

LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to 2019. A warm welcome to our new students and whanau. Our focus for 2019 is to strengthen our 'learning focused relationships' with all our families. Research has shown that when schools and families work together student learning shifts dramatically. Our goal this year is that nearly 20% more children will be achieving at the expected curriculum level or above. When students are making expected (or accelerated) learning progress, are engaged in the curriculum and there are strong partnerships between home and school, we can say we have been successful. Unfortunately, this is not a goal we can achieve on our own, we need our school whanau - all of you - to help us.

We have already started some new initiatives towards this goal with the school term calendar. We have had feedback that as busy parents you need longer notice of upcoming events. We hope that this calendar will be a start, in ensuring we have more parents attending school events.

Starting on Friday and running every fortnight will be a '**Coffee and Korero**' group. This is a chance for you to come along and ask questions, meet other parents and just have a chat about how school works, what our goals are and ways that we can work together. They will run from 9am - 10am and coffee/milo/tea and biscuits will be provided.

Next week (**13 February** starting at 3:30pm) is our **Whanau Sports Afternoon**. This is an informal way to meet the teaching staff and participate in some friendly games. There will be pizzas, sausage sizzle, bake sale items and ice blocks available for purchase at cheap prices.

A warm welcome to Miss Nicole Astrella who is teaching in the Nikau space. Nicole is a great addition to our teaching staff and has certainly hit the ground running.

A sad farewell to Mata Wong - Mata will be leaving us at the end of February. Mata has been an integral part of developing our bilingual unit and she will be missed by staff and parents alike. We are currently looking for a teacher to work within that space.

Parent Interviews are coming up on **27 & 28 February**. This year we are returning to a more traditional model with parents able to book a 15 minute session for each child. We want to use this time to find out ways that we can support your child's learning and to acknowledge the vital knowledge that you hold as parents. Our goal is to have more than 80% parental attendance in each class! I know we can achieve this. The booking portal is open so you can go on-line and book, or see Carol in the office. To ensure we have enough time for all interviews, **school will close at 1.30pm on 27 February**. Please contact SKiDS if you need supervision for your child between 1:30pm and 3:00pm on this day.

School Shop - we are developing a School Shop with online ordering for stationery, uniforms and School Eats. We were hoping to have this all up and running this week, but ensuring that the payment side is working perfectly is taking a bit longer than anticipated. Once the shop goes live, we will also be able to provide online payment for school trips. Keep checking in to our Facebook page - Lincoln Heights School Official for updates.

Shade Structure update - we are meeting with MOE officials later this week to determine a timeline of works to remedy the shade structure. We will keep you informed of progress through the newsletter. I am sure you are as frustrated as we are that we are still unable to use such a vital resource, particularly for shade in these hot months.

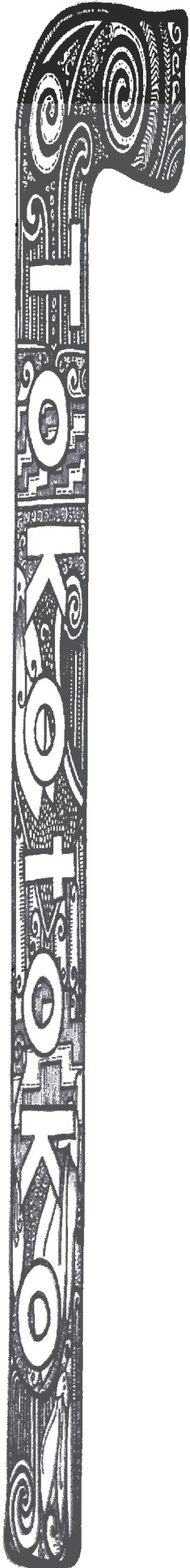
Leadership Academy Fundraising - Our fantastic student leaders have the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day on Wednesday 8 May. This is an amazing event, with inspirational speakers and is attended by 1000's of intermediate aged students. To get our students there, they need to fundraise \$1200. This will cover transport and tickets. The seniors first fundraiser is selling \$1.00 ice-blocks. Please support their efforts and send your child to school with \$1.00. They will also be selling ice-blocks at the Whanau Sports Afternoon.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) - our PTA will be meeting on **Monday 11 February at 6pm** in our staffroom. If you are wondering how you can support the school, then the PTA might be for you. This dedicated group of parents do an incredible job and without them we wouldn't have an amazing new playground, or be able to subsidise school trips so all children can attend.

Kahukura Cupcake Sale - To ensure our students in Kahukura are able to attend Halberg Sports events, the amazing team in Kahukura hold a cupcake sale each term. This term it is on Thursday 14 February. Please support them by sending your child to school with a gold coin - cupcakes are \$1.00 or \$2.00 each.

A reminder that tomorrow school is closed for Waitangi Day observance. We reopen for instructions on Thursday 7th February as normal.

Ka Kite, Leisha Byrnes, **ACTING PRINCIPAL**



CELEBRATION

The Summer Reading programme initiative run by Mrs Lile in the Library over the holidays was a great success. Thanks to Mrs Lile (and her assistants) for taking the time to support our students over the holidays.



TERM ONE 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.

February

- 6th WAITANGI DAY. School closed
- 8th Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9am-10am
- 9th Music School enrolments, school office, 9am-10.30am
- 11th PTA meeting, staffroom, 6pm, all welcome
- 12th Duffy Theatre visiting
- 13th Whanau Sports Day, 3.30pm-6pm, all welcome
- 14th Kahukura Cupcake fundraiser
- 20th Whanau Sports Day rain day
- 22nd Coffee & Korero, staffroom, 9am-10.00am, all welcome
- 27th Parent/Teacher interviews, 2pm-5pm. School closes 1.30PM
- 28th Parent/Teacher interviews, 3.30pm-8pm

March

- 6th GKR Karate lessons in hall, from 6.30pm, all welcome
- 8th Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9am-10am
- 11th PTA AGM, staffroom, 6pm, all welcome
- 22nd Coffee & Korero, staffroom, 9am-10.00am
- 27th BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm

2019 TERMS:

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

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Whanau Sports Day** will be held on the field side of Rms 5/6 Wednesday 13 February. The family picnic is from 5pm to 6pm. There will be cakes, sausage sizzle and pizza for sale, or you can bring your own picnic.
- **Parent Interviews** - Log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to make a booking with your child's teacher. Event code is **3q3gd**
- Our **PTA AGM** is being held March 11th. We value the work the PTA does in fundraising for various activities that benefit our children and environment. We would love to see some new parents join the PTA. If you would like to know more, email current President trenal@lincolnheights.school.nz
- **Scholastic Book order #1** went home 1st February. Orders to the office no later than Thursday 14 February.
- **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. The office will be open for enrolments Saturday 9th February 9am to 10.30am. 2019 classes commence 19th February at 3.30pm. Contact Coordinator nellie.shaw@gmail.com for more information.
- Parent supervised **Playgroup** sessions are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm in Rm 7 (on top field). Email Coordinator lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz for more information.
- 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
- Don't forget to check out our **Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page** where alerts are posted to our community on a regular basis.

