



Kiaora Whanau

It is with excitement that I write this newsletter as the official, newly appointed, Principal. As a school, we have already taken steps towards increasing whanau engagement by developing 'learning focused relationships' and raising student achievement. This mahi (work) is vital to us ensuring our students are successful as they progress through school and into adulthood. I am hopeful that the start we have made will continue and our school will be the centre of our community.

**Lockdown** - You may be aware that the school was placed into a 'Lock down' last Friday at 3:30pm. This was a precautionary measure taken by the Police. Our Lockdown procedure worked well and we followed it successfully, however, it is timely that we review the process and incorporate any new steps recommended by the Ministry of Education following the recent events in Christchurch. Once this review has taken place, we will put it on to the website and a link on Facebook. I was very impressed with the speed and care taken by our staff and the SKiDs team in ensuring all children were safely accounted for and kept quietly amused in the staffroom.

**Our amazing oak tree** – has now been felled and there is an open space at the front of the school. This space will be landscaped to have some interactive steps and beams, native plants and our waharoa (gateway). We are very excited about the development of this entry way. If you know of anyone who could help us with the design of this area please let me know. We will also have some working bees once the design is completed so keep an eye out for these dates in the newsletter.

**Welcome to Atua Asafo** – Atua is our new Samoan Bilingual teacher. She will be joining us on Monday 29 April. Atua is an experienced teacher and we are excited to have her joining our team next term. There will be a Samoan Parents Network Meeting this evening.

**Farewell** – It is with sadness that I am informing our community that Shirley Martin will be leaving us next term. Shirley has been an integral part of our school for 27 years and has held many roles from teacher to Acting Co-Principal. Most recently Shirley has been running a literacy support programme called the Book Worm Club, which many of our children have attended. There will be a formal farewell to Shirley next term.

**Korero and Coffee** – The first evening coffee and korero will be held tonight at 6pm in the staffroom. This is an ideal time for parents who have other commitments during the school day. Information about the upcoming Board of Trustee elections will be available and there will be current Board Members there to answer any questions you may have. This is a really relaxed meeting with opportunities to mix and talk freely with other parents and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

We will still be having our regular Coffee and Korero on Friday morning 9am – 10am, please come along if you are available.

**Easter Raffle** – Tickets are still available for the Easter chocolates raffle. There are multiple prizes to be won – including a non-dairy option, tickets \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three. The raffle will be drawn at the end of term assembly and winners notified by phone. Remember, all Easter egg donations get you a ticket into the bonus draw. Thank you to everyone who has donated eggs or already bought tickets.

**Shade Structure** – We hope to have some information regarding repairs to the shade structure at the beginning of next term. We have engaged another project manager and are confident a resolution can be announced shortly.

**Book Parade** – Unfortunately due to sickness we are going to postpone our Book Parade scheduled for this Friday (5/3) 11:40am until Monday (8/3) 11:40am. We feel it is vital to have key staff members available to celebrate the success of their efforts and be able to participate ... besides who can resist a reason for an extra day celebrating literacy!



**Kai Pear Competition** – Where is Kai Pear? There is a Kai pear just like the one at the front of this paragraph, hiding in the newsletter. Find Kai Pear, fill in the form and return it to school by Monday 8 April and go in to the draw to **win a free School Eats lunch for Friday 12 April!** It's Honey Soy Chicken - yum!

Noho ora mai

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Principal recruitment** update – Congratulations to Leisha Byrnes on her appointment as Principal at Lincoln Heights School.

Board of Trustee **triennial elections** are scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. There are three vacancies.

Nomination forms will be sent out early May. Please ensure the office has your current address details to ensure you receive yours. Any parent of a child enrolled at the school can nominate themselves or someone else.

**Step by step, together we REACH new heights**

#### Where is Kai Pear hiding?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Kai Pear is hiding \_\_\_\_\_

**TERM ONE & TWO 2019**

Whole school assemblies are held in the hall on Fridays at midday on odd weeks of the term. All whanau are welcome to attend.

<b>April</b>		<b>May</b>	
1-5 <sup>th</sup>	BOOKWEEK	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee & Korero, 9am, staffroom, all parents welcome
8 <sup>th</sup>	Book week Parade, 11.40am-1pm, junior courts	8 <sup>th</sup>	National Young Leaders Day event
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee & Korero evening, 6pm-7pm, staffroom, all parents welcome		PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and Korero – 9am		BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term One, <b>school closes 3.00pm</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	BOT elections nomination forms posted out
29 <sup>th</sup>	Start Term 2, <b>school starts 8.50am</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sausage sizzle fundraiser, Noel Leeming Lincoln Rd
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		20 <sup>th</sup>	Class and individual photos
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Staff Only Day

**2019 TERMS:**

**Term One:** 29th January - 12th April;                      **Term Two:** 29th April - 5th July;  
**Term Three:** 22nd July - 27th September;                      **Term Four:** 14th October - 17th December

**GENERAL NOTICES**

- **Bookweek** is happening this week. This year's theme is Navigating the Litterseas. Parents are welcome to attend the whole school book parade on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 11.40am to 1pm.
- **Save the Date - Sausage sizzle** fundraiser, outside Noel Leeming Lincoln Rd from 9.30am Saturday and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May. Friends of the School get a discount when purchasing products instore.
- Don't forget to check out our **Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page** where alerts are regularly posted to our community.
- If your child suffers from Asthma please send a new named **inhaler to the office** as many we hold are either expired or due to expire shortly. Having a spare inhaler for your child held at the office to use in case of an emergency is important. Thank you.
- GKR operate **Karate lessons** in the hall every Wednesday evening year round. Contact Hayden Gwynn on 021 753 115 for more information.
- Massey High School are looking for host families for international students. Click on this link for more information <https://hail.to/massey-high-school/article/EAgCbWg>
- **LHS Music School** operates at school on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings from 9am. Tuition is available for Guitar, Recorder, Flute and Violin at all levels. Enrolments are now open for the 2019 year. Contact Coordinator [nellie.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:nellie.shaw@gmail.com) for more information regarding enrolments.
- Parent supervised **Playgroup** sessions are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm in Rm 7 (on top field). Email Jordan Turner, Coordinator [lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz) for more information.

**YOUR PTA**

Your PTA is:                      **Sarah Pope - President**                      **Debbie Iles - Treasurer**  
 Email: [pta@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:pta@lincolnheights.school.nz)

Your PTA works tirelessly to support the school to achieve its fundraising goals. Thanks for your support for quiz night.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME**

**SKiDS Holiday Programme**  
 sKids Lincoln Heights  
 Lincoln Heights School @ Room 31  
 16 Keegan Drive, Massey

**Breakfast Club 7am to 8am** - \$5  
**Half Day 8am to 1pm or 1pm to 6pm** - \$35  
**Short Day 8am to 3pm** - \$40  
**Full Day 8am to 6pm** - \$50  
**Trip Day 8am to 6pm** - \$60

15 April MON sKids Bake-Off <b>BAKE OFF</b> Fun in the Kitchen	16 April TUE Multi-Sports Day + Picnic <b>Bring Shared Lunch</b>	17 April WED Eggs-tra-Fun Easter Egg Hunt <b>EASTER FUN</b> Lots of Games + Prizes	18 April THU TRIP DAY Off to the Movies + Lunch @ McDonalds	19 April FRI CLOSED Good Friday <b>Sorry We're CLOSED</b>
22 April MON CLOSED Easter Monday <b>Sorry We're CLOSED</b>	23 April TUE Beads + Milk Shakes <b>Racing Cars + Fun Relays</b>	24 April WED Hot Wheels Day and make Anzac Popples + Treats	25 April THU CLOSED Anzac Day <b>Sorry We're CLOSED</b>	26 April FRI Spanish Fun Fiesta <b>iolo!</b> Yummy Desserts + Games

If you are working (full time, part time, shift work), studying, receiving CDA or sickness benefit, you may qualify for Work & Income NZ Subsidy (CONDITIONS APPLY). For more information, call 021 922 521 or 022 654 5248, or email [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz).

Register now at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) click on **Parent Login** MSD-Approved Work & Income NZ OSCAR Subsidy available!

SKiDS provide **Before & After School Care** on-site from 7am to 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday at very reasonable prices. For more information contact Manel or Sam by phone on 0800 187 000 or 021 922 521, or email [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz)

Holiday programme registrations are now open.

