



LBS Newsletter

Rātū 30 Whiringa-ā-rāngi 2021

Kia ora

We have such amazing tamariki at our school. This week I have had a meeting with Lucia, Indie, Kiera-El and Sophia who are passionate about saving native manu (birds). They have come up with a plan for [fundraising for Zealandia](#). Watch the video to find out some more. They will also be on the radio and will have posters up around the school before the end of the week.

I have also had an email from Dylan who is very interested in decreasing ocean pollution. He has asked for information to be included for you all to read. It is in the yellow box, please take the time to read it.

[Friends of Lyall Bay School](#) are meeting on Wednesday this week. Please read the attached letter with more information about this important work. **Friends and whānau – we are at crisis point and we really do need your support to continue our role here at Lyall Bay School. Please consider taking some time out of your year in 2022 to help us continue to support our tamariki, our school and our whānau connect and grow as a school community.** For over 2 decades now, Friends of Lyall Bay School (FoLBS) has been supporting tamariki, their whānau and the wider community here at Lyall Bay School. We've been there organising discos, preparing artwork orders and raising money with the help of the school community every year - a small group of dedicated parents who meet on a regular basis to, not only give their time and skills to the ongoing management of FoLBS, but also to provide valuable insight and information that flows through into the wider school environment - from kaiako through to the Board of Trustees. In order for FoLBS to continue to support LBS, your help is needed. We are looking for more parents/caregivers to come on board with FoLBS in the New Year and help us continue to support LBS.

Friends of Lyall Bay School



By the end of this week all tamariki should have received their timely [report comments](#). These are all on [HERO](#) for you to access, through 2021 Report or Timely Comment (and the year group). You can 'like' a post or even write a comment. If you cannot see a comment for Literacy (Reading and Writing), Maths and Ako for this half of the year, please contact the kaiako. At the end of the year you will also receive a post that explains the [curriculum level](#) your child is currently working at for reading, writing and maths. With this will be a graph that explains where the curriculum levels fit to year levels. As always, kaiako are only too happy to discuss anything about your [child's learning](#). You can email, make an appointment to meet by calling the office, messaging the kaiako, sending a note with your child to set up a meeting or zoom. Please do not hesitate to contact kaiako for anything you wish to discuss throughout the year.

The Board and staff met last night to do some more work with the [2022-2024 Strategic Plan](#). At this point we have drafted two initiatives: [Grow our People](#) and [Responsive Community](#). We are starting to develop some actions with these. A sub committee will be meeting to pull this together and the draft will then be sent out to you for further feedback. I would like to thank all who responded to the survey and those who worked as a team to refine all our ideas to where we are now. It is looking very exciting.

Along with this newsletter is a letter explaining some information around the [Traffic light](#) system. The Ministry of Education has advised all schools to stay with their Level 2 protocols until the end of the year. After that we will put in any changes that the [Traffic light](#) system guides us to. There is a letter attached with further information.

Melanie Dean,
Principal

Dates for your Diary

Wed 1 Dec:	FoLBS meeting 7.30pm (note change in date)
Wed 8 Dec:	EZ MiniBall
Fri 10 Dec:	Zealandia Fundraiser day
Mon 13 Dec:	Classes for 2022 sent with stationery lists on HERO
Tues 14 Dec:	Yr 6 Graduation Evening at The Pines
Wed 15 Dec:	Tamariki meet new kaiako
Fri 17 Dec:	Last day of Term 4 - finish at 12.30pm
Wed 2 Feb:	First day of Term 1 2022

Building the Best Learners

Waihangatia ngā Ākonga Tino Pai

OCEAN POLLUTION – by Dylan

Billions of tons of plastic goes into our oceans and seas every year. One hundred million marine animals die of plastic waste every year alone. They die from getting tangled in plastic bags and getting plastic straws shoved down their throats.

If you see a piece of rubbish fly past you, please pick it up because you might be saving a sea creature's life. 40% of the world's ocean surfaces have rubbish in them. That's nearly half the ocean has rubbish in it. Also, the amount of rubbish that flows into our ocean is supposed to triple in 2040 to 29 million metric tons and there will be more plastic debris than marine life. A metric ton weighs 1000kg. That's as heavy as an American Bison. Some countries are trying their best to stop ocean pollution but some poor countries can't afford to buy bins and trucks to take out rubbish, so please don't blame countries when you see piles of rubbish in videos.

Here are some ways we can stop ocean pollution:

- Pick up rubbish
- Reduce. Stop using single use plastics, e.g, coffee cups, takeout containers and plastic bags.
- Reuse
- Recycle

If you recycle you're reusing and cutting down the amount of rubbish that goes into our seas and oceans, landfills as well. When you recycle you're converting waste into new, useful products, in other words. But remember to read the rules of how to recycle.

So, there are some ways we can stop ocean pollution. But remember

we can't do this alone. We need everyone's help around the world to stop ocean pollution. If we do this now, your family in the future won't suffer from ocean pollution. After this we'll be

Community Notices:

Thomas George Macarthy Trust:

We have received a \$4,000 donation from the T.G. Macarthy Trust. This generous donation is most welcomed and the money will be used to purchase new books and further enhance our Library and Information Network.

Colouring-In Competition to Support Charities:

We have organised a Colouring-in Competition for all kids to get involved this Christmas to shine a bit of light on our "Little Ray of Giving" Annual Charity Drive where we help to support local charities, Ronald McDonald & Wellington City Mission, leading up to Christmas.

If you wish to enter the colouring competition, all entries submitted go in the draw to win a \$100 Warehouse Voucher.

★ Entries close: 1pm, Monday 13th December 2021

★ Drop off your entries to Ray White Wellington City, Level 1, 77 Thorndon Quay, Thorndon, or if you can't make it to the office, scan and email to admin.debbiebane@raywhite.com

★ Download the colouring-in page here: tinyurl.com/Colouring-InLittleRayOfGiving

One Room Fan Museum:

The One Room Fan Museum is an homage to Lord of the Rings and a celebration of Wellington as the spiritual home of the films. There are lots of fan-made costumes for dressing up as elves, hobbits, warriors, wizards, princesses, etc, along with lots of replica kid-safe weapons such as swords, bows, axes and other fun props.

You certainly don't have to be a Lord of the Rings fan, but it does enrich the experience.

The website is theoneroomfanmuseum.nz

This has good info, including the Experience page which has lots of pics. I'm currently making a page dedicated to families and kids but in the meantime there's a blog page about this already:

<http://www.theoneroomfanmuseum.nz/new-blog/2021/2/18/lotrenchantskidstoo>

There's also a nifty wee video on Stuff about the Museum that is quite entertaining, though it features adults rather than kids:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/books/122089179/superfan-shares-a-little-bit-of-middle-earth-in-newtown>

Visits are limited to single groups as the Museum is only one room! Visits usually last 1-2 hours. I am always there to supervise, but kids do need to bring parents or caregivers (parents/caregivers usually dress up too, so it's mad fun for everyone).

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Summer Reading Adventure with Wellington City Libraries:



1 December 2021 - 31 January 2022

Read Books | Complete Quests | Win Prizes

Pick up the Adventurer's guide from your local library, and visit wcl.beanstack.org to get started.

Wellington City Libraries Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council
Mo Haka Ki Pūkete



Predator Free Wellington:

The team at Predator Free Wellington is coming to Kilbirnie and Lyall Bay next as part of the city-wide eradication and need your support to help make Wellington predator free! From next week, Jay, Brittany, Alastair, and Pattern will be door knocking for permission from residents and businesses in your area to install a device on their property - this is FREE and FULLY SERVICED. For more information, or to sign up online, go to www.pfw.org.nz/island-bay-to-cbd/

Friends of Karori Cemetery – Exploration Day for Kids:

Looking for something to keep the kids happy for a couple of hours in those busy days leading up to Christmas?
On **Wednesday, 22 December from 10.00am - 12 noon**, Friends of Karori Cemetery will take them on an exciting exploration of secret pathways, visit the graves of famous, infamous and ordinary folk, introduce them to Mrs Chippy the cat who sailed to the Antarctic, talk about why we toot in

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the tunnel, and work out how many people died in the Tangiwai rail disaster.

Suitable for ages 5-12, gold coin donation only. Limited numbers available, so bookings are essential. To register & get more information, email friendskaroricemetery@gmail.com

The Little Mermaid Pantomime at Circa Theatre:

The Little Mermaid - The Pantomime opened at Circa Theatre last week. We are thrilled to be performing and offering people the chance to see our annual Panto - with so much Covid gloom we all certainly need a cheer up.

We are observing strict Covid protocol and ask that you please wear a mask, register your presence and observe social distancing when attending a performance. We will be booking seats in a safe way. For more information go to www.circa.co.nz or call 801 7992.

Critical and Creative Thinkers' Holiday Programme:

Welly Philosophy & Creativity is a new holiday programme offered in January 2022. It invites young people aged 7-14 to grow as critical and creative thinkers in a fun and playful atmosphere. Designed by a team of educators and researchers at Victoria University of Wellington, the programme will include a mix of:

- Philosophical dialogues to explore fascinating questions that matter to young people and to the world;
- Collaborative creative projects, from making witty comic books to putting on whimsical plays;

Outdoor activities including sports, camp games and scavenger hunts!

Dates: January 10-14 for children aged 7 to 10;

January 24-28 for children aged 11 to 14.

Time: Drop off 8.30-9.00am; pick up 3.30-4.30pm.

Location: Ridgway School, 120 Mornington Road, Brooklyn.

Cost: \$75 per child.

To find out more information about the programme and to fill out an Expression of Interest form:

<https://wellyphilosophy.wufoo.com/forms/expression-of-interest/>

Rock Academy Holiday Programmes:

Lots of fun, modern 'cool' songs and activities with personable inspiring teachers. Perfect for building confidence in creative children who would like to explore music or take their playing to a new level. Ideal for budding singers, guitarists, pianists and bassists. Contact us today to book or for more information.

December 2021 Dates

From Monday the 20th until Thursday 23rd December, 2021.
8:45 am until 3:30 pm.

January 2022 Dates

From Tuesday the 25th until Friday 28th January, 2022.
8:45 am until 3:30 pm.

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