LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - Term 2, 3rd July 2019

Kia ora Whanau

This week marks the end of my first official term as Principal and it couldn't have ended on a more positive and successful note. I want to thank you all for your ongoing support and engagement. Together we can have an even greater impact on the success of our learners.

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitini.

My strength is not the strength of one. It is the strength of many.

It was great to see so many of you at the **Matariki Extravaganza** on 28th June. I am sure you will all agree it was a great show! I don't remember a time when the hall was packed to over flowing. Thank you to those parents who stayed outside and watched through the window or from the foyer. I know your children will have appreciated your support - I know the staff did. Our next whole school performance will be in term 4 – but this will be a video, so you will all be able to come and watch. It was great to see so many awesome videos and photos shared on the Facebook page. Thank you for all the amazing comments. Thank you to everyone who ordered Hangi, the profit will be used to purchase new uniforms for Kapa haka. Many thanks to all the people who donated vegetables and meat, we certainly had enough for the three UFO cookers we were able to borrow. We will definitely be doing another Hangi as the feedback has been really positive.

Reports will be coming home this Friday. Please make some time to sit down with your child and talk to them about their strengths and areas needing support. If there are any parts of your child's report you don't understand, please contact their teacher in the first instance.

Celebrating learning is priority for us, especially in a year when we are prioritising 'learning focussed relationships' between home and school. These past few weeks I have been busy seeing the wonderful work our students are doing. My goal is to send a message to every family in the school over the year. So far I have sent 54 messages celebrating the learning of 54 fabulous students. I hope to get over the 100 mark by week 3 next term.

Immunisation. With measles so prevalent in West Auckland we ask that you keep your child's vaccinations up-to-date. If you are unsure if your child has had their appropriate immunisation shots, make contact with your GP for confirmation. It is a sobering thought that measles is a disease that is preventable and was almost eradicated a few decades ago.

Parent Interviews will be held on Wednesday 7 August starting at 2:30pm (School will close at 1:30pm) and Thursday 8 August starting at 3:30pm. In term 1 our goal was 80% of parents attending (which we were close to meeting). This time our goal is 90% attendance. If you can't make either of those evenings, please make arrangements with your child's teacher as your engagement is vital to their success. If you want to make a booking, visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, the code is: **e6jgh** or alternatively you could see Carol in the office.

It is with sadness that we will be farewelling our amazing receptionist Carol on Friday 2 August. Carol has been an integral part of the LHS whanau for 20 years. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her next adventure. With farewells come welcomes and I am excited to announce that Natasha McLachlan will be joining our admin team from the start of next term. Natasha has been working with us as a teacher aide, but brings a wealth of skills and tonnes of enthusiasm to the role of Receptionist. While she has big shoes to fill, I know you will be supportive of her as she learns the ropes and makes the front desk her own.

There has been good progress regarding the shade structure, with the Ministry of Education agreeing that we can demolish and rebuild. While this is going to have some costs for the school, it is by far the best outcome in the long run. We have missed our 'all weather' space and the option of holding whole school events outside. The proposed plan is for a more robust design that will out-last and survive any storm. It is hoped works might get underway late this year.

Our amazing PTA will be working with school next term to raise funds for our Bike track with a math-athon. This will be one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and we are hoping to once again raise more than \$10,000. We are very excited about getting a bike track for our students and the community to use so please support this worthwhile cause.

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATIONS

House points this past fortnight are: Paua 130; Umurangi 126; Koru 95; Pounamu 76

The next fortnight we are focusing on Honesty, one of our REACH values.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our current Board comprises of:

Raewyn Clark Chairperson

Gordon Irving Property Manager (Staff Trustee) Lillian Hansell

Peter Lai

Reuben Baker

Leisha Byrnes

Principal

Andrew Lile

The Board can be contacted at any time via the Chairperson by emailing bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

TERM THREE 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.

July 5 th	
5 th	Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom 9am-10.30am
	Talent Quest, 9.30am, hall
	Last day Term 2. School closes 3pm

 22^{nd} School reopens for Term 3. Classes start 8.50am $\mathbf{26}^{\text{th}}$ Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9-10.30am

31st BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

2019 TERMS:

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

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5th PTA meeting, staffroom, 6.30pm 7th

School closes 1.30pm

Parent Teacher interviews from 2.30pm 8th Parent Teacher interviews from 3.30pm 9^{th} Coffee & Korero, 9.00am, staffroom, all welcome 13th

NorWest Yr 5/6 Netball comp @ Te Pai Courts

28th

BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

GENERAL NOTICES

- The school photos have arrived back and have been distributed to classes. Please ask your child's teacher if you have not received them
- Don't forget to check out our Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page. Photos are regularly uploaded for parents to see what has been happening at school.
- It is important to notify us if your contact details change at any time. Just email us at lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz
- Communication download our new Skool Loop app on to your smartphone. Choose Lincoln Heights School. Its free and has all the important information parents need to know about what is happening at our school.
- NZ Police recently launched a new non-emergency number, 105. This is to make it easier to contact them for non-emergency situations. You can call NZ Police on 105 for: lost property; theft from a public place or car; intentional property damage, or to get an update or add information to a previous Police report. You can also email them on 105.police.govt.nz to report non-emergency events.
- **Zumba classes** start in the LHS hall Monday 24th June. Magda will be holding fun Zumba classes each week from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Contact Magda on 021 048 0456 for more information.
- Waitakere College are holding an open evening on Thursday 25th July at 6.30pm for 2020 enrolments. Classtime tours will be Tuesday 30th July and Thursday 8th August between 9am and 10am. Bookings essential. Phone 836 7890 or email: secretary@waitakerecollege.school.nz

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

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

Holiday Programme sKids Lincoln Heights oln Heights School @ Room 31 16 Keegan Drive, Massey 09 July TUE 11 July THU Let It Snow TRIP DAY Snow Mcdo Style Big Break Let It Snow formation, call 021 922 521 or 022 654 5248 Register now at WWW.SKids.CO.NZ click on

Don't forget to enrol your child/ Children at the SKiDS Holiday Programme for the July school holidays.

There is an exciting programme lined up for each day.

Contact Manel or Sam above for more information or to enrol.