



MAKINO FUN DAY - WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

WELCOME

Well we had the biggest Final Celebration turnout in Lytton Street School history last night with over 1100 people in attendance. This

is testimony to the terrific health of our school and the wonderful achievements of all our tamariki. My thanks to you all for attending this event. Photos from the event will be placed on Facebook by tomorrow.

TE RAUKURA

On Monday, Te Raukura, our Year 6 leadership group spent the day at Foxton Beach, engaging in a comprehensive Beach Education programme led by Surf Lifesaving New Zealand. Throughout the day, our students delved into vital lessons encompassing sun safety, first aid protocols, and essential water safety practices. They also acquired life-saving expertise, mastering techniques to identify and safely navigate rips.

Culminating the day's learning, students eagerly participated in a refreshing ocean swim, putting their newfound knowledge to the test. This was an extremely valuable experience for our students.

Te Raukura will be taking part in their Final outdoor education trip next Friday where they will head to Mangaweka to go rafting down the Rangitikei River.

MAKINO FUN DAY

Our Makino Fun Day is being held on Wednesday 13th December. All students, with the exception of those in Te Tipu, will be walking down to the Makino Pools for an awesome swim and a sausage sizzle. This is a free event and is part of our end of year celebration.

FEILDING CHRISTMAS PARADE

This Sunday, 10th December, the Feilding Christmas Parade is being held. Once again Lytton Street School will be entering a float. This is a magic event and well worth attending. See you all there - we have heaps of lollies to hand out.

LAST DAY OF THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday 19th December is the last day of the 2023 school year. This day will finish at 1pm. sKids will be open from 1pm on this day if you wish to book your child in for care. School begins again on Wednesday 31st January 2024. On Tuesday 30th January a 'Meet The Teacher' day will be available for you to bring your child in and catch up with their 2024 classroom teacher.



TE AO MĀORI AT LSS

End of Year Celebration- Haka Pōwhiri - Last night, we began our school celebration by welcoming all whānau and guests to the Civic Centre with a haka pōwhiri. In te ao Māori, this is to honour the mana of those arriving or attending. You will often see and hear of haka pōwhiri being put on for esteemed visitors, dignitaries and special guests. For this evening, you were our special guests, who had arrived to celebrate a wonderful year with us.



Upon your arrival at the Civic Centre, you were asked to remain outside until the karanga, or call, began. Once you entered the building, the children performed a 'haka pōwhiri' to welcome you into the hall. Generally speaking, the words used in a haka pōwhiri descend from the great migration or the landing of a waka to shore with the Tangata Whenua (home people), pulling the waka ashore. There are many variations and the passage below is but a short example;

'Toia mai! i te waka!'

'Pull! The waka!'

'Ki te urunga! te waka!'

'To its place of rest! the waka!'

We enjoyed sharing this very special evening, and the performance of our haka pōwhiri with you all. A huge congratulations to every one of our children, although we cannot give every child an award, each one of you are special to us.

YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL

The Year 3/4 basketball competition has come to an end which was a great opportunity for our students to get enthusiastic about yet another sport. Thanks very much to our parent managers who have been there each week to support the teams. Also to the FAHS students and Ange Armstrong-Lush from FIS for organising and running this enjoyable event. A special mention to The LSS Bulls who won C Grade and the LSS Magic who won B Grade (photo above right).



ROOM 2 TRIP

Last Friday Room 2 visited three iconic spots in Palmerston North. First the fantastic City Library where they discovered what goes on in the book returns room and other great mysteries. Second, Gymsports Manawātū took them through some skill building gymnastics workshops with plenty of swinging, leaping and spinning. The final destination was Memorial Park where the weather was just right for a climb and a splash. This trip was a great way for Room 2 to end the year (photo to the right).



THE GREAT LSS CHRISTMAS DROP

A huge thank you to all our wonderful community who have supported the Christmas Drop. Once again we have had an extremely impressive response for funding and the purchasing of gifts for our tamariki has begun. A big thank you to Sarah who has done a large proportion of the gift buying. Our Christmas Drop will take place on Thursday 14th December. So, Santa is booked, the Christmas Grotto is in the planning stages, and the gifts are being bought and wrapped... not long now! Photos will be posted on Facebook once the event is up and running.



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TOUCH RUGBY

This week is the final round of touch rugby where we have had 11 teams and close to 100 students participate. A big thank you as always to all 14 of our parent managers who kindly offered their time in order to give so many of our students this opportunity. A final thank you to Delaney Hallett who is sadly moving on but has been running this amazing competition for over a decade providing this experience to many thousands of children from our local area.

STAFF FAREWELLS

As we wind down to the end of 2023 we have a few of staff to farewell as they move on from Lytton Street to pursue their careers, however, one of our long standing and highly valued Teacher Aides, Carol Loveridge, has made the big decision to retire. Carol has worked at Lytton Street School since 1997 and is a well known personality around the place. Some of our current parents, who attended Lytton Street themselves, have easily recognised her as they enrolled their own children! During her time as a Teacher Aide she has continuously kept up with latest research and best practice, making a significant difference in the lives of hundreds of children. Carol's unwavering commitment, adaptability and friendly approach has made her very popular amongst the children at Lytton Street. We would like to extend a huge congratulations and thank you to Carol, and wish her all the best for her well deserved retirement.



Other farewells include Kirsten Clark - heading off to travel overseas, Olivia Forbes - moving to take up a job in Porirua, Connor Taylor - moving closer to home, Dan Hodgetts - pursuing his passion of teaching music, Kehlsi Patterson - taking up a leadership position at PININS, Shelley Berry - moving her family to Rarotonga, Mitch moving to Ross Intermediate, and 2 more of our wonderful Teacher Aides - Hollee Wilton-Foley and Samantha Smith. We wish you all success in your next adventures and know you will go well.

UNIFORMS

Our brand new school uniforms have been looking great out on the basketball court and touch rugby fields this term. These uniforms have a specific number assigned to each student so please wash and return them to the office next week. We still have some older school sports shirts outstanding so if you know you have some of these at home, please return them next week as well.

DANCE UNLIMITED

Last weekend a number of amazing dancers performed at the Dance Unlimited end of year show held at the Civic Centre. Dance Unlimited offer a range of dance genres and operate out of Feilding and Marton. Our very own Whaea Alecia is also currently a dance teacher there. I would like to congratulate all our dancers - they performed beautifully and showcased the enormous talent and expertise that has come with hours of training and practice. Congratulations.

DANCE 2024

In addition, with the employment of Whaea Alecia our school is going to operate a dance programme in 2024. This is an extremely exciting time for us and will enable kids to either find dance as a passion or further extend their already developing skills. Further information will come out shortly.

PALS - COMEDY NIGHT

Our wonderful PALS group have collated all the income and expenses from our recent Comedy Night. It is great that this event raised over \$6,000. This is a tremendous achievement and is testimony to the huge amount of effort that was put in by all our members. It is hoped that fundraising efforts will go towards the installation of a new sports turf - further information will come out shortly regarding this.

NETBALL MANAWATU

Netball Manawatu are running a Year 7 Transition competition in Term 1 2024. This is a great 8 week programme, open to ALL Year 7 students (2024) whether they have played any version of netball or not. It is also a great introduction to the 7 v 7 programme. Registration is per student and needs to be completed by parents. Individual schools will not be entering into these sessions. Register using the link to the right: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/274251>