

WEARABLE ARTS - 20TH...21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME

A warm welcome to a cold and chilly week! There is a huge amount of fun and exciting things happening as we move towards the end of term. Please be sure to check out the newsletter so you are up to speed. Stay warm and enjoy!

WINTER SPORTS EXCHANGE

Today Lytton Street School hosted the Winter Sports Exchange. This is a competition between all the town schools. Every few weeks kids compete in a different sport. Today soccer was the focus. It was awesome to see some great games underway. To the right Sophie is dribbling past a North Street defender. Great work to everyone involved.



ROOM 2 TRIP

On Tuesday Room 2 visited the WildBase Recovery Center, reinforcing all our class learning of New Zealand's precious native birds. Brittany, the educator, was fantastic as always and we had fun completing a team quest involving photo challenges, eye-spy native creatures and a quiz. We even met two patients, a ruru from Shannon that flew into a window, and a kahū found in a field, unable to fly. If that wasn't enough we had a go at orienteering in the Esplanade and then really tired ourselves out on the big playground! It was awesome to connect with our endemic species. This trip was funded by our wonderful Board of Trustees.



CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country is tomorrow. Let's hope the weather is fine as the students have been training with their class throughout the term. The hay bales will be back again to create a fun obstacle. The students will be under the supervision of the teaching staff and need to remain with their classes for the duration of the event. If the weather isn't great then classes will head back inside after their races. Please feel free to come along and support them during their run.

Times:

The first race (Year 6) will begin at 11:30am and we are hoping to finish the final race (Year 0) by 1:00pm. We do not give specific times for other races as this can sometimes change on the day. E.g. deteriorating weather conditions will mean we might need to speed up transitions.

To Bring:

- A drink bottle & spare warm clothes (weather dependent)
- With the exception of Year 0 who will run two laps of the field, the course is on both concrete and grass, so shoes are recommended for running unless students prefer to run with bare feet
- Any required medication (if your child requires an inhaler, please remind them to bring it on the day and hand it to their teacher).
- Lots of energy

TE AO MĀORI

Jerome Kavanagh Poutama- Taonga Puoro & Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2023

Kātahi nei te wiki ko tēnei! Wow, what a week to be at LSS!!! Not only is it Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, but we have also had an opportunity to host Grammy award winning taonga puoro practitioner/composer Jerome Kavanagh Poutama. He has performed two shows here and the tamariki who have seen the show were treated to an amazing experience that many of them will never forget. On Tuesday we were able to also invite other kura including Te Kura ā Iwi o Ngāti Kauwhata, North Street School, Feilding High, and our whānau from Tui Childcare. He manu tiōriori, such a beautiful songbird. Check out our Facebook page to see photos.

This year, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori recognises the anniversary of the petition to have te reo Māori recognised as an official language. From that petition, came the first ever National te reo Māori day, which has now evolved into te wiki o te reo and finally, Māhuru Māori (Māori Language Month). We have been sharing some resources with children and whānau to support you in your reo journey, and we are continuing to use te reo Māori as much as we can. This Thursday at 12pm, all of LSS will engaged in some type of reo Māori activity. This ranged from games, to waiata, and reading. Learn alongside your children. *Tukuna atu te reo kia rere, let the language fly.*



TE WĀ TUKU REO

MĀORI

MĀORI LANGUAGE MOMENT



WEARABLE ARTS

Lytton Street School is excited to present their innovative Matariki Wearable Arts event on Wednesday 20th September, and Thursday 21st September. There will be a matinee performance on the Wednesday from 12:30pm - 1:40pm, as well as two evening sessions from 6:00pm to 7:10pm. The event offers multiple opportunities for attendees to experience the magic of Matariki-inspired wearable artistry. You can now collect tickets for these shoes from the school office - pop on in.

LSS COOKBOOK IN THE MAKING

Don't miss the chance to immortalise your cherished whānau recipes in the upcoming LSS Cookbook. Submit your recipes through Seesaw, email, or simply drop them off at the office. Remember, the deadline for submissions is Monday, September 11th. Let's weave a tapestry of taste and tradition that will delight palates and create lasting memories for years to come. These cook books will be up for sale once all the recipes have been collated.

CLASSROOM CHANGES (TE TIPU 1/2/10)

A letter came home today regarding upcoming classroom changes for students in Te Tipu 1/2 & 10. Please keep an eye out for this.

LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATORS (LSCs)

Our wonderful LSCs are having their room upgraded next month. Currently they are located in the old dental clinic. This area is due to be upgraded.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TONIGHT @ 7.30PM

Our Board of Trustees is meeting tonight at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. This is a public meeting so everyone is welcome to attend.



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TE RAUKURA - ADRENALIN FOREST

Last Friday, Te Raukura spent the day at Adrenalin Forest in Wellington. Adrenalin Forest is a high ropes obstacle course designed to challenge students both physically and mentally. The course is made up of zip lines, cargo nets, ladders, balancing beams, swings, wires and so much more! Throughout the day, our Te Raukura students were pushed out of their comfort zone and were challenged to persevere and show resilience. All students had a fantastic day climbing and are looking forward to completing their third outdoor activity of the William Pike Challenge next week.

Many thanks go to our wonderful parent helpers who provided transport and endless amounts of support and encouragement throughout the day. We hope you had as much fun as we did.



NEW OFFICE EXECUTIVE

As mentioned in a previous newsletter our Office Executive, Alicia Reid is moving to South Taranaki with her partner, Blair. This is an exciting move for them. The Board has worked hard to recruit a person to take over from Alicia. Holly Howard, a future parent, will begin learning the ropes in the office this week. Holly comes with extensive experience in the public sector and will be a great addition to the team. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Alicia for the experience, hard work, energy, enthusiasm and sense of humour she has brought to the role.



CHEEKEE HEROES

Lytton Street School Superheroes came out in droves donning their capes, masks, and superpowers on Wednesday 13th September 2023 to support Cheekee Hero Charity. We were spoilt for choice of what compassion, kindness and inclusivity "look like", with every student creating a buzz of excitement and showing support for each other. Our Cheekee Hero Ambassador, Makai (Batman), his Super-Māmā, Megan, and Makai's teaching team at Lytton Street School led the way for an epic day of fun, camaraderie, waiata (songs) and community spirit.

In addition, Makai's cousin, Mataeo, exhibited true courage in front of the entire school by shaving his head, raising funds and raising awareness of childhood cancer. He wanted to show his love and support for Makai's journey as a childhood cancer survivor and Down Syndrome Extraordinaire who's living life to the fullest! September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. A month dedicated to children fighting unimaginable odds and the gold ribbon that represents all cancers in children, creating a connection globally to all families forever affected by childhood cancer.



Cheekee Hero Charity believe that every individual regardless of their neurodiversity, disability, or illness possesses unique superpowers that can change the world for good. By amplifying the superpowers of these remarkable individuals we celebrate their strengths and abilities, shifting the narrative from limitations to possibilities.

Every student shone brightly. They were all real-life Superheroes for those who needed it most and there was an overwhelming sense of unity and purpose as they stood together for kindness, resilience and joy. Thank you Lytton Street School for an incredible day!