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Together, we learn to live and
live to learn



ART EXHIBITION - TUESDAY 27TH-29TH JUNE 2023

WELCOME

What a cracker of a term we have had! Colour Run. Art Exhibition. Numerous school trips. Tough Kids. And much much more. I hope you all get the opportunity to relax over the mid-year break and enjoy some decent weather. Term 3 is already shaping up to be a fun and exciting one for our kids, especially those in Year 4 as they head off to their first camp at Rangī Woods in August.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank all our whānau for the amazing support they give our school which ensures it is the vibrant and exciting place it is!

SCHOOL COLOUR RUN

The school Colour Fun Run was an amazing experience for our kids. All kids put on their whitest kits to get out on the field and test their skills against the course. Our wonderful Year 6 leaders did their very best to shower them with paint as they made their way around. A huge thank you to our wonderful community who raised over \$18,000 for our school. These funds will be added to those already provided by our wonderful sponsors and put to good use to buy new sports uniforms and jackets for our kids. Well done to you all.



TE PAE TAMARIKI

Our amazing Te Rerenga Kōtare performed at Te Pae Tamariki on Tuesday. The kids did an absolutely outstanding job and looked a picture in their piupiu. A special thank you to Pā Ronald for his expertise, training and support whilst the kids trained for this performance.

LAST CALL FOR READING BOOKS

Over the holidays we are completing a final stocktake of all our reading books. If you have any at home could you please return these to school as soon as possible. Books can be either handed into your child's classroom teacher or the school office.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF LYTTON STREET SCHOOL (PALS)

Join us, and make a difference in your kids' future!

Parents Association of Lytton St (PALS) is a group of parent volunteers who create opportunities for the school; ensuring our kids have resources, sports uniforms, access to camps, teacher aides - you name it, we do it. We are now calling for volunteers to join our social and fun committee.

The commitment is only about 1-2 hours per month, and will make a huge difference to our school community. Come to our first meeting: 6pm Thursday 3 August. If you can't make the meeting, or want more info please email pals@lyttonstreet.school.nz



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Thursday 29th June 2023



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE - WWW.LYTTONSTREET.SCHOOL.NZ

TE AO MĀORI @ LYTTON STREET

Matariki @LSS 2023 - To recognise and celebrate Matariki this year, we are planning to hold a very special ceremony called a Hautapu early in Term 3. This will begin prior to the rising of the morning sun, and will be followed by a shared breakfast. We welcome any school whānau who would like to attend to be a part of this very special event. More details including times etc. will be shared in the first newsletter of Term 3, and on all of our social media platforms.

What is a hautapu?

In mid-winter, when Matariki appears on the eastern horizon, a ceremony takes place. This ceremony is commonly known as whāngai i te hautapu – or hautapu for short. It means to feed the stars with a sacred offering. The whāngai i te hautapu is split into three main parts:

Te tirohanga | the viewing

When the star cluster is seen on the horizon it is carefully observed in great detail by tohunga. Each of the nine individual stars would be assessed, and mental notes would be made about their brightness, distinctiveness, colour, and distance from the surrounding stars. From these observations, tohunga make predictions about the productivity of the New Year.

Taki mōteatea | remembrance

Tohunga would begin a series of karakia to the cluster and the names of those who had died since the last rising of Matariki would be called out. This is a time to remember the previous year and all our loved ones who have passed since the last appearance of Matariki.

Te whāngai i ngā whetū | feeding the stars

Leading up to Matariki, the community select different kai as an offering. This is done by taking an item from each of the domains of Tupuānuku (food grown in the earth), Tupuārangi (food grown above the earth), Watī (food from freshwater sources) and Waitā (food from saltwater sources) and then offering these foods to the stars. The idea was that the best and most appropriate kai is selected and offered for the hautapu. Once kai is gathered a special oven is prepared, it's name is 'te umu kohukohu whetū', 'the steaming earth oven of the stars'. Hot stones are heated and placed in the umu and then the kai is put on top, covered with leaves and earth. These food items would be cooked early in the morning before Matariki rises. At the completion of the karakia to Pōhutukawa and the calling of the names of the dead the umu is uncovered and the steam from within rises into the sky. Matariki then gathers the kai from the offering and feasts upon them, thus opening the Māori New Year. The ceremony then ends with the rising of the sun.



TRACKSUIT TUESDAY

Well done to all our magnificent kids who took part in Tracksuit Tuesday - it was great to see all the wonderful outfits. I am certain this will be an annual event!

KIMBOLTON ROAD CROSSING

The Board of Trustees have been working with the New Zealand Police and other schools in our region to monitor and decide on the best way to manage the Kimbolton Road crossing. For years the intersection with Kimbolton Road, East Street and Lytton Street has been particularly precarious for both motor vehicles and also pedestrians. Currently the crossing is monitored by our staff from 8.20am until 8.40am. No signs are used. This has caused some uncertainty for drivers. From next term there will be no staff monitoring this crossing until proper analysis has taken place with the correct authorities. It is the aim of the Board of Trustees to ensure that this crossing is as safe as is can be for all who utilise it.

ART EXHIBITION

The Art Exhibition has been a huge success and has a terrific arrangement of pieces, from our very creative kids (photo far right). Thank you to all of you who have popped in and visited. Be sure to check it out.

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