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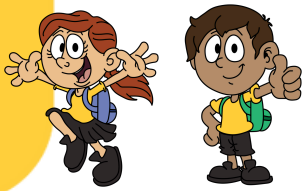

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**Notable Quotes:**

*"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."*

*– Albert Einstein*

*"People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."*

*– Maya Angelou*

# Lichfield Community Newsletter

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## Week 8 Term 1
## Monday, 24th March 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week I have been visiting other schools to explore how they are navigating the new curriculum. This opportunity allows them to gain insights, share best practices and ensure our school is well prepared for upcoming educational changes. Change can be a challenging time for everyone, including teachers requiring adaptation, resilience and continuous learning. By engaging in professional development and observing best practices in other schools, I aim to support staff in navigating the new curriculum with confidence and clarity.

This week, we have our Parent/ Teacher Interviews. I would like to encourage every parent to attend these. Attending Parent/Teacher Interviews is essential for building strong partnerships between home and school. These meetings provide valuable opportunities to discuss student progress, address concerns and set goals. Open communication ensures that parents and teachers work together to support each child's learning journey. If you are unable to make it during the specified times please feel free to contact your classroom teacher to make alternative arrangements.

This year is School Board of Trustee elections. Join the Lichfield School Board and help shape the future of our school. Board members play a vital role in decision-making, supporting student success and strengthening our community. Get involved, share your expertise and make a meaningful difference for our students!

Well done to our students! Visitors and relievers have shared positive feedback about your respect, resilience and responsibility. Your efforts in creating a welcoming and supportive environment are truly appreciated—keep up the great work!

**Ngā Manakitanga**
**Karen Care**
**Principal**

## Maths at Home

How do you write this number using digits?

**six hundred and eight**

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| 608 | 628 | 680 | 603 |

*Last issue's answer: 666, 742 & 808*

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**Lichfield School Attendance Rate tracker (year to date)**

**81.18%** of students have attendance rates of greater than 90%

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# Room 3's Movie

In Room 3 we made a movie about 'what it would be like without Miss Reed for a day', that we shared at assembly in Week 6. We had so much fun being actors and playing pretend. Stay tuned for more movies from us!

I loved sharing our movie because it was really funny and it felt really good showing the whole school when everyone was laughing - **Sam**

I felt nervous in front of the whole school but I liked sharing our movie and the funny bits - **Eva**

I liked throwing the rubbish and pretending to be silly and my Mum liked it because she came to watch - **Darcie**

I felt really proud sharing our movie with the whole school and I wondered what my Dad would think after we got home - **Charlie**

## What's On

**Regular School Events**

Wheels Day: Wednesday
Bible in Schools: Friday 10:55am
House Time: Friday 11:45am
Assembly (All welcome): Bi-weekly Friday 2pm
Sausage Sizzle: Friday

**March**

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| Tuesday 25th | Board Meeting @ 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 26th | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday 27th | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday 27th | Rippa Rugby Mini Module 2/2 |
| Friday 28th | School Assembly @ 2pm |

## Nga Kupu o te Wiki

*Ko te reo he taonga*

Here's this week's kupu to learn with your children:

**pukapuka**

**-book**

Whakahokia ngā pukapuka.
Put the books away.

## Pool Closed!

Due to the weather becoming cooler and still waiting for maintenance to be carried out on the pool system, the pool will now be closed for the season. To claim your bond back for your key, please ensure that your key is returned by the end of Term 1.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped out this season. We could not have provided this facility to the community without your support.

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# Inter-School Swimming Sports

*We had some amazing results at last week's inter-school swimming sports in Putaruru!*
*A huge congratulations to all of our students!*

**Estelle Walsh** 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Backstroke/Freestyle, 2nd Freestyle
**Indie Haigh** 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke
**Amelia Munday** 1st Breaststroke, 1st Backstroke/Freestyle, 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke
**Cooper Read** 2nd Backstroke/Freestyle, 3rd Breaststroke
**Lucia Walsh** 1st Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st Backstroke/Freestyle, 1st Backstroke/Breaststroke/Freestyle
**Lincoln Wood** 2nd Freestyle
**Ben Way** 3rd Freestyle
**Carter Hill** 2nd Backstroke/Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke/Breaststroke/Freestyle, 3rd Freestyle
**Locky Hay** 2nd Backstroke, 2nd Backstroke/Freestyle
**Maia Robinson-Akkersma** 2nd Backstroke/Breaststroke/Freestyle

# Being a Board Member

Hi all! Joining the School Board of Trustees might sound scary but I can tell you it's not all that bad. I joined the board as an opportunity to help our little community where I could. Although way out of my comfort zone, it has been an enjoyable venture, helping govern our school. It is a great opportunity to work on different skills that I wouldn't encounter in my normal day to day life. Anyone that wants to help or is even considering the possibility of joining, reach out and get in touch. Any of us are more than happy to have a chat.
Michael Petersen


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# THE LSSG'S Easter Raffle

Can we please have each Lichfield School family donate an Easter themed item to the office by Friday, 4th April

# Lichfield School Support Group

The LSSG is a group of dedicated parents who run fundraising and community building events throughout the year. New members are welcome, so come along to our next meeting or offer to help out at our next fun event.
*Due to the starting of a new year we are in need of more members to keep up with the fantastic support!*
*If this sounds like you please come along to our next meeting to see what it's all about.*

**Next Meeting Monday, 5th May**
**1.35pm in the hall**
**email: lssg@lichfield.school.nz**

# Lichfield School Board of Trustees

The Lichfield School Board welcomes back all teachers, students, parents/caregivers, whanau and all the new families who have joined us.
If you would like to stay in the loop of what is happening, you can find a copy of the board minutes on our website under; Community - Board of Trustees

**Next Meeting - Tuesday 25th March**
**6.30pm in the staffroom**

***The Lichfield School Board of Trustees are:***
*Jonathan Cole, Rodney De Vorms, Vanessa Macneil, Thomas Scheres, Michael Petersen, Shona Cassels and Karen Care.*

# Lichfield Playgroup

We are based at the far end of the Lichfield Community Hall.
We are open every Friday morning between 10am - 12pm, during term time.
All Welcome!
Contact Micaela on 027 721 3221


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