

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING: WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2023

CYCLONE GABRIELLE

The effects of Cyclone Gabrielle are going to be felt for years to come. The pictures coming out of Gisborne and the Hawkes' Bay show the path of destruction. For some us it is unfathomable, for others, our friends and whānau have been living through it. During these times it is always a challenge about how we support and educate our own kids without making them feel anxious and worried. For me personally, the best way is to describe the misfortune that the weather can sometimes bring. And when people suffer some misfortune it is really important that the rest of us, more fortunate, stand up and support them. That is why on the 1st March we are hosting a Black & White Day. The colours of this day have been chosen to match those of the Hawkes' Bay region. This day will be observed by most schools in the Palmerston North and Manawatu regions. Kids can dress in whatever black and white clothes they like and bring a gold coin to school. All funds will go to supporting Hawkes' Bay whānau who have been adversely affected by the floods. Here at Lytton Street School we greatly appreciate your support.

FLOODING AT KAUWHATA MARAE

Kauwhata Marae suffered extensive flooding damage during Cyclone Gabrielle. The marae team has a tough job on their hands cleaning up and ensuring it is restored and fit to be used, safely, once more. If you would like to support the local marae and wish to give a koha this can be made to the school bank account. The school bank account is: 12-3143-0396712-00. Please use **Reference: Kauwhata Marae**, and we will pool the funds and give this koha to the marae in the next few weeks.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

The next Board of Trustees' meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st March at 5.30pm in the school staffroom.

YEAR 5/6 FOXTON CAMP

We're very excited to be heading away to Foxton Beach on our senior camps in Weeks 6 and 7. A note went home to all Year 5/6 students today with more information. Thank you very much to the parents who have offered to help with each class. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 1st March in the staffroom at 5:00pm for these parents to go through some extra details. These meetings usually run for about twenty minutes. Please see the classroom teacher if you are unable to make this. If parents not attending camp want to know more or have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Tue 7th March - Wed 8th March	Wed 8th March - Thur 9th March	Thur 9th March - Fri 10th March
Room 14 & 15	Room 1	Room 25
Tue 14th March - Wed 15th March	Wed 15th March - Thur 16th March	Thur 16th March - Fri 17th March
Room 18	Room 19	Room 23



TE A O MĀORI @ LYTTON STREET

Kapa haka is the term for Māori performing arts; kapa means to form a line, and haka to dance. Kapa haka is the primary art form through which Māori can access and express their cultural identity in te reo Māori, sharing their unique narratives through the beauty and power of waiata and dance. Every child at LSS has the opportunity to participate in weekly waiata (singing) and ngā mahi ā ringa (actions) sessions. Staff and children take turns at leading their peers with the actions. This allows children to share their passion for performance and further supports the normalisation of te reo Māori at LSS. Many of our waiata are well known favourites and some of them, our parents and whānau will know. So, feel free to sing along with your tamariki at home and even ask them to teach you the songs you may not know.

Currently Auckland is hosting Te Matatini which is the biggest kapa haka festival in the Māori calendar, held over four days at Ngā Ana Wai - Eden Park. This is one of the most highly anticipated events for performers, their whānau, and the mass of passionate kapa haka fans throughout the world. Kapa haka groups worldwide look forward to Te Matatini as the pinnacle event. Te Matatini turned 50 in 2022, so the 2023 festival also celebrates this incredible milestone. Competition among the 48 Aotearoa-based and two Australian-based rōpū (teams) will be fierce and passionate. It will be the culmination of years of hard work. The programme has different kapa haka teams performing on each day, with finalists from each day competing for the winner's crown on the final day. The festival is live streamed through TV2 with finals day being held on Saturday. Manawatū/ Rangitāne is represented by three groups Te Tū Mataora (PN based), Te Ringa Kaha (Dannevirke) and Te Tini o Rehua (Bulls).



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LYTTON STREET GOLF

A huge number of students turned out to try their hand at golf on Tuesday. This is a cool sport. The Feilding Golf Club is also offering great membership opportunities for junior players so if your kid is into it - please give them a call and sign them up. A big thank you to Mr Dodunski for providing this opportunity.

PEACE RELAY

Runners from the internationally renowned Sri Chinmoy Peace Run and their flaming torch were welcomed with a cheer into Lytton Street School's hall on Wednesday. The runners highlighted the importance of how each individual can make a positive contribution to creating a happier and more peaceful world by sharing their Motto, "Peace begins with me."

Lytton Street students from all classes shared their support through their white tops, beautiful artwork and overall enthusiasm. A meaningful speech highlighting world peace was also written and presented by students from Rooms 1 and 12! These students were phenomenal. After the hui, each class chose two representatives to run with the Peace Torch, a moment they will never forget!

A massive congratulations to Vrinda Patel and Tom Lewis who, due to their respectful and inspiring team leadership skills across the school community, were each presented with a Peace Ambassador Award.

MANAWATU DISTRICT LIBRARIES FAMILY FREE DAY

Manawatu District Libraries are holding a FREE Family Fun Day on Sunday 19th March at Kowhai Park Feilding. Everything there is FREE for the community. There will be inflatables, games, giveaways, free kai (numbers limited) and a number of community groups showcasing their skills and talents such Feilding Brass Band.



LYTTON STREET SCHOOL

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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