



Media Release

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## Lincoln Primary School Gets Ready

Lincoln Primary School students have been learning how to prepare for an emergency or disaster.

More than 50 year seven and eight students were shown through the new Selwyn District Council Incident Command Bus recently and learnt about how to get ready for an emergency or disaster.

Selwyn's Emergency Management Officer Ryan O'Rourke says the children learnt about how to keep safe in disasters, how to create and practise using household emergency plans and how to assemble and maintain emergency survival items.

"Showing them through the new Incident Command Bus helps them to be more aware of what the council's role is in emergency management. We hope the children will take the information they learnt at the session home with them to make a family plan to get ready for an emergency," says Mr O'Rourke.

"By showing the children how they can make an emergency plan it helps ensure they know how to find their families in an emergency and are prepared for any natural disaster that may occur," he says.

"It is important for the community to be reminded that an emergency event or disaster such as earthquake, storm or flood can happen at any time, so it is wise to have a plan," adds Mr O'Rourke.

To learn about how you can get ready for a disaster or to make an emergency plan, visit [www.getthru.govt.nz](http://www.getthru.govt.nz). To join a local Neighbourhood Support group which can help you get through an emergency visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/nsform](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/nsform).

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*Photos attached:*

*Lincoln Primary School Gets Ready 1 - Front row – Selwyn's Community Response Co-ordinator Sue Jenkins, Lucas Davey, Reuben Maddock, Oliver Sutton, Selwyn's Emergency Management Officer Ryan O'Rourke. Back row - Callum Haisman (with radio), Keegan Spang, Mitchell Jordan, Colby Le Roux, Ben Jessep*

*Lincoln Primary School Gets Ready 2 - Jake Allen, Colby Currie, Henri Rollinson (all year 8) try out the communications equipment on the new bus*