



# Lytton Street School

Thursday 2nd July

Newsletter: 26/20

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STREET SCHOOL



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## WELCOME

Well it has been a very long but massively enjoyable 11 weeks of school. Our kids have worked extremely hard and had a fantastic last week. Books have been the theme. Whether it be dressing up, listening to stories, writing them, sharing about them, the excitement and joy books bring has been celebrated school wide.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable mid-year break. Stay warm, enjoy the sun when it shows itself and have a relaxing time. Term 3 is sure to be another successful one for us. There is a huge amount to look forward to - Year 3/4 swimming, pie fundraisers, Art Exhibition, Learning Conversations, school photos, calendar art and our Year 4 camp to Rangī Woods - it is sure to be a blast!



## BOOK WEEK

What an incredible Book Week we have had! Our school has been buzzing with a love for reading all week long. We were privileged to host some truly amazing guest readers Peter MacKenzie and Granny Jo. Our brilliant school librarians also visited the Feilding Library to connect with our wider community and share the joy of books.

The week was packed with exciting activities, including book quizzes, teachers reading their favourite stories, creative chalk picture art, and students turning into detectives for the "Where's Wally?" scavenger hunts.

Thank you to everyone for supporting such a magical, reading filled week!



## BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Book Character Dress Up Day was a magnificent success. There were a huge number of students all displaying their impressive costumes. The school held a neat parade around the basketball courts so all kids got to see the creativity. Photos will be displayed on the television in the school office if you wish to come along and check them out.

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## MATARIKI @ LSS

The rising of the constellation Matariki above the horizon in the mornings signals the start of the Māori New Year. At Lytton Street School, we will be celebrating and learning about this celebration in our classrooms and together with the wider Feilding community.

Our Kapa Haka rōpū, te Rerenga Kōtare, joined other kura / schools on Tuesday 30 June at the Civic Centre for a kapa haka celebration day. We performed at 12.30.

In our classrooms, we are currently learning about the whetū / stars of Matariki through our school-wide Te Reo Māori lessons, focusing on a few different whetū each week. To end our term, we will be having a Matariki celebration within our year group teams. Each kaiako / teacher will choose a star to focus on, and our tamariki will rotate through the classes and enjoy a range of Matariki activities. Mānawatia a Matariki! Celebrate and welcome in Matariki!



## ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

As you will be aware the adventure playground is being fenced over the school holiday period. This will mean it will be out of action. The fence will encompass the whole playground and also the sandpit and surrounding concrete areas. This will be an awesome asset for our school. In addition new swing sets and a nest swing are also being installed. Swings have become a popular piece of equipment so this will relieve the pressure on the units that are in the playgrounds on the field. A huge thank you to our PTA for funding and installing these awesome items.

Due to the installation of new swings and the new fence the adventure playground is closed over the school holidays. Please support us to stay away from this area. There are two awesome playgrounds on the back field that families are most welcome to use. At the start of the new term the adventure playground will be in great shape and heaps of fun for all.

## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

A reminder that Learning Conversations will occur from the 4th-6th August next term. Information regarding how to book will be sent out at the start of Term 3. Presently, your child's achievement information is available through HERO. If you have any questions please feel free to seek clarification from your child's classroom teacher.

## BUDDY READING @ TUI

Last week a group of our awesome kids headed over to Tui Early Learning for buddy reading. This is a cool opportunity for our school leaders to share their favourite books and bring huge enjoyment to our young neighbours.

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## Parent Information Afternoon School Reports

With all of the changes that have been happening we think it is important you have the opportunity to come in and hear from us, in person, about how your child's report is going to look for Mid Year and End of Year Reports.

We will cover:

- What the reports will look like
- What the information on them means
- How you will access them



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
2:30pm - 3:00pm  
LSS Staffroom

## FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

So New Zealand may well be out but please stay tuned to the FIFA Football World Cup. There are plenty of awesome teams to get behind and the games are generally really exciting. The competition is now in the knock out stages.

## 125TH CELEBRATIONS

125th Jubilee celebrations are all but over, however, the memories are continuing to be made. Plaques will be going up on our 125th mural wall over the school holiday break. In addition, the magazines will also be published. These will be sent out as a PDF at the start of the new term. Please be aware the PDF version is available to all families for free - just a valid email address is all that is required.



## COMMBOX UNITS

A huge thank you to our School Board for their generous investment in providing every classroom with a new Commbox interactive display. This incredible addition has had a positive impact on teaching and learning across our school.

The Commbox make learning more engaging, interactive, and accessible for all learners. Students love the opportunity to share their ideas and learning on the big screen, solve maths equations for the whole class to see, collaborate on activities, and interact with digital resources in exciting new ways. These displays have created more opportunities for active participation and have helped bring learning to life every day.



We are incredibly grateful to our Board of Trustees for their ongoing commitment to providing high-quality learning environments and resources that support the success of every student. Thank you for investing in the future of our tamariki!

## JUMP DAY FUN

What a fantastic day we've had celebrating our Heart Foundation Jump Day! It has been awesome to see our students outside having so much fun, staying active, and showing off all of the skipping skills they've been learning over the past few weeks. There have been plenty of smiles, laughter, and lots of encouragement as everyone gave it a go.

A huge thank you to our amazing whānau and wider community for getting behind this year's fundraiser. Together, we've raised nearly \$8,000 for the Heart Foundation. What an incredible effort!

We're so proud of all of our students for the enthusiasm and effort they've shown, both with their fundraising and on Jump Day itself. It has been a great way to celebrate being active while making a real difference for a great cause. Ka pai, everyone!



## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is a critical component to the success of children developing academically, socially, and emotionally. As you may already be aware, the Ministry of Education has updated how they are monitoring student attendance. HERO is the programme we use to complete the daily roll and monitor attendance. By Ministry guidelines, student attendance is put into four categories:

- Regular attendance - absent for less than 5 days across a term
- Irregular absence - absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
- Moderate absence - absent for between 10 and 14 days across a term
- Chronic absence - absent for 15 days or more across a term.

We have recently received an update to HERO which will automatically notify us when children change into a different absentee category. When this happens you will receive an attendance letter through HERO informing you of the change in your child's attendance. This letter will inform you of the number of school days missed and if any support is required.