

LYTTON STREET

*Kia ora kia tahi,
kia tahi kia ora*

SCHOOL CLOSED - WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 2019

WELCOME

Our Year 4-6 classes have been out and about this week enjoying the STEAM aspects of the Esplanade playground. The aim of our kids is to develop a new playground for our school. They have been learning about new science concepts, mathematical ideas, and utilising digital technology. Their challenge is to design a playground that will teach children about the forces of push and pull as they play. They need to create simple models of their equipment and also plan the play space. As part of this inquiry, they will learn about simple machines and forces. All Year 4-6 classes have been lucky enough to travel to the Palmerston North Esplanade as part of their learning. Not only was it an excellent experience to learn in a real life context, but it was also a huge amount of fun. We look forward to seeing our students take this new knowledge and convert it into their own playgrounds for Lytton Street School. Who knows, maybe Mr Ward-Smith will invest in one of their concepts?

This week I would like to extend a warm welcome to Maddox who has started in Te Tipu. Have a great time at Lytton Street.

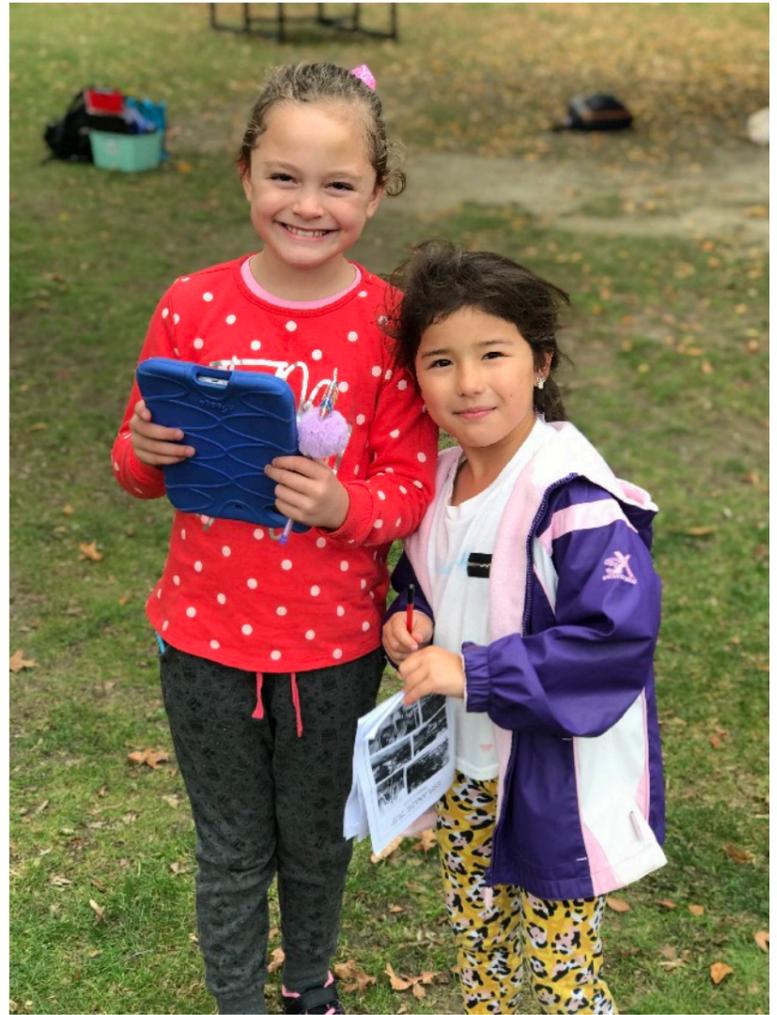
TEACHERS' STRIKE - WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 2019

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is. Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to heavy workloads. It is hoped this will increase the appeal of teaching and ease the shortage.

The Board of Trustees acknowledges the impact striking can have on the community and wishes to convey their sympathies for any inconvenience caused. Our teachers are committed to doing a great job and would do anything to avoid strike action. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

LYTTON STREET SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTION 2019

Nominations are invited for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on Friday 24 May 2019. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

YEAR 5/6 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Good luck to our Year 5/6 Hockey team who are taking part in the Kiwi Sticks Hockey Tournament held at the brand new Feilding High School turf this Sunday.



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health & safety at work



ROAD SAFETY (Safety Tips Provided by Catherine Larsen - Child Restraint Technician)

Road safety is something that needs to be at the front of our mind on a daily basis. Whether it be biking with a helmet, crossing the road at a designated area (pedestrian crossing), or using a child restraint it is especially important that we are always vigilant.



A Child Restraint Technician provides information and assistance around child restraints and safety in a vehicle. Our children rely on us to make well informed choices and to obey the law. New Zealand law for child restraints is that a child up to the age of 7 must be in an approved child restraint. If you fail to follow the law you could be fined \$150. International best practise is to continue to use a booster until the child is 148cm, or hits puberty, whichever comes first. Medical Professionals recommend to rear face an infant until as old as possible or a minimum 2 years of age as this will increase their chance of survival in an accident.

Every step up you make in a seat is a step backwards in safety. Using a booster is not something that you should do unless a child is able to sit still 100% of the time, this includes when they fall asleep on long journeys. If the seatbelt of a vehicle is sitting in the incorrect place on the child's body, it can cause serious injury or death. The longer a child can stay harnessed the better.

There have been a lot of serious accidents in New Zealand involving children incorrectly restrained, or not at all, in motor vehicles. The old McDonald's advert will forever be a reminder. **"If you're going NEAR or far, MAKE IT CLICK!"**

The back seat is the safest place for a child so where possible they should always be seated there. Airbags in modern cars are terribly powerful and are designed for adults sitting in the front. Children are not little adults. Their bodies and skeletons are not developed the same as an adult's so are more likely to be injured when not correctly restrained. You also need to make sure your seats are installed correctly. Up to 90% of restraints are NOT installed correctly, expired or no longer fit the child.

There's a great Facebook page of a Technician who is also a crash analyst for the Police in Kapiti that has some amazing info graphics available. His page is <https://www.facebook.com/thecarseatdude/>

Another place for information is the NZTA website. They have just launched some videos about child restraints that are helpful.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/vehicle-safety/safety-belts-and-restraints/child-restraints/buying-and-installing-child-restraints/>

If you ever want to ask questions or need more information please contact Catherine Larsen, Little Buds Feilding. You can find her on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/littlebudsnz/> and you'll see her vehicle around school.



Catherine's goal is to educate parents and children around seat safety so we can all make smarter choices and protect our young people. She provides education, installation, rentals and sales. Please before you rush out to buy a seat give Catherine a message or call and she can help you to make an informed choice.

COMING UP...

EVENTS

- Term 2 Dates: Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
- Monday 13th...Friday 24th May - Firewise
- Monday 20th May - Board Meeting (6pm)
- Wednesday 29th May - Teacher Strike
- Monday 10th...Friday 21st June - Zero Waste



Together, we learn to live and live to learn