Kia ora Whanau

Welcome back to Term Three, we are already in week 2 and our tamariki have settled back into learning routines. Although this term is ten weeks long without any public holidays, we can look forward to evenings drawing out and daylight saving starting on 25th September.

A warm welcome to Jane Norman, our new teacher in Rm 9 who replaces Mr Gene Haley-Herbert. Mrs Norman comes to us as a very experienced teacher so if you see her about say hello and welcome her to our school. Welcome also to Brooke Clark, our new teacher in Rm 7 who replaces Mrs Farley who will be on maternity leave from 8th August. Miss Clark has a background with Early Childhood Education teaching. We also welcome students and families new to our school. Lincoln Heights School is a great place to be!

Please remember to **pre-enrol your child/children before they turn five**. This helps us to plan staffing and classes in advance and reduces the need to move children mid-year. If your neighbour has a child who is turning five soon, let them know as well. The Ministry of Education is wanting Lincoln Heights School to introduce an Enrolment Zone and having the numbers of pre-enrolled students will help us to work with them and make a more informed decision. When the Board and Ministry of Education have agreed on the zone, the information will be shared with the community so you can all have a say on the zone and ballot process.

COVID update. With the resurgence in COVID cases the Ministry of Education have advised schools to **strongly encourage mask wearing for students Yrs 4-8, along with visitors.** We will strongly encourage all visitors, staff and students requiring them to comply with the Ministry's advice and quidance around mask wearing and will continue issuing these as needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

You will have seen on our Facebook page, Lincoln Heights School – Official, that **Lunch With Crunch** is our new school lunch provider. They have got off to a great start and are consistently delivering quality healthy lunches which our children are enjoying. Please visit their Facebook page to see regular updates on the lunches they are providing and give feedback on the meals. We are excited to have lunches made on-site and being able to provide hot meals like, butter chicken, spaghetti bolognaise, burgers and chicken katsu! I hope your children are enjoying the meals and you are getting a break from making lunches! Today's lunch was chicken korma!

Parent Teacher interviews were held on Monday. Thank you to those parents who took the time to make an appointment to see your child's teacher and hear about the amazing learning they are doing. We had a good number of parents attend and teachers made use of a variety of contact methods, phone, zoom and in person. Although we didn't meet our goal of 95%, we know that the more we connect with parents, the greater the success for our students. We are reviewing our parent interview times for 2023 and will include a question about this on our student survey. Please expect more information about this in the next newsletter.

We have an exciting term ahead of us with swimming lessons for the junior and middle school starting in Week 6, Gymnastics, Norwest sports events, Reading Together programme for Parents starting later in the term, and lots of fundraising activities. All of which can be viewed on pg 2 of this newsletter.

Swimming lessons on Fridays for the junior school. Students will be bussed to Swimsation in Te Atatu Peninsula beginning Week 6, Friday 2nd September. There is an expectation all children attend this curriculum activity so please ensure your child comes to school with togs and a towel (goggles optional) beginning 2nd September. A notice will go home to those parents of classes participating.

Board triennial elections. Nominations closed at midday today. We received two nominations for the two parent representative vacancies on our Board so we will not be going to vote. A warm welcome to Kiri McCabe and Ken Tuioti to our Board, both of whom will take office on 14th September.

The **Life Education caravan** will be located on-site this week and next to deliver the Health curriculum to our students. Harold the Giraffe is the Life Education mascot so you may hear your children talking about what they have been learning.

With Term Four getting closer we remind parents that **sunhats** are compulsory for students to wear when outside in Terms One and Four. In 2021 the Board introduced house colour bucket hats that were issued free to all students and if your child has lost theirs they will need to purchase a replacement from the office for \$10.00 each. Our motto is No Hat, No Play.

Did you know that Lincoln Heights has an **Out of Hours Music School** that offers tuition in Guitar, Violin, Flute, Recorder and Music Theory lessons? Flute and Guitar lessons are on a Tuesday from 3.30pm, Guitar lessons are Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, all other disciplines are Saturday mornings. We would like to see more Lincoln Heights School students attending and would encourage parents to start thinking about enrolling their student for lessons beginning mid February 2023 as classes are already established for 2022 and practising for their end of year concert. The annual fee of \$85.00 is very competitive and if you would like to know more please email David Marshall, Music School Coordinator at music@lincolnheights.school.nz . This is a great opportunity for children to access Music lessons delivered by a qualified music teacher.

Remember that you can view our **policies and procedures** access via the parent portal at SchoolDocs, website, <u>www.schooldocs.co.nz</u> Enter Lincoln Heights as the school, password is <u>together</u>.

Do you know what our school REACH values are? **R**espect. **E**ngage. **A**ware. **C**elebrate. **H**onest. Ask your child to tell you more about how they demonstrate these values every day in the classroom and in the playground. Our PB4L shop is open and children can use their REACH cards as currency to purchase items and vouchers. I know that there have been some awesome vouchers purchased – there is a rumour that the voucher to tape Mr Kite to a door has been bought – keep an eye out for photo evidence!

Wellness Packs. We have been donated 'wellness packs' from Waipareira Trust. These packs contain, masks, sanitiser, soap and other health products. If you would like a pack, please contact your child's teacher (we will issue them on a first come, first served basis) and we will let you know when they are available.

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Leisha Byrnes

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Talofa Lava, Kia ora family & friends of Lincoln Heights. My Name is Lillian Hansell. I have two children currently attending Lincoln Heights and one that has moved on from Lincoln Heights to secondary school. I have served two terms on the Lincoln Heights School Board since 2016. My time on the Board has allowed me to feel a genuine sense of participation in the education of our children and the development of our school community.

Joining the Board was an awesome way to learn more about the school and to contribute to its betterment. I became part of a team of people who are committed to raising student achievement and the development and wellbeing of our students. As I leave the Board at this election, I would like to thank my team and our parents for their support. I leave with every confidence that our Board will continue to work for the best outcomes for our students and parent community. Lillian Hansell.

Message from the Returning Officer: Congratulations to Kiri McCabe and Ken Tuioti who have been elected to the Board as parent representatives for a term of three years. Grateful thanks to Reuben Baker and Lillian Hansell who have stepped down at this election and whose input has been valued and appreciated.

Our trustees are:

Sean Carter, Raewyn Clark, Ben Lynch, Gordon Irving (Staff representative), Kiri McCabe and Ken Tuioti (take office 14 September 2022)

The Board can be contacted by emailing bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

TERM THREE 2022

August		Septen	<u>September</u>	
3^{rd}	Board nominations close	1 st	Norwest Cross Country Zone day	
9 th	Norwest Yr 7/8 Netball Zone day	2 nd	House colour mufti day, gold coin donation	
11^{th}	Reading Together workshop 1, 5pm-6.30pm		Swimming for junior school begins, Moemoe Fou & Rm 8	
12^{th}	Kauri team mufti day fundraiser, gold coin donation	9 th	Kauri team fundraiser sausage sizzle, TBC	
16 th	Norwest Yr 5/6 Netball Zone day		Swimming lessons for Rms 9 & 10	
17^{th}	Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & website	14 th	Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & website	
18^{th}	Reading Together workshop 2, 5pm-6.30pm		Board takes office	
25 th	Reading Together workshop 3, 5pm-6.30pm		Swimming lessons for Rms 17 & 25	
31st	Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom	15 th	Pohutukawa visit to Stardome Observatory	
	Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & website	22 nd	Reading Together workshop 4, 5pm-6.30pm	
			Swimming lessons for Rm 7 & Kahukura	
		28 th	Yr 7/8 Volleyball Norwest Zone day	
			Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom	
			Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & websito	
		30 th	Last day Term 3. School finishes 3.00pm	
		Term Four begins Monday 17th October 2022 at 9.00am		

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

GENERAL NOTICES

- Book Club Issue #5 is now open. Orders close Friday 19th August. There is a FREE book offer for online orders in this issue, go to https://scholastic.co.nz/ for more information.
- 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.



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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.



Our Peer Mediators

This term we have Peer Mediators out in the playground during morning tea and lunchtimes.

Their role is to help students solve any problems that might arise during free play time.

So if you need help in the playground at any time, you can approach a peer mediator wearing a hi-viz vest to help you.

A peer mediator is trained to listen to both sides of a conflict. Mediation must be fair and just, and not favour either side.

Thanks to our student Leadership Academy students who give up their free time to serve others.

OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING

Pohutukawa team children celebrating knowing 54 letters and sounds of the alphabet!

