



LBS Newsletter

Rātū 9 Huitanguru 2021



Welcome to Kendall Dean, Cohen Katz, Eden An, Roberta Kingston, Phoenix Murphy, Riley Mills, Barnaby & Rupert McDonnell, Lucia Moore, Leila Randall, Hazel Russell, Hugo Strachan, Max To'o, Elenoama Tugaga, Courtney Jones and Tom Eves who started today. We know your time at Lyall Bay School will be the Best!
More names to come next week

Dates for your Diary

Wed 10 Feb - Road Patrol Training
 Fri 12 Feb - Parent and Principal chat in library: All Welcome
 Tues 16 Feb - Kapa Haka starts
 Wed 24 Feb - Whānau picnic and visit classes
 Wed 3 Mar - EZ cricket
 Fri 5 Mar - Parent and Principal chat in library: All Welcome
 Wed 24 Mar - EZ Football
 30 & 31 Mar - Learning Conferences for all tamariki
 2 – 6 April - Easter Break (school closed)
 Fri 16 April - Last day of Term 1

Gong Xi Fa Cai – Happy Chinese New Year:

Welcome back to wonderful Lyall Bay School, where we are [Building the Best Learners Waihangatia ngā Akonga Tino Pai](#). All the children and teachers look refreshed and ready for lots of exciting learning.

A special [welcome](#) to the tamariki who started at Lyall Bay School today.

Lyall Bay School Staff 2021

Principal – Melanie Dean

Deputy Principals – Amanda Luxford and Jo Graham

Huetepara Team Leader– Amanda Luxford

Maranui and Onepū Team Leader – Jo Graham

Associate Leaders – Brogan Coburn, Christine Cowan, Kelly Wallace

The Yr 0-2 team will be [Huetepara](#), as this is the original name for Lyall Bay and links to the sea section of the logo; Yr 3-4 will be [Maranui](#) as this is the name for the sands and land at Lyall Bay; and Yr 5-6 will be [Onepū](#) as this means blowing sands and links to the 'wind' shown in the logo. The teachers in these teams for 2021 are below:

Room	Teacher	Level
Ahu	Jo Carter, Amanda Luxford, Kirsten Isbister	Year 1
Huetepara 4	Suzy Jones & Nikki Oates	Years 1-2
Huetepara 5	Isabelle Newman and Karen Dessoulavy	Years 1-2
Huetepara 7	Brogan Coburn and Tracey Williams	Years 1-2
Huetepara 8	Loutje Le Grand and Tracey Williams	Years 1-2
Maranui 2	Christine Cowan and Rekha Tiwari	Years 3-4
Maranui 3	Lily O'Donovan and Karen Dessoulavy	Years 3-4
Maranui 4	Leolie Rentsch	Years 3-4
Maranui 5	Justin Crosswell and Sherwin Mottram	Years 3-4
Maranui 6	Kelly Wallace and Sherwin Mottram	Years 3-4
Onepū 1	Jo Graham and Janine Kerr	Years 5-6
Onepū 2	Rob Lindsay	Years 5-6
Onepū 3	Kate Millner	Years 5-6
Onepū 4	Debbie Limpus	Years 5-6
Onepū 5	Henry Gaskin	Years 5-6

ESOL – Robina Dean, Katarina Sundberg Carson (Teacher Aide)

Teacher Aides Bharti Narsi, Katarina Sundberg Carson, Glenn Hunter, Marina Lewis, Jyoti Riches, Jo Mahon, Tania Waugh, Caitlin Hunter, Kane McKay, Becks Marshall

Library Manager Katarina Sundberg Carson

Office Manager Kathy Dempsey

Caretaker/Cleaner John Rauhihi

Reading Recovery Lily O'Donovan, Izzy Newman

Our [school timetable](#) is as follows:

8:55 - 11 In class learning
 11 – 11:20 Break
 11:20 – 12:30 In class learning
 12:30 – 1:30 Break
 1:30 – 3 In class learning

It is important that children arrive at school [after](#) 8:30am and [before](#) 8:55am, to be ready for a great day of learning. We have 'rolling starts' in most classes so if you are a little late there is no panic, just pop to class. After 9.15am though please sign in at the office first.

School Term Dates for 2021

Term 1	5 Feb – 16 April (5 Feb ToD - tamariki onsite from 9th Feb)	Waitangi Day observed 8 Feb Good Friday 2 Apr Easter Mon/Tues 5/6 April
Term 2	3 May – 9 July	ToD Tues 8 June (LBS) Queen's Birthday 7 June
Term 3	26 July – 1 October	Kāhui Ako ToD first week September
Term 4	18 October – 17 December	ToD 26 Oct (LBS) Labour Day 25 Oct

A newsletter from each team will be coming home next week outlining aspects of the [classroom](#) programme that can be [supported](#) from home, specific class programmes, or making requests for specific items not already included on the general stationery lists.

Please [check our website](#) regularly, as copies of newsletters will be posted there also.

We have a dedicated group of children who are our road patrollers. They have been trained by Constable Dann and are vigilant in helping your children to cross the road safely. Please respect the road patrol and use the crossing with your child before and after school. We would like to ask for your help with road patrol. Each crossing requires an adult supervisor, so if you can give up some time, either in the morning (8:35 - 9:00), or the afternoon (2:55 – 3:10), one day a week, please let Jo Graham know (jo.graham@lyallbay.school.nz). This help would mean that teachers can be in class with tamariki before and after school.

You might remember being at school and bringing home [homework](#). Recent research has shown that homework is not beneficial to young learners. In fact, it can be detrimental to learners and their whānau! It is better for tamariki to be involved in other activities, such as playing outside, being with whānau, going to the beach, playing with friends, taking part in organised activities such as sport, music, dance, art, cubs or brownies, etc. For this reason, we do not send homework home. Most tamariki will have a book to read, be it from the class or the library, but that is all there is. We hope you appreciate not having to spend time on homework, and can spend time with your tamariki on what you want to spend it on.

A reminder to everyone that during Term 1 [hats](#) are compulsory. This is a significant health and safety aspect for all schools in New Zealand because of our harsh sun. It is expected that hats will be worn whenever we are outside and it is not weather dependent as we can still be easily burnt even when it is cloudy. The bigger the brim on the hat the better for protecting from sunburn, [caps](#) don't cut it!

Please remember that if your child is [sick](#), or is not attending school for any reason, please let [the office](#) know. This is for the [safety](#) of your child.

It is important to keep hydrated during the hot months. The only drink allowed at school is [water](#). Please make sure that that you send your child to school with only water to drink. Water bottles can be filled at school.

Our [school pool](#) is up and running. Your child's class teacher will let you know their swimming time. To help everyone, can you please make sure that all [clothing is named](#) so if it is left in the changing rooms the owner is easily found. If your child does not bring their togs to school, we will not be calling you to bring them in for them. This is their responsibility and they can achieve it with your support of reminders.

All parents and caregivers now have access to our policies through www.schooldocs.co.nz. If you wish to read any policies, just go to this website and type in Lyall Bay School. The username for the community is [lyallbay](#) and the password is [maranui](#). Throughout the year there will be policy reviews and you can take part in these by logging on, reading the policy and sending any comments in the comment box. We will let you know when a policy is being reviewed.

Lyall Bay School has an [open door policy](#) and welcome parents at any time. From time to time you will want to make [contact](#) with school to clarify information, or to raise an issue of concern. We [welcome](#) this contact, as we prefer to address issues before they escalate. If you have any concerns it is vital that you raise these with your child's [teacher](#) in the first instance, preferably before or after school. If the matter remains unresolved, you should then see the [Team Leader](#). They will raise the matter with a [Deputy Principal](#) or [Principal](#) if required. Teachers appreciate chats with parents, both informal and formal. Please be aware that teachers do need to be with the students from 8.55 until 3pm. They are available to talk to you outside of these times. In February (Freedom February) we are hoping teachers (and yourselves) will make the most of the weather and they may be leaving school from 3.30pm. Please be understanding of this.

We appreciate the importance of regular communication between school and home, and that we live and work in times where there are a huge variety of different communication methods. We share information with you in a variety of ways - through HERO, FaceBook, newsletters, website, SeeSaw and SchoolAppsNZ. The diagram shows you the basic purpose for each of these. If you have changed the way you would like to receive your newsletter: email, FaceBook, website, SchoolAppsNZ, then please let us know so we can update your information. You can make sure that you are kept up to date by making sure the school has your correct contact details. If you are using Facebook please follow the school page. Please ensure you are

familiar with the content on the school website, and please let us know if you do not receive the newsletter and we will rectify it.



We share reporting information with you through a web-based site called [HERO](#). When you enrol you are given details on how to get the app, so you can access all the information on HERO. It is a good idea to add a password manager, such as 'lastpass' or 'apple keychain' on your phone to stop being logged out. We will have mini HERO sessions for whānau before and after school in the next few weeks if you would like some support. Reporting to whānau will be timely, so it is most relevant to what your tamariki are achieving. Tamariki will get a report comment for reading, writing, maths and ako (all other learning areas, strengths, values and Pūmanawa-ā-ākonga) twice a year, once in the first half of the year and once in the second half of the year. At our Teacher Only Days Kaiako have discussed, in depth, further improvements for the benefit of the learning for tamariki. As a school we appreciate any communication from home that can assist us in our relationship and therefore learning with tamariki.

Over the last week staff took part in a range of [professional development](#) and activities. We had the Ministry of Education come and share with us different ways we can support tamariki that could be dealing with issues that upset them. We were given the analogy of a child being like a bottle of fizz. Anything can shake that bottle up, the wrong kind of fruit for the lunchbox, doors slamming, people being too close, someone else in the bathroom and they need to go, the wrong flavour toothpaste, forgetting to brush their teeth, not being able to find their book, no ball to play with the list goes on. This might mean when they get to school the 'lid comes off' or it might mean when they get home the 'lid comes off', which can explain why Kaiako might say they have had a great day at school, or whānau saying they were fine when they left home. It was great that all the staff were on the same page with how we can help our tamariki cope with a range of situations.

We also revisited our Annual Plan, worked on reporting as a staff, joined as teams on planning for 2021, in collaborative hubs on their visions. As a whole staff we gave back to the community. A group cleaned up Leolie Gill Walkway, so it is safer for our tamariki to walk to school; another group painted a fence at Lyall Bay Kindy and a third group helped with the development of a community garden for Lyall Bay Community Church.



We are looking forward to a wonderful term and year of learning with you all.

Melanie Dean
Principal