

TE PĀNUI O TE POARI / THE BOARD NOTICES

Kia ora e te whānau,

At our hui on Tuesday night we reflected on what a full and exciting year 2024 was. We want to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of all our tamariki. Every ākonga/student has grown and developed at their own rate and our end of year achievement data shows that our staff are doing everything they can to support the tamariki in their akomanga/classroom to be their best. Any learning challenges are identified so if your tamaiti/child is moving to a new teacher next year, be assured that their strengths, unique needs and progress are handed over so they can hit the ground running in 2025. For this update we thought we'd share the highlights of what was a busy year!

Property & Finance

- **Perimeter Fence:** Our new fence might have taken a lot longer than expected, but now it's in, we're enjoying the safety it provides. Gates are never locked so the community will always be welcome outside of school hours.
- **Shade Sails:** These went up in time to protect our tamariki from the summer sun. They are bright, colourful and make our school grounds pop. Thank you to our Tumuaki/Principal Hinei and Kerrie for all their mahi behind the scenes seeking the funding for these.
- **Aging Prefab Classrooms:** These classrooms are a top priority for remediation. We have identified the need for their replacement with the Ministry of Education. We will continue to make creative use of outdoor spaces, including the new shade sails.
- **Gym Restoration & Admin Block:** Plans for the gym and admin block improvements have been approved and will hopefully start soon. Both are weather related improvements. The temporary loss of our gym will create disruption for our community, but the result will be an improved space that will last for many more years.

A massive thank you to our caregiver and grounds team **Heke** and **Tony** for all their mahi this year. Our grounds look fantastic! We also appreciate all the creative cost effective solutions and little fixes. We are lucky to have you on the team.

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Staff & Curriculum

- **Staff:** our amazing staff continue to excel in delivering a well-rounded education. We're incredibly proud of the progress in all areas, including literacy, maths, the arts, sports, science, and more. This year classroom release time was used to further arts (particularly music) and sports education.
- **Curriculum Changes:** With changes coming in 2025, our teachers will be well-supported with training and resources. We're confident our team will adapt and continue to thrive, ensuring the Lynmore way remains at the heart of everything we do.

We want to thank all our classroom kaimahi/staff for all the hours they put into creating fun and engaging learning opportunities in and out of the classroom. We have a really stable teaching team and we appreciate every one of them. We acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of **Ingrid Fisher** to our Lynmore school community. We wish you all the best in your retirement. To the few staff who are leaving, thank you for being part of our Lynmore whānau, your impact has not gone unnoticed!

Health & Safety

- **Parking Safety:** Our parking and road safety sub-committee is working hard to find solutions to improve the start and finish of each school day, ensuring safety for all students. We want to remind all our whānau not to use either of the carparks for drop or pick up your tamariki.
- **Before and After School:** Please remember that staff are not available to watch your children outside the hours of 8.30 and 3.15. If your child is coming to school earlier than this or being picked up later, you need to arrange an alternative. It is a health and safety risk should anything happen to them outside these hours. We have been advised that the number of tamariki on school grounds outside these hours has increased. Please have a chat with our staff if you are struggling with arrangements.

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Policies and Other Fun Stuff

- **Strategic Plan:** The review of our goals last month shows that our team is exceeding expectations, and we're receiving great feedback from the community. Our plan is effective until the end of 2025 and can be found on our school website.
- **Admin:** Our policies and updates are also on the website and our minutes are kept in Kerrie's office but available to view at any time.
- **Next Board Elections:** Our current Board term finishes mid next year and a number of our Board members will need to step down. If you are interested in governance and want to reach out for more information, email us! There is lots of training available and it's a great opportunity to see how a school runs behind the scenes.

What an incredible year it has been! We're so proud of our tamariki, staff, and community. Thank you to our wonderful leadership team, our Tumuaki **Hinei Taute**, Deputy Principals **Michael Cunliffe**, **Lisa Hohepa** and **Karen Belt** for always going above and beyond. Thank you to lovely **Mary-Anne Brady** who looks after everyone who visits the office with a positive welcome and also **Kerrie Ryan** our office administrator who tends to our administrative and accounting needs and who is also our Board Secretary. What an amazing team!

We hope that however your summer looks that it's relaxing, fulfilling and safe. See you all next year!

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The #TeamLynmore Board

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