

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE - SCHOOL FUN RUN**WELCOME**

Last night Rob Cope, an accomplished author, parent and filmmaker presented to parents across our region regarding kids and their use of online technologies. The aim of the presentation was to support whānau to understand the harms kids face online from cyber bullying, gaming and social media. The presentation also offered a variety of ways and approaches that could be used to protect your tamariki. Below is a brief summary of the main points in case you missed the presentation. And to the right is the presenter Rob Cope.

- Exposure to a plethora of content that can be detrimental to their well-being is commonplace
- Monitor the use of devices and ensure there are appropriate filters in place
- Once images are posted online the author loses all control of that image
- The trust model of parenting can be flawed. Kids may be able to be trusted in some instances but not all. It is really crucial that boundaries are put in place to guide kids and support them to make good decisions

More about what you can do to keep your kids safe online will be published in next week's newsletter.

**TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

This week the primary teachers' union, NZEI, agreed to the latest settlement offer from the Ministry of Education, ending a lengthy campaign to improve work conditions. This will mean an end to all strike action at the primary school level. I know this is a relief to our parent community and wish to thank you for your patience during this time.

KIMBOLTON ROAD - EAST STREET - LYTTON STREET CROSSROADS

As you are all aware the crossing of East and Lytton, across Kimbolton Road can be quite a hazardous and tricky place to navigate. In the past this has been a fully patrolled intersection. Presently, it is deemed too dangerous for student road patrollers and the school has taken on the responsibility to staff it with teachers from 8.20am until 8.40am. This is an intersection that we are attempting to change in order to make safer for future use. I will let you know how this progresses, in the meantime, please take care crossing this intersection, either on foot, or in a vehicle.

STAFF CHANGES

Notices went home earlier in the week to advise that both Mrs Savjot Nijjar and Whaea Izzy are moving on at the end of term. Mrs Nijjar, as you are aware, had her baby last term. Commuting to Feilding from Whānganui has proved tough and Savjot has sought employment closer to home. I wish her all the best for her future and thank her for the years of fantastic service she has given to our kura.

Whaea Izzy and her partner are returning to her hometown in Australia. Izzy has given us four years of great service and we absolutely understand her desire to be closer to her whānau.

Both members of staff will be missed. Whaea Amanda Harris will be taking over in Room 15. Amanda is well known to all our students having already taught here for a number of years. Our school leadership team is finalising the replacement teacher for Room 20. It is our aim to notify parents of this later next week. In both cases I am certain the transition will be smooth and efficient.



TE AO MĀORI @ LYTTON STREET

Matariki ahunga nui-Matariki provider of plentiful food- "The great mounds of Matariki"

This whakataukī is about Manaakitanga (hospitality and respect), coming together and sharing the kai (food). This refers to kai which is stored and shared during Matariki. Whakataukī are proverbs or sayings which provide insight into our social and natural world. There are many whakataukī that refer to Matariki. This is because it is such a significant time of year. Kai (food) is an important part of Matariki celebrations. Kai, represented by the stars Tipuānuku, Tipuārangi, Waitī, Waitā, is cooked in a ceremonial oven called te umu kohukohu whētu (earth oven of the stars). The steam created from cooking this kai is called hautapu which is a sacred offering to Matariki. The ritual ends when the sun rises.



Kai- A spiritual connection to food

In Te ao Māori the natural environment, which provides us with food, is divided into realms and presided over by the children of Ranginui (the sky father) and Papatūānuku (the earth mother).

- Tāne-mahuta - of the Forest,
- Tangaroa - of the Sea,
- Rongo-mā-Tāne - Cultivated Food (e.g. kumara),
- Haumia-tiketike - Uncultivated Food (e.g. berries).



As food is a gift from these environments kai is considered to share the mauri, the spiritual power and life essence of the atua (god), which enriches our tinana (body), hinengaro (mind), wairua (spirit), and whānau (community) - food does more than just nourish our body physically. Because food is so heavily associated with wellbeing and connections, there are many aspects of food production, gathering and eating which are ritualised - even though food is considered a very ordinary thing. Today, the act of sharing kai is considered to be one of the most central aspects of whanaungatanga (togetherness) and manaakitanga (caring). Māori pride themselves on always providing for others and often judge themselves by how much kai is provided, and the quality of kai.



FEILDING ATTENDANCE SERVICE POSITION

The Feilding Attendance Service is an organisation located in the Feilding region that supports the positive engagement and attendance of our tamariki at school. Our long serving attendance officer, Delaney Hallett is finishing up in the next few weeks so we are seeking a replacement. The position is for 15 hours per week, 3 hours per day. Phone, laptop and a vehicle are provided. If you want to support kids to get back into school, to remain engaged, and achieve well then this is the position for you. If you are interested in this position please make a time to come and see me or email me at principal@lss.school.nz

MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY

Monday Night Hockey is beginning again shortly. A new paperless sign up form will be shared with you this week. This form will come via a link through Seesaw. It is really important that it is filled out carefully. If you have two students wishing to play, each will need a separate form to lodge their details. If you require a paper form please be sure to contact the school office.

TE RAUKURA

Te Raukura are our school leadership team. Part of their leadership development is completing the William Pike Challenge. Tomorrow the group head off to the Fern Walk. This is a great chance to enjoy a bush walk, develop some hiking stamina and improve team work. A huge thank you to Whaea Ainsley and her parent group who have made this trip possible.

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

Due to the outstanding community sponsorship and the ever-increasing fundraising that is happening with the School Fun Run we are on the brink of ordering brand new uniforms. Exciting times ahead.

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