

LYNMORE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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KEEP MOVING KEEP GROWING KEEP LEARNING Tupungia te aroha o te ako hei anga mua



A special welcome to our Chinese students who have been visiting us for the week.

More photos further on in this newsletter.



15 August 2024 Issue 24

LYNMORE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

We strive to inspire a lifelong passion for learning. Our approach is rooted in championing teaching excellence and providing a diverse range of learning opportunities in an engaging environment.

Drawing on meaningful connections to our hauora, whenua, iwi, hapū and whānau, we empower our students to become compassionate and well-rounded individuals.

We have really enjoyed having four teachers from Nagano, Japan visiting our school this week.

They have been moving around the classrooms, teaching and sharing with our children.

They have also enjoyed visiting some of the wonderful Rotorua tourist attractions.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Tena koutou katoa,

Thank you to our parents from Hinemoa 5 and parents of our Principal's awards who were able to adapt to our request of an earlier Community time last Friday. We really appreciate your flexibility to enable us to share the bespoke teaching and learning opportunities we have for your tamariki. We really wanted to take the opportunity to share much more than the Structured Literacy or BSLA agenda that is being pushed out across the media. The minister Hon. Erica Stanford enjoyed her quick visit to us and told us she learned so much.

New Maths Curriculum

A new week, and a new announcement about change in education, this time in Maths. The announcement last week from the Prime Minister referred to the decline of Year 8 maths achievement recently. The announcement stated that only 22% of Year 8 students were achieving at or above the curriculum expectation. This was followed up by discussion in the media about the way this figure was put together and the data used. Accuracy is important in maths after all! Without being defensive, it must be acknowledged that this data was formed on a very small sample size in (42 schools and 833 children nationwide) based on assessments against the newly refreshed curriculum which is still in draft form and has different benchmarks. The students hadn't been taught from this curriculum. There was other data that the PM could have used which would have been a better representation of current Year 8 maths achievement.

The most accurate tool for countrywide assessment is NMMSA which assesses a bigger sample size from a mix of schools. This was last done for Maths in 2022. The NMMSA report showed there was little to no decline in Year 8 maths achievement from 2013 to 2022. PISA is often held up as a measure of achievement analysis as it ranks our students against their peers across the OECD nations. In Maths, New Zealand ranks in the top quarter of these countries.

Of course I share the PM's view that we would all love all children to be achieving at the appropriate level, or higher. Is there more work to be done - yes! Would we like more resourcing for professional learning - always!!! Like all curriculum areas, some tamariki find maths easier to grasp than others. What we do know is that the "one size fits all" teaching approach does not work with children, as they each have different prior knowledge, learning styles, strengths and needs. I can assure you that at Lynmore School, we do everything in our power to help those that need extra help and support in Maths, and across the curriculum.

Our end of year Lynmore School student achievement data from 2023 showed 97% of our students were working at or above the expected curriculum level in Maths. There is always room for improvement and we are always open to new research, professional guidance and so on, but our own school picture is markedly different from the one being reported in the media recently.

Our teaching staff will be unpacking the new draft Maths curriculum over the coming weeks, all 91 pages of it, and submitting feedback before the end of the consultation period. At first glance, there appears to be aspects of it which are an improvement on the previous curriculum, but there are equally as many aspects to it that are concerning and will require deeper analysis. As with all changes in education that successive governments have initiated, we as teaching professionals, will unpack them and evaluate them, as to their

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

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their benefit to our students, who are, after all, what we are here for.

While it may feel like we are unsure of what change is coming next, our guiding strength we have at our school is our vision - "We strive to inspire a lifelong passion for learning. Our approach is rooted in championing teaching excellence and providing a diverse range of learning opportunities in an engaging environment. Drawing on meaningful connections to our hauora, whenua, iwi, hapu, and whanau, we empower our students to become compassionate and well-rounded individuals" (as on our front page).

This is what we will continue to focus on

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Ngā mihi nunui

Hinei Taute Principal



WHAKATAU FOR OUR VISITORS...



FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Austen

Hinemoa 2

PLAYER OF THE DAY
for the
REPOROA
Under 7s



Can you help please... one of our wonderful Teacher Aide's is looking for a house/bach to rent *please* asap. Please phone Nikau on 027 81 82 899 - thank you!

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:

Fact: If a student misses 20 days of school every year, by the end of Year 12 they will have missed more than a years' worth of schooling!
Fact: Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school. more.

Our school DONATION is \$150.00 for the eldest child and \$75.00 for any additional family member per year.

These are tax deductible and receipts can be emailed directly to you for any donations received.

Thank you!

PC4L AWARDS...

Kupe Whare Ako

0	Rachel	Aroha	Rachel, you are encouraging, supportive and kind to others. You are always willing to help and work well with your peers. You show curiosity and ask lots of great questions. Thank you for all of your help with keeping our class tidy. You have had a great start to school. Keep up the awesome mahi. Ka rawe!
1	Elsie	Integrity	For continuing to show amazing resilience and support in both the class and the wider school. Your consistency has been amazing, staying true to yourself and always doing the right thing when nobody's watching. Keep up the great work Elsie.
2	Emily	Aroha	For the way you are with your Kupe 2 class mates. You are always kind and considerate of others and always put others before yourself. You continue to do the right thing, even when no one is looking, and guide others when they are needing it. We are lucky to have you in Kupe 2.
3	Avery	Curiosity	For the way you are always exploring new ideas, asking questions and jumping into all our different learning activities. You are always noticing the world around you and making interesting connections such as our native trees and birds! You are a superstar and we are lucky to have you in K3!
4	Angus	Integrity	For the way you continue to rise to the challenge with your consistent work ethic. Whether it's tackling a challenging task or working on everyday learning, you bring focus, determination and a positive attitude. Your mature approach to learning and self motivation are excellent skills to have, Angus. Kupe 4 are lucky to have a role model like you!
5	Ian	Curiosity	For the way you have shown courage to keep trying, recognising when you have made a mistake and being keen to fix it especially in literacy tasks. You have a great sense of humour and are beginning to use this in your writing.
6	Elsa	Aroha	For the aroha shown towards our Chinese students this week. Your patience, kindness, and gentle nature shines through in everything you do. Elsa, you approach every task with dedication and consistently show respect for others. Keep up the fantastic work. We appreciate the positive difference you make in Kupe 6.
6	Irihapeti	Courage	For demonstrating courage and aroha as a helpful teammate at the Winter Sports Day. Iri had a cheerful attitude despite having to swap teams; she demonstrated excellent leadership and was always looking for ways to assist others on and off the court, giving her all throughout the day. It was amazing to see her shine in her element while playing netball. Keep up the amazing effort, Iril

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PC4L AWARDS...

Hinemoa Whare Ako

0	Finn	Integrity	Finn it is hard to choose a value to give you your certificate for as you are often displaying many traits of all of our school values. I have chosen integrity because you have an innate drive to do the right thing. You are naturally a caring and inclusive friend and you have an intrinsic want to listen and follow instructions so you can further your learning. You are an absolute pleasure to have in our class Finn for so many reasons. Keep being you!
1	Corbin	Curiosity	I love the way you are developing your thinking skills within new contexts, Corbin and taking initiative in the way you create learning challenges for yourself. You are working hard on your reading and writing skills at the moment and I can see that this is giving you that sense of pride that comes with success - I'm proud of you! Nāna tāna mahi!
2	Leo	Integrity	Leo, you have been working really hard to be a role model in our classroom. You are actively trying to do the right thing and encouraging those around you to do the right thing too. It is great to see your enthusiasm towards your learning in all your subject areas, even when things are tough - you still give things your best effort and have a great attitude. Keep up the great work Leo!
3	Hamish	Curiosity	Hamish, your inquisitive mind and thirst to learn is infectious! You carefully examine and question your surroundings and investigate curiosities prompting lots of critical thinking and discussion within our class. You're hooked on learning, and the enthusiasm you share supports others to be curious also. Keep being curious!
4	Warwick	Curiosity	For the way you engaged with the Newton Cradle during science and gave a full explanation on how you believed it worked. You were also fascinated by all the different insects in resin. It was lovely to see you so engaged in your learning and so willing to share your views. Keep up the great effort Warwick.
5	Chase	Courage	Chase, you are a superstar! You have worked really hard this year to join in with our classroom activities and to keep going with challenging tasks. You did an amazing job performing on stage as a spider and a heart. All your practice and focus really showed, and I'm so proud of you!
6	Findlay	Curiosity	For demonstrating a remarkable curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Fin's inquisitive nature and eagerness to explore new ideas inspire others and drive his continuous growth. Fin consistently seeks to deepen his understanding, asking insightful questions and approaching challenges with a positive and open-minded attitude. Keep up the amazing mahi Fin!
6	Lucas	Courage	For demonstrating exceptional courage and leadership by leading the school community. His confidence, poise, and ability to engage the audience made the event a great success. Lucas took on the challenge with bravery. Your leadership has set a positive example for others, and we commend your willingness to step up and step outside your comfort zone. Well done, and continue to lead with courage and confidence!

PC4L Values Draw

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PC4L AWARDS...

Ihenga Whare Ako

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1	Jakob	Courage	For settling back into class so readily. You have a positive 'can-do' attitude and are ready and keen to learn new things. You try really hard to do your best and make good choices. Keep up the awesome effort Jakob. You are a star!
2	Jaimin	Aroha	For being a kind and thoughtful member of Ihenga 2. You are a gentle soul who is always willing to help others. We love your gorgeous smile and your positive attitude toward your learning. You have shown incredible progress in reading and writing and have been working really hard to improve in these areas. Keep being awesome Jaimin! Ka mau te wehi!
3	Milan	Integrity	For being an amazing role model in Ihenga 3! Milan, you have actively participated in all learning activities. You consistently display a can-do attitude and always strive to do your best. You are thoughtful, responsible, and take care of everyone in the class. We are so lucky to have you, Milan. Ka pai!
4	Alice	Integrity	For always doing the right thing and trying super hard with all your mahi. You have shown you are a caring and supportive member of Ihenga 4, making sure you and others, are on task and helping those around you. Thank you for all your hard work, you're doing amazing. Ka pai Alice!
5	Beau	Aroha	For being a kind member of Ihenga 5. Beau, you are considerate towards your peers and always put others' needs first. You are thoughtful and a great role model to others. We are lucky to have you in Ihenga 5!
6	Lauren	Courage	Lauren, you demonstrate courage in all aspects of school life. You push yourself outside of your comfort zone; always keen to try something new, and that supports others to do the same. Thank you for your positive attitude. Ka mau te wahi
7	Zosia	Integrity	Zosia, I love how you are focussed and always on task with your learning. You are a great role model for others as you are always doing the right thing, regardless of what else is happening around you. Ka mau te wehi e Zosia.

PC4L Staff Draw is kindly sponsored by CAPERS, Rotorua!

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ICAS EXAMINATIONS 2024

Our ICAS examinations are nearly upon us and begin next week. Please read through to check the dates and how these exams will work.

ICAS exam dates:

Science - Tuesday 20th August

Spelling Bee - Thursday 22nd August (students will need their own headphones)

Maths - Thursday 29th August

Time: Where possible the exams will run in the first block between 9-11am.

<u>Preparation</u>: It is great to see that many students have taken the opportunity to borrow practice booklets. Just a reminder that this can be returned and swapped for new booklets

if this helps your child's preparation.

Additionally, we also highly recommend that students have a go at the sample tests on the demo site (https://www.icasassessments.com/icas-preparation-tools) for each subject they are doing. This will help them learn to navigate the types of questions that they will encounter. Students must select the correct paper for their year group:

Year 4—Paper A

Year 5—Paper B

Year 6—Paper C

What is needed on the day: Students will be provided with a school iPad that is loaded with the necessary software for the exam. Students must provide their own headphones if they are sitting the Spelling exam.



Ministry of Inspiration

Invites you to Join Code Club Eastside

If you've wanted to try coding/programming, now is the time.

Code Club Eastside is a 1 hour weekly class for a term where you learn to code by making games and other projects using Scratch.

Open to beginners aged 7 years and up. No device required, but recommended.



Where: Ōwhata School

When: Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm or 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Starting 6th August

How much: Gold Coin koha per week

To get a registration form or learn more emai

Jessica@ministryofinspiration.org



POI and RĀKAU MAKING WITH OUR CHINESE STUDENTS...

CATFISHING WITH OUR VISITORS...



SPORTS NEWS...

RIP, GRIP and WHIP

Mountain Bike Event 2024

Tuesday 24th September 2024 Waipa Mountain Bike Park

COST: \$5.00 per competitor Year 4 - 6 Boys and Girls

Rip, Grip and Whip is a fun day of mountain biking for kids of all abilities. There are three different courses to choose from catering for complete beginners to experienced mountain bikers wanting to test their skills in a race situation.

Participants will need their own bikes and parents will be responsible for transporting their children and bikes to and from the event.

Course 1: A Taster of Mountain Biking.

3KM, easy flowing course designed for those who have never ridden a mountain bike before or those who are not very confident. There will be a heavy marshal presence to support and encourage participants.

Course 2: Let Me Fly

6KM, designed for those who can ride and like humps and bumps and a bit of speed if like. Grade 1-2.

Course 3: Legend Status

10KM, designed for competent, regular riders, consists of technical trails on Grade 3 & 4 tracks. Caregiver permission is required to enter this course and participants are strongly encouraged to ride the course before the event.

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are online here:

https://forms.schoolappsnz.co.nz/form-6715894/rip-grip-whip-2024 Entries Close Monday 26th August

The registration link can also be found on the Lynmore School App under the "Links" Tab

Course maps will also be uploaded to the App when they become available.

If you have any questions contact Catherine Donovan Email: sports@lynmore.school.nz

SPORTS NEWS...

TERM 4 TOUCH RUGBY 2024

Registrations for Term 4 Touch Rugby are now open!

You must register again this term even if you played in term 1.

Touch Rugby is a fun fast paced form of Rugby.

It's non contact, with no tackling or scrums.

COST: \$30

WHERE: Games are played at Westbrook Rugby Grounds on Devon Street. Practices will be at Lynmore School.

WHEN:

Year 5/6 Play Tuesday afternoons during term 4

Year 1-4 Play Wednesday afternoons/evenings during term 4

Practice days and time are determined by the coach/manager of the team.

FORMAT

6 a-side 'Touch' Rugby - Non Contact

Mixed teams at all grades

Girls' only grades for Year 3-6 if numbers allow. Please indicate if you specifically want to play in a girls team.

KEY DATES

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER - Grading day tournament for all teams

TUESDAY 22 October Y5/6 teams being regular play

WEDNESDAY 23 October Y0-Y4 teams begin regular play

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for Touch Rugby are online at the following link

https://forms.schoolappsnz.co.nz/form-6714456/term-4-touch-rugby-2024

You can also find the registration link under the "LINKS" Tab on the Lynmore School App. If you do not have the Lynmore School App, you can download it from the Lynmore School Website.

SPORTS NEWS...

CRICKET TERM 4 2024

HARDBALL CRICKET (Harrow Grade) NOW THURSDAY AFTERNOONS!

Hardball cricket is played using wooden bats and protective gear (helmets, gloves, batting pads etc), as well as a hard cricket ball. It is suited for children who have already played Incrediball Cricket or who have well-developed hand-eye coordination.

Years 4-6

Mixed teams of 8 players

Thursday afternoons from 24th October through until 12th December 2024.

Games are held mostly in Rotorua, but you may also play one game in Tokoroa depending on the draw.

COST: \$35 per player

Term 4 only (new teams for Term 1 2025)

INCREDIBALL CRICKET

Incrediball Cricket is played with a soft cricket ball and plastic gear. Games are played in teams of six that are made up on the day. Every child bowls one over and batters bat in pairs for two overs. Batters stay in for the full two overs even if they get out. It is suited for children that have reasonably developed hand-eye coordination, but the emphasis is still on having fun and gaining confidence!

Years 3-5 (Approximately)

Teams of 6

Thursday, (Approx 3.30pm - 5.00pm), Smallbone Park, Devon Street

24th October until 12th December 2024.

All gear provided

COST: ONLY \$10 per player

CRICKET REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for Hardball and Incrediball Cricket are online at this link:

https://forms.schoolappsnz.co.nz/form-6715771/cricket-2024-term-4

Registrations for Incrediball and Hardball Cricket close Friday 20th September

Brown Shopping Bags FUNDRAISER Can you please help!

Yes, we are still collecting them! This is a school fundraiser and we appreciate your ongoing support. One of our local businesses is after as many brown shopping bags as we can supply and pays us per bag! The bags must be clean, nicely folded "shopping online" brown bags. Thank you! **Please bring them to the office! Thank you so much.**

A big thank you to everybody that already does bring them in - you are amazing.

Do you have any younger siblings that are about to start school? If you have any younger brothers or sisters that will be starting at Lynmore School this year, please pop into the office to pick up an enrolment form or email karen.belt@lynmore.school.nz so we can add them to our future enrolment list. We really appreciate having enrolments completed at least a term in advance. For any queries, please pop into the office and see Mary-Anne.

If you need to contact the School Dental Service please phone: 027 512 7281

2024 TERM DATES

Term 3

22 July - 27 September

Term 4

14 October - 13 December

5 top tips for clean hands:

- 1. Wash your hands before you eat.
- 2. Wash your hands with lots of soap and water.
- 3. Wash your hands after you've been to the toilet.
- 4. Keep your fingernails clean and short.
- 5. Wash your hands after playing outside.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tartan skorts and School Hats are available at the School Office.

Tartan Skorts (sizes 4 - 12) - \$37.00 (Bigger sizes can be made to order!)

School Hats (sizes S, M and L) - \$12.00



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LYNMORE SCHOOL APP

Download the Lynmore School App and receive notifications for all your favourite sports direct to your phone! Details for the App are on the Lynmore School Website or at this link here:

https://www.lynmore.school.nz/1/pages/8-lynmore-school-app

If you have any sports enquiries contact Catherine Donovan Email: Sports@Lynmore.school.nz

Screening for students...

As a school, we are working to remove as many barriers as possible that impact on student learning.

Within our school, this looks like carrying out on-going screening to look at characteristics relating to various needs (including, but not limited to, dyslexic characteristics, reading, writing and math barriers, Irlens characteristics and auditory/visual characteristics).

If any characteristics or barriers from these screens need to be further delved into, we will be in contact with you.

Ngā mihi,

Lisa Hohepa Deputy Principal / SENCO Lynmore School Te Kura ō Ōwhatiura

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!



Lynmore School Uniform Discontinued stock - Promotion*





Lynmore Primary Jacket Bottle Was \$75.00 Now \$60.00



Lynmore Primary Track Pant Was \$60.00 Now \$50.00



Lynmore Primary Girls Bootleg Was \$55.00 Now \$45.00

* Limited sizes while stocks last

RATS JUNIOR DUATHLON SERIES 23 JUNE, 21 JULY, 25 AUGUST Te Putake o Tawa Mountain Bike Carpark

If you loved the RATs School Duathlon, now is your chance to give it another go at the RATs Junior Winter Series! There are three events over June, July and August. Enter one, two or all three events. There are distances for kids from primary to secondary school, plus an adults race at the last event.

Find out more details and enter at the RATS website <u>www.rats.org.nz</u>



If you have any enquiries regarding sport please email our sports coordinator Catherine -

sports@lynmore.school.nz

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / TERM DATES PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT US!

CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP...

- Friday, 16th August
- Tuesday, 20th August Wednesday, 21st August
- Thursday, 22nd August Friday, 23rd August

Community at 2.00pm - Kupe 1 performing ICAS Science at 9.10am

Yr 6 visit Mokoja Intermediate - OPEN DAY

TFS Planting Day

ICAS Spelling - 9.10am

Community at 2.00pm - Kupe 5 performing

Life Education will be at our school Week 6!

YMCA — Before and After School Care (based at Lynmore School Hall)

For more information please email oscar.waikato@ymcahamilton.org.nz Or call 07 8382529!





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