Our **REACH** values stand for **Respect**. **Engage**. **Aware**. **Celebrate**. **Honest**

Kia ora Whanau

With only two weeks until the end of Term Three the countdown is on for 3pm, Friday 30th September so you can have a much deserved break in the sunny weather. Term 3 is always the most challenging in terms of the weather, illness and tiredness. I want to thank all of you who have kept your children home when they are sick as this has helped to enable us to keep our classes and school open. I know many schools have had to restrict classes from attending due to large numbers of teachers being unwell. I hope that we are seeing the last of COViD as we head towards summer and more time outdoors. Our last newsletter for this term will be published on Wednesday 28th September.

If you are in school this week, you will notice our flag is flying at half-mast in response to the passing of Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II. She has been our monarch and served the Commonwealth for the last 70 years. This makes her the longest serving Royal in history and this feat may not be seen again. School will be closed on Monday 26th September for the national Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day.

Reversible house colour **bucket sunhats** are a compulsory uniform item that students must wear when outside the classroom during terms four and one. Most children were issued a sunhat in term 1. Please find your child's sunhat and make sure they are wearing it on the first day of term 4. There will be sunhats available for purchase for \$10 each at the office if your child has lost theirs. We are also in the process of sourcing some smaller hats.

Next term we will have the portable **swimming pool** set up in week 1 and lessons will begin school-wide after that. We expect all children to participate in the supervised swimming timetable which classroom teachers will share with you. The pool is locked and secure with gates, and is unavailable for use outside school hours.

Lincoln Heights **Music School** 2023 enrolments are now open. Classes for Recorder and Music Theory, Violin and Guitar commence mid February 2023. A mix of classes are held on Tuesday afternoons after school and Saturday mornings by experienced tutors. We welcome students from our school to learn an instrument. Fees are very reasonable for the year. Visit our school website for more information https://www.lincolnheights.school.nz/90/easy_pages/37-welcome

We are continuing to work with Auckland Transport to ensure our students are able to leave school safely at the end of the day and **traffic** can flow down Keegan Drive. We would encourage you to park at the park on Keegan Drive or along Waimumu Rd to ensure that there is clear visibility and our children's safety is not compromised.

As I mentioned previously, the Ministry of Education is working with us to develop our **enrolment zone**. This will assure children within our local catchment have the ability to attend their local school. If we have children who live outside of our zone apply, then they will be able to attend if there are places available or through a ballot system. The MoE will provide the community with an opportunity to respond to the zone early next year. As the roll continues to grow, this enrolment zone will help to ensure we are able to cater for all children, be well staffed and maintain our amazing gardens and environment by capping our student numbers.

You may have heard that the Decile System for funding schools is changing to an EQI (Equity Index) number. There are two main reasons this change has become necessary; firstly, deciles have been used to rate the quality of schools – higher deciles being perceived as providing better quality education, when this isn't necessarily the case, and secondly to ensure that funding is better targeted to need and changes to funding can be made more quickly – rather than relying on census information. While this is a major shift within the MoE, it should have very little impact on our school or its funding.



This week is **Māori Language week**. Māori Language Week is an annual celebration held in the third week of September. This year it takes place from September 12 to 19. The initiative, also called 'Te Wiki o te Reo Māori,' is government-sponsored. It aims to inspire New Zealanders to speak the Māori language proudly. Māori Language Week is part of a larger effort to revitalize the Māori language. New Zealanders and indeed, the global community, are encouraged to learn the language and experience the rich culture of the region. Events are held across the country to mark this observance and showcase the beauty of New Zealand. Your children should be coming home with some new words or phrases. Why not join them in learning some new Te Reo!

Toku reo, Toku Ohooho, Toku reo, Toko Mapihi Maurea My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul

If you have any **concerns** regarding your child, and you have spoken to the teacher, please come and see me or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Toby Kite or Kiri Steed. You can find a copy of our complaints process on our website – for a simple diagram or you can visit 'School Docs' to access all school policies and procedures. The link and password is available on the website.

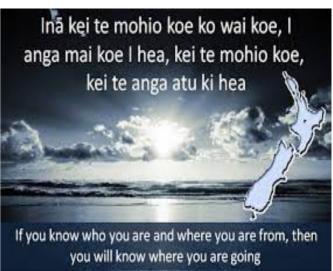
If you have a four year old, **turning five** either this year or early next year, please come in and fill in an enrolment form. This will help us with planning and organising the classes for 2023. We are committed to keeping our classes small and can only do this if we have a good understanding of what our Year 1 class numbers will look like.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

Mai i te Kôpae ki te Urupa, tātou ako tonu ai. From the cradle to the grave we are Forever learning.





BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Now that the triennial election process is fully complete, on 31st August we sadly farewelled Reuben Baker and Lillian Hansell who have stood down as Trustees after three and six year terms respectively. We thank them for their dedicated commitment to improving the vision for our school.

We welcome Kiri McCabe and Ken Tuioti to our Board and have a great team assembled to serve the school.

Our trustees are:

Ken Tuioti

Raewyn Clark, Presiding Member Sean Carter Gordon Irving, Staff trustee Ben Lynch Kiri McCabe bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

The next Board meeting will be held on 28th September in the staffroom at 5.30pm.

TERM THREE & FOUR 2022

Week 8	Thursday, 15 th September Friday, 16 th September	Pohutukawa team to Stardome Rm 23 lunchtime gala, under the shade structure. Food, drinks, plants and baking for sale Yrs 3-6 swimming lessons at Peninsula Primary
Week 9	Thursday 22 nd September	Kahukura Cupcake fundraiser, morning tea and lunchtime until sold out, \$2 an item Reading Together workshop 4, 5pm – 6.30pm Yrs 3-6 swimming lessons at Peninsula Primary
Week 10	Monday, 26 th September Wednesday, 28 th September	Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day. School closed Totara team trip to MoTaT Junior/Middle school disco, morning tea in the hall, gold coin entry, food/drink/lollies for sale Yr 7/8 Volleyball Zone Day, Trusts Stadium LHS Board meeting, 5. 30pm, staffroom Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & website Yrs 3-6 swimming lessons at Peninsula Primary
Week 1, T4	Monday, 17th October	Term 4 begins, 8.50am school starts
Week 2	Monday, 24 October Wednesday, 26 th October Friday, 28 th October	Labour Day observance, school closed LHS Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & website Party themed mufti-day, gold coin donation

TERM DATES

TERM THREE 2022 25th July – Friday 30th September TERM ONE 2023 2nd February – 6th April TERM FOUR 2022 17th October – Friday 16th December

Our motto - In The Gate by Half Past Eight Guarantees You Won't be Late!

GENERAL NOTICES

> **Parent Supervised Playgroup sessions** are in the room on the top playing field nearest Doone Place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Email Manager Fonda Rowe at fonda.rowe@aka.org.nz for more information.

- > **SKIDS** is available for on-site quality After School care only from 3pm until 6pm Monday to Friday, with a school holiday programme offered every holidays. Contact Prayer on 021 922 521 direct for more information.
- > Remember that the Wednesday fortnightly newsletter is now an electronic format only. You can find our newsletter on Facebook (Lincoln Heights School Official), on the Lincoln Heights School website, and on the free Skool Loop app at any time.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY UPDATES

At Lincoln Heights School our student Leadership Academy is a group of selected students actively involved in four area across the school: Cultural, Sports, PB4L and Academic, doing great work to engage our students.

Last week our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team held a House Colour mufti day. It was fantastic to see so many staff and students participating in proudly wearing their house colour. Prizes were judged by the Student Leadership Academy with the following results for best dressed in their house colours:

Students: Skyla from Kahukura; Siennah Rm 10; Kendrick Rm 16; Leah Rm 19; Kayzjah Rm 24

Staff: Tash, Miss Pirie, Miss Parker, Miss Dwyer, Miss Astrella, Ms Hunter, Miss Gabriel

Congratulations to everyone who participated, what a great effort. Here are some snaps of our staff getting into their house groove.









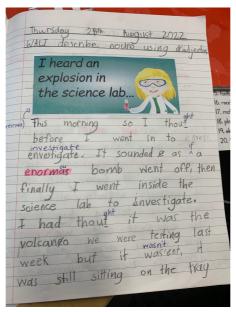


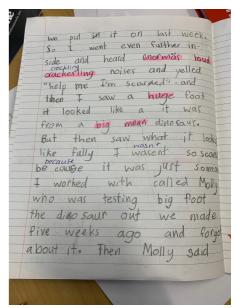


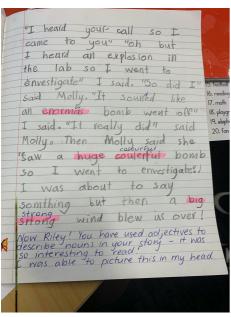
OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING

Here is some amazing learning from our children! They have been doing some incredible writing and Anika did some amazing basic facts!

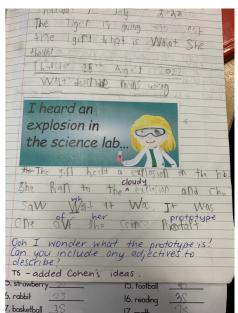




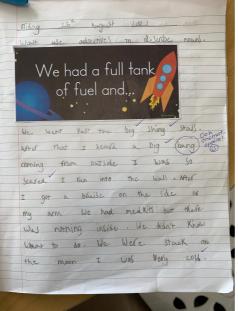


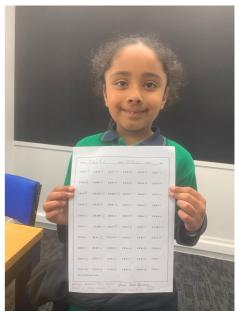




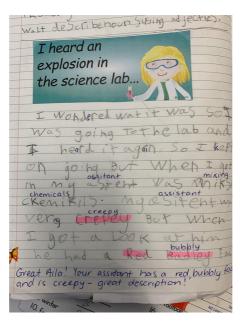


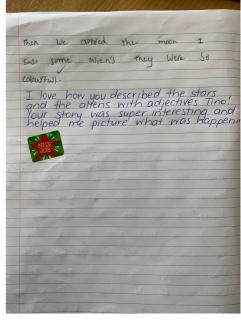




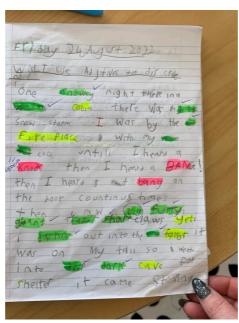


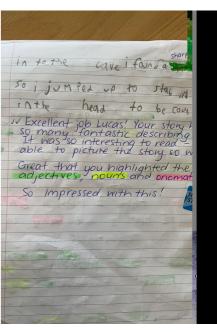












REACH CELEBRATIONS

As you may be aware, we have a REACH shop where students can save their REACH cards and buy rewards. To keep this shop going, the REACH team hold fundraising events like the House Colour Mufti so they can buy items for the shop. Children can also buy rewards like, being the Receptionist, taping Mr Kite to the door or lunch with the Principal. Here are photos of Kauri team ending the mufti day with some fun house colour relays and a photo of Narita and I enjoying lunch together!







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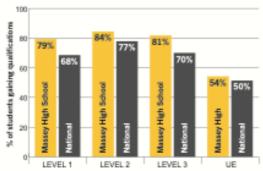
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