

#### Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to week 6 of Term Three, we are over half way through the term, with only four weeks until the school holidays. There is much happening about the school, both academically and around the grounds.

You may have heard through various media outlets that **student attendance** is of a national concern. Student Attendance is one of the areas of focus for our Board. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August the Ministry of Education launched the Every School Day is a Big Day awareness designed to encourage school attendance. It is a nation-wide strategy with a focus on supporting students to attend school regularly. We know that regular attendance at school is important for our children's learning, social development, wellbeing and futures. Under the Education & Training Act 2020, parents and caregivers of school aged children up to 16 years old can be prosecuted if their child is away from school without a good reason. However, if your child is sick, they should stay home and limit the spread of illness. If your child is going to be away from school for any reason you should always follow the process of notifying us and giving us the reason for their absence. You can contact the office on 09 833 7480 or use the absences tab on the Skool Loop app, or email us at <u>lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz</u> For some useful tips for parents and whanau, we recommend you read <u>https://temahau.govt.nz/all-in-for-learning</u>

**Late to school**. School starts at 8.50am and all children should be present at school by that time. Children who arrive at school after 8.55am MUST sign in at the office before going to class. They will be issued with a Vistab sticker on arrival and will show this to their teacher. If your child is late and goes straight to class without going to the office, it may result in your being contacted to advise that your child has not been recorded on the roll at 9am so considered absent from school. Please talk to your child about what to do if they arrive after 8.55am and make it a priority ensure your child is at school by 8.50am at the latest. Remember that our motto is "In the Gate at Half Past Eight Guarantees You Won't be Late!"

Have you ever considered **Teacher Aide** employment in a school? Great child friendly hours and competitive rates of pay. If you think you might be interested, drop your CV into the office anytime.

**Policies and Procedures.** This term we are reviewing the Student Wellbeing and Safety, and the Wellbeing and Safety sections under the Health, Safety and Welfare sections in SchoolDocs. We welcome parents going on to the portal to view our policies and procedures at any time, just click on the link, password is together <a href="https://lincolnheights.schooldocs.co.nz/">https://lincolnheights.schooldocs.co.nz/</a>

Our school **REACH** shop is again up and running. The students who accumulate the most REACH awards over a fortnight can purchase rewards. Staff are always looking out for those students demonstrating our REACH values of **R**espect. **E**ngage. **A**ware. **C**elebrate. **H**onest. A card is filled out by staff when students are seen doing the right thing. Cards add up to points that can be spent from the REACH shop. Ask your child if they demonstrated any of the REACH values at school today.



Summer is on its way, and daylight saving starts Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, just three weeks away. Remember to move your clocks forward by midnight one hour to 'spring into summer' on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

With the weather getting warmer and sunnier, we remind you Term Four and Term One is compulsory **sunhat** wearing for everyone when outside. We are a Sun Smart School and enforce the 'no hat no play' rule. Which means that if your child is not wearing a hat, they will be sitting out playtimes in the shade. Students were issued with free house colour bucket hats at the beginning of the year. Replacements cost \$10 from the office.

Talk to your child's teacher or our friendly office staff if your child does not have a hat in preparation for Term Four.

#### Leisha Byrnes

#### PRINCIPAL

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our trustees are:

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM THREE

Week 6	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Norwest Cross Country Zone day
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	House colour mufti day, gold coin donation All Yr 3-6 student classes
Week 7	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Cultural dress mufti day gold coin for mufti All Yr 3-6 student classes
Week 8	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Kauri team fundraiser, Smoothies, \$3 ea Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & website Pohutukawa team to Stardome All Yr 3-6 student classes
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Rm 23 gala day on the top court at morning tea - Plants, baking & games
Week 9	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Kahukura Cupcake fundraiser, \$2 per cupcake, morning tea from Kahukura Reading Together Workshop 4, 5pm-6.30pm
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	All Yr 3-6 student classes
Week 10	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 7/8 Volleyball comp, Trusts Stadium Junior/Middle School disco in the hall @ morning tea time, gold coin entry, gold coin raffle, food bag/lollies/chips/drink all \$2 each Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app & website Board meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm Totara team to MoTaT
	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	All Yr 3-6 student classes <b>Last day Term Three, school finishes 3.00pm</b>
Week 1, Term 4	Monday 17th October	School re-starts, 8.50am

TERM ONE 2022 TERM THREE 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 TERM DATES

TERM TWO 20222<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> JulyTERM FOUR 202217<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

- Kahukura Cupcake day fundraiser Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Students can buy their cupcakes from Kahukura at morning tea and lunchtime for \$2 per cupcake. Get in quick!
- > Kauri team Cultural Dress mufti day Friday 9th September. Gold coin for mufti. \$2 for hot chocolate and .50c for marshmellows.
- > Kauri team **Smoothie fundraiser**, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. \$3 each.
- > Kauri team **Rm 23 Gala Day**, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Plants, Baking and Games for sale.
- Junior/Middle School Disco, morning tea time. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Gold coin entry, gold coin raffle, food bag/lollies/chips/drink all \$2 each
- Waitakere Bear Tee-Ball, Softball and Baseball invite you to join them this season at Starling Park, Glen Road, Ranui. Registrations are now open for the 2022-2034 season. Positions available in all junior, senior and social teams. Under 5's and under 7's play for FREE. For more information go to <a href="https://www.waitakerebears.co.nz/">https://www.waitakerebears.co.nz/</a> or on <a href="https://www.facebook.waitakerebears">www.facebook.waitakerebears</a>
- 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 <u>fonda.rowe@aka.org.nz</u> 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.
- Remember that the Wednesday fortnightly newsletter is now an electronic format only. You can find our newsletter on Facebook (Lincoln Heights School Official), on the Lincoln Heights School website, and on the free Skool Loop app at any time.

### **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 students have been too busy doing their roles to report this fortnight but watch for the next newsletter to hear about what they have been doing.

## **OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING**

Rm 15 have been working on 100 words to mark their 100 days at school and a Science experiment looking at the speed of heat. Great work Rm 15!



Lee from the NZ Maritime Museum's Aramoana Ocean Roads Waka Outreach programme visited Moemoe Fou recently. Our students learnt about how our ancestors travelled the vast Pacific Ocean in their hand made waka. The children were very interested to see how traditional waka were made, and to make their own waka models. A great learning opportunity for the team and the children loved it.







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