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live to learn



TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023



WELCOME

With four exciting weeks until the end of term things are really getting busy. Trips are underway, Tough Gal and Girl Challenge and of course the Art Exhibition - so much to look forward to!

ROOM 24 AND 23 TRIP

Last week Room 24 and 23 took a trip to the Coach House Museum and Kowhai Park. This trip has tied into our school's inquiry kaupapa of Ko Tātau Tēnei - This is Us. Tamariki were exposed to seeing life as it was 'back in the day'. They experienced virtual horse riding on carriages around Feilding Square, and a movie experience showing clips of Queen Elizabeth the Second. Our kids were also involved in experiencing fine dining with Carol. Here they learnt about how tables, chairs and cutlery were set and also practised their table manners. Following this the kids enjoyed a fun scavenger hunt at our local Kowhai Park. Thank you to Piki and Carol at the Coach House Museum for guiding and hosting us this week.



TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

As you may have seen on the news teachers across the country are deciding on the latest offer from the Ministry of Education. These negotiations include rates of pay, release hours to plan and prepare, and the very tricky situation around attracting good teachers to the profession. These issues are not new but have been exacerbated when viewed alongside the current national and global conditions. Teachers play a valuable role in our society as it is them, alongside whānau, who equip our young people with the skills and attitudes to be successful in the world. It is important that no matter what the outcome it makes teaching more desirable and rewards our wonderful people for the commitment, effort and absolute dedication they bring to the profession.

I understand that strike action can cause interruptions and inconvenience for our whānau. Our school will work closely with our teachers to ensure this is limited. Teachers will be voting on the latest offer over the next week or so. I will keep our whānau informed as to the outcome as soon as it comes to hand.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Our Teacher Only Day is coming up on Friday 2nd June (TOMORROW). This day has been scheduled since the start of the year and provides teachers with valuable time to plan and research for the upcoming terms.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair was held a few weeks back and made over \$2,000 for our school. This is a phenomenal effort but more importantly, many kids had their love of books reignited. Reading is a skill that not only allows our kids to access infinite knowledge, it also enables them to get great joy. Immersing yourself in a good story is an experience that cannot be found with any other media. I really appreciate our whānau taking the time to discover books with their kids. A huge thank you to our wonderful organising committee who put together an event to spark the interest.

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TE AO MĀORI @ LYTTON STREET

Te Rerenga Kōtare is the name gifted to our Kapa Haka group in 2021. We are truly grateful to Matua Rārite and Ngāti Kauwhata for such a huge honour. Kōtare is the name of the father of Kauwhata, the tupuna of Ngāti Kauwhata. The Kōtare bird itself is a very special bird, especially for this area. It lives in the trees around local rivers such as the Oroua and its behaviour is very similar to that of a child in which it watches others and mimics the behaviour of others.

To be a part of Te Rerenga Kōtare, our tamariki are expected to display a set of values that reflect the honour and prestige that comes with this. Te Rerenga Kōtare members are to be role models for others through their actions in class, out in the playground and most importantly, when out in public. Throughout the year, Te Rerenga Kōtare display these values in a variety of settings. From performances for our local Early Childhood Centres, spreading joy to local Rest Homes, celebrating events such as the Pink Shirt Day, Matariki Celebrations and Te Pae Tamariki.

Our key values are:

- We represent ourselves, Lytton Street School and our whānau - **MANA ENHANCEMENT**
- We lead by example- **BE A RANGATIRA** (Chief or role model)
- We celebrate Te Ao Māori- **STRENGTHEN OUR WAIRUA** (Energy & spirit)
- We aim for Self improvement - **WHAKAPIKITANGA**
- We perform with pride- **BE THE FACE OF LYTTON STREET SCHOOL**



Te Kāhui Ako ō Kawakawa presents:

Parents Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to cyber bullying, predators, pornography, gaming, social media and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2023 | 7PM - 9PM

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To find out more about Rob's work visit www.ourkidsonline.info

By having these values at the forefront of what we do, tamariki show immense pride in their performances and the desire is that this will reflect in their achievement at school. We look forward to sharing the ongoing success of Te Rerenga Kōtare throughout the year. Our first performance will be at Te Pae Tamariki Primary & Intermediate Schools Kapa Haka Festival at the end of June in Palmerston North. More details will follow along with dates for other upcoming performances.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS' DAY

On Wednesday 24th May, 10 students from Te Raukura went to National Young Leaders' Day in Palmerston North at the Regent on Broadway. National Young Leaders' Day is where inspirational people come and speak to us and students from other schools about leadership, key strengths we need as leaders, and how to tackle challenges along the way. Throughout the day, we listened to five speakers; Brad Smeele (former professional wakeboarder/quadruplegic), Brooke Neal (Black Sticks Olympian), Julia Grace (mental wellness educator), Shane Rangī (New Zealand actor), and Georgia Lines, (musician-singer/songwriter). The best leadership advice we took away from the day was:

- Don't be scared to face your fears - get outside your comfort zone
- Lead by example and others will follow
- Nothing worth it is ever easy

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