Kia ora Whanau

Thank you to those parents who attended last week's Parent Interviews. Some teachers are still holding interviews for parents unable to make Wednesday or Thursday, so I will be able to share the percentage of attendance in the next newsletter. We are sitting at about 84% attendance so a small improvement on last time, but not quite our goal of 95%. Our senior school had slightly less parents attending on average, and although it may seem natural to reduce your involvement as your child progresses through the school, your involvement and participation is as vital as ever. Remember, parental engagement is a key factor in student learning success.

Our school roll is growing — **welcome to all our new families**. If you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please see your child's teacher, if you have questions about systems or processes, please see the office or come and see me. Don't forget to download the free Skool Loop app from the Google Playstore. This has the most up-to-date information.

Math-athon information was sent home on the 12th August. Please support us to reach the goal of \$15,000 for the planned Bike Track. The PTA and staff are working really hard to source the funding for this exciting project that our children will love using. We are hoping the project will be started this year. There are some amazing main prizes up for grabs this year including, bikes, scooters, BMX track memberships and I heard a rumour of a PS4 up for grabs! Spot prizes include chocolates, Lego, stationery prizes and lots more. There are class prizes of pizzas for the first class to get \$500, individual prizes and spot prizes, but you have to be in to win. Every \$10 you raise gets you a ticket in the prize draw. We encourage children to ask family members and parental work places rather than approaching strangers.

Coffee and korero is on this Friday morning from 9am in the staffroom. Join us for a coffee and biscuit and see the proposed plan for the bike track and hear about our upcoming school events.

Shade structure update. Last week we met with our Project Manager and can report that it is likely the shade structure rebuild will be happening over the Christmas break with completion in 2020. Demolishing the existing structure will be done in the months ahead. It has been a huge project to navigate with the Board, Ministry of Education and school staff all working to ensure the best outcome for our school and community. It is pleasing that the Ministry has heard us and is allowing us to rebuild the shade structure which we hope to be ready for use next year. The new build will be stronger and more suited to wild weather.

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL





CELEBRATIONS

AWARE is the focus our children are working on this fortnight.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our current Board comprises of:

Raewyn Clark Chairperson

Gordon Irving Property Manager (Staff Trustee)

Lillian Hansell Andrew Lile Leisha Byrnes Principal Reuben Baker Peter Lai

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

All members of the public are invited to attend BoT meetings which are held in the staffroom, starting at 5:30pm.

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.

August

16th Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9-10.30am

19th Author Janet Hunt visiting

23rd National Poetry Day

27th NorWest Cross Country comp

28th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

 30^{th} Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9-10.30am

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

September

2nd – 7th NorWest Mall Art Exhibition

6th Rm 28 Zoo trip

Whole school assembly, Yr 5-8 speech comp finals

9th PTA meeting, 6.30pm, staffroom, all welcome

12th NorWest Speech comp finals

13th Senior social Yr 5-8 in hall, 6pm-8pm, \$5 entry Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9-10.30am

17th Duffy Role Model assembly, 11.45am

26th NorWest Volleyball comp, Massey HS

27th Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9-10.30am Last day of Term, school closes usual time

14th October – Term Four begins, 8.50am school starts

GENERAL NOTICES

- Calendar Art order forms have gone home. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday 18th September. Payment can be made by internet to 12-3085-0141737-00, REF: CalArt and your child's initials, Rm #. For example CalArt NT13. Order forms MUST be returned to the office for us to match up your payment with your order. Thank you.
- > It is important to notify us if your contact details change at any time. Simply email us at lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz We have identified a number of families who have moved or changed phone numbers but have not advised us of their new contact details. In the event of an emergency it is important that we can make contact with you.
- Don't forget to check out our Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page and download our free Skool Loop app. Photos and notices, plus the newsletter are regularly uploaded for parents to see what is happening at school.
- > Do you have an **under five child at home that will be starting school soon?** We are beginning to plan for our 2020 new entrant classes. If you have a pre-schooler that will be starting with us later this year or beginning of next, please drop in to the office to give names and dob.
- Medication to the office. If your child uses medication (i.e. asthma inhaler) please bring in a spare for the office if you have not already done so. Parents will need to sign an authorisation form for us to administer any medication.
- 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 are held in the hall on Monday evenings from 7.30am. Contact Magda on 021 048 0456 for more information.
- Karate classes are held in the hall Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm. Contact Hayden on 021 753 115 for more information.

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

