meeting house), a marae ātea (an open space in front), a wharekai (a dining hall and cooking area), and a toilet and shower block.



Feilding has two local marae connected to the Iwi of Ngāti Kauwhata: Aorangi Marae and its meeting house, Maniaihu; and Kauwhata Marae or Kai Iwi Pā which has two meeting houses named Kauwhata, and Te Aroha o ngā Mokopuna. In the late 1870s, "Te Iwa Tekau" (literally 90 feet), a large marae at Awahuri, said to have been 90 feet in length, was built in preparation for the arrival of the then Māori King, Tāwhiao. This meeting house was located on the east bank of the Oroua River, a few hundred metres south of the main highway between Palmerston North and Bulls. The house fell into disrepair during the early 20th century and was blown down in the great gale of 1936.

It was our intention to spend next week engaging with Kauwhata Marae and the people of Ngāti Kauwhata however, due to recent flooding, these visits have had to be rescheduled for later in the year.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd February 2023. All meetings are open to the public and held in the school office.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF

### **Mitchell Hansen - Room 15 - Year 4 and 5**

Kia ora koutou. My name is Mitchell Hansen and I have recently moved to Palmerston North from the sunny Hawke's Bay to be with my partner. While I do like to dress to impress, I also want to ensure that I am best able to participate in all activities with my students and so you will often see me in various football shirts - particularly that of Tottenham Hotspur, which is the team I support. I have recently completed my Bachelor of Primary Teaching and so 2023 will be my first year with my own class. While I am a new fish to this ocean of teachers, this also means that I am full of fanatical vigour which will be used to ensure the success of my students in all areas (with maybe a slight preference for English, History, Geography and P.E.).



### **Nicola Campbell - Room 23 Year 5/6 - Team Leader**

Kia ora my name is Nicola Campbell (Whāea Nicola) and I am very excited to be joining Lytton Street School this year and leading the Te Tipu team. I was born and raised in Whanganui but have been teaching in Whenuapai, Auckland for the past three years as my partner is in the Royal New Zealand Air force. We have moved down as he is going to be on the new Poseidon planes. In my spare time, I love getting creative through art and in particular watercolour. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends. Within the classroom, I strive to create a safe, welcoming, and collaborative environment so students can take risks and produce their personal best with each task. I am really looking forward to the year ahead!



## SILKY THE ROOSTER CAME TO TOWN LYTTON STREET

Silky the rooster made the trip from Wet Pets in Palmerston North to Room 10 today to catch up with Lily and also provide some motivation for class writing. Whilst Silky does not look that big he sure can signal the start of the day, all day long. It was loads of fun for the kids.





**2023 TERM DATES**

TERM 1: Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April  
TERM 2: Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June  
TERM 3: Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September  
TERM 4: Monday 9th October - Tuesday 19th December  
Teacher Only Day: Friday 2nd June & Friday 24th November

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