

LYTTON STREET

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Together, we learn to live and live to learn

LIFE EDUCATION TRUST - WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2020 ONWARDS

WELCOME

A huge welcome back to you all. It has been fantastic to see such happy and engaged kids enjoying getting to know each other again.

I wanted to extend a special thank you to our parent community. Firstly, you have all worked extremely hard to teach your kids at home, and you have done really well. Secondly, the diligence being shown upon entering the school grounds is impressive. It has made the job of contact tracing very easy for staff. It is envisaged that these procedures will be in place for some time - possibly the new norm. Staff are working hard to identify ways to make this even smoother and more efficient in the future. Today the Government released a new Covid-19 Contact Tracing application. It is hoped that in the near future this app will be able to sync with schools so it streamlines the process again. It is worthwhile downloading this app. It is called NZ COVID Tracer and is available on Android and Apple platforms.

Today I wanted to share with you some of the images that we have captured of your kids on their return. There has been huge delight in the social interactions that kids have taken part in. The smiles, the joy, the absolute excitement in being back at their school and enjoying it fully once more. To me it highlighted that yes parents can teach their kids, but I am willing to admit that as parents, we are unable to provide the plethora of social exchanges that take place - interactions between kids, between kids and staff, between staff and parents, this is where the rich learning so obviously takes place.

The school is working on providing a range of experiences for our kids to enjoy. As you may all be aware there is uncertainty about when sports and social groups can begin again. With this in mind it is hoped we can fill the void with cool experiences. More information will follow about this shortly.

Please remember that free lunches are being provided on a Friday for the next fortnight. It is essential that kids still bring with them morning tea and a drink bottle. This week's lunch is being brought to you by Lytton Street School Board of Trustees and Dominos Pizza. If you haven't registered lunch for your child, either online or via a slip, please give the office a ring and let them know. Enjoy.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Our school had a Teacher Only Day scheduled for Friday 29th May 2020. I wish to inform you that this will no longer take place. Please be aware school will be open on this day as usual.



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Thursday 21st May 2020

Check out our website - www.lyttonstreet.school.nz



LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

Every two years as part of Sexuality Education we are required to teach the Year 5/6 students to develop their knowledge of growth, development and puberty. We believe this is very important for students at this age as many are currently experiencing these changes. The Life Education Trust will be visiting our school on Wednesday 27th May. Every year they teach over 250,000 children about food and nutrition, their body, friendships, and their identity. Our Year 5 and 6 students will have three lessons covering a variety of concepts including brain development, changing emotions and behaviour, body systems, peer pressure, friendships, growth mindset and physical changes during puberty. A letter went home with our seniors on Wednesday detailing the lesson content. In Term 4 our middle and junior students will have Life Ed lessons with Harold the Giraffe on concepts such as friendships, personal hygiene, and respecting themselves and others.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The Room 16-20 upgrade is now well underway and we are hoping to see it's completion within the next month or so. Once this is done Room 9 will move to Room 16 and Room 10, now in the hall, will move into Room 17. These will be brand new state of the art classrooms for our kids to enjoy. Following the move into these rooms the builders will then work on completing the deck. I am hopeful that grant applications will enable us to provide shade sails covering the decks during the summer months. A huge thank you to the Board of Trustees for the financial investment that has seen the development of this project.

On another note I would like to extend a massive thank you to Rodney Jacobs (our school caretaker), Sam Rosoman (classroom teacher and also qualified builder), Jayden Feekes and Rueben Graham (both Teacher Aides). This team have worked throughout Level 3 and now 2 to upgrade school decking areas, planters and the painting of Te Tipu. This contribution has saved the school a huge amount of money and also, the upgrades look magnificent. My thanks to you all.

LOCKDOWN DEVICE RETURNS

Thank you very much for the prompt return of the 200 Chromebooks and iPads that were given out to our school community during lockdown. We are still following up on a few devices and we would appreciate it if they were returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

STAFF CHANGES

I wish to inform you all of some staff changes. Firstly, as you are aware Whaea Sophie is expecting her baby later in the year. Her Maternity Leave will begin at the end of this term. This position will be advertised and appointed to in the coming months. In addition to this we are also seeking a new entrant teacher to join Whaea Kelsi in Te Tipu. This position will commence once Whaea Sarah takes her group through to Room 9. Once the board of trustees have finalised these positions they will be announced to the school community.



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COMING UP...

- Wednesday 27th May... - Life Education Trust
- Monday 1st June - Queen's Birthday
- Friday 19th June - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday 3rd July - LAST DAY OF TERM 2