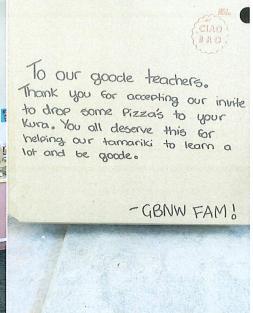
Our REACH values stand for Respect. Engage. Aware. Celebrate. Honest.

Me mahi tahi tatou mō te oranga o te katoa – We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

Kia ora whānau

Thank you to our whanau in attending the **Parent evening** held 6 March. We didn't achieve our goal of 90% attendance, but finished with a reasonable 80% average. Thank you also to the parents who participated in the Communication Survey. The information you provided will be helpful for us to determine the best methods of communicating with our community. The winner of the Communication Survey Countdown voucher will be announced in our next newsletter and on Facebook. Grateful thanks to Goode Brothers North West for providing yummy pizza's for our hardworking teachers dinner.





Still on the subject of communication, having current contact details for our families on file is important, should an event occur when we need to contact you.

You can email any changes to your address or cellphone number to lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz or phone or text our friendly office staff at any time.

Office cellphone: 021 022 69879

Absences cellphone: 022 0433

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Our whanau maths evening for parents of New Entrants to Yr 04 students was held last Wednesday. It was great to see so many parents come along to learn about our maths programme and how they can help at home.

Last week our **Leadership Academy** plus three teaching staff headed to Rotorua to attend the one day GRIP Leadership conference on 12th March. There was so much learning and confidence building that happened across the week. The children were involved in practical hands-on activities and sessions at the GRIP conference and participated in activities that allow them to further develop their leadership potential.

We work closely with Harrison Tew who provide us with an Emergency Management Plan. Ask your child how the whole school lockdown practise went recently. Harrison Tew were impressed with the way our tamariki followed instructions throughout the practise and we feel well prepared in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for your supporting our teachers to attend **Tiriwa Talks** professional development on 12 March. The next 1pm school closure for Tiriwa Talks will be <u>Tuesday 28th May</u>. All early closing dates can be found on both the school website and on the Skool Loop calendar.

Notifying us of absences. You can notify the office of your child's absence by using the Skool Loop app/Absences, or emailing lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz your childs' name in subject heading. You can text us at any time to report an absence on 022 0433 026, or to the office cellphone on 021 022 69879 for other queries.

If your child will be **absent from school** for any reason, please ensure that you **notify the office before 9am**. This will avoid your child being recorded incorrectly on the roll and us having to contact you.

With winter coming, we remind whanau of junior children to provide a **change of clothing** in their schoolbags should they get wet during the day. This will ensure they are kept warm at school and we are able to avoid a call home.

PB4L **Mufti day next Wednesday** 27th March – gold coin donation to your child's classroom teacher on the day.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD

Our trustees are:

Raewyn Clark, Presiding Member bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

Ben Lynch, Kiri McCabe, Doreen Retimana, Ken Tuioti, Sarah Pope, Robert Walker and Gordon Irving (Staff Trustee)



Introducing Robert Walker, our newest Board member.

Robert joined the LHS Board in November last year, being Selected by the Board after a resignation of an existing Board member earlier in the year.

Robert has two children attending LHS in our junior school.

We look forward to working with Robert in governing the school and other mahi in our workplan.

This year our Board have introduced Employee of the Month. Recipients of this award are nominated by their peers for going over and above their roles within our REACH values.

Congratulations to Va'a Eteuati from the Moemoe Fou team, who received two nominations.



Va'a is a Teacher Aide in Moemoe Fou, but she is so much more than just a support person and TA. Although her hours are 9am to 3pm, she attends MMF planning and team meetings after school and in the holidays - she does this without being paid for all the hours she works. She contributes her knowledge and support to those meetings and is always positive and supportive of MMF and the school.

Va'a is always looking at ways that she can be supportive of the MMF team, but also the wider school, for example helping the MMF teachers with the hall decorations for Prizegiving, Samoan Language Week, the nativity display and the foyer welcome back display.

When Va'a was asked to move to another level in MMF she was enthusiastic about the opportunity to learn more and work more closely with the wider MMF team. She has built strong relationships with the teaching team and, as a parent, is not only a strong advocate for MMF at school, but also within our community.

Va'a is also one of the lead teachers of our Siva School and spends a lot of her own time planning for those afternoon sessions and ensuring they are engaging and provide an authentic, culturally responsive learning opportunity. Va'a goes above and beyond for our school and our children.

WHAT'S COMING UP

TERM ONE		
Week 7	Monday, 18 th March Wednesday, 20 th March Thursday, 21 st March	Free Siva dance classes, 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall, parents welcome Kapa haka classes, 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall Better Start for Literacy whanau hui, 5pm-6pm, staffroom
Week 8	Monday, 25 th March Wednesday, 27 th March Good Friday, 29 th March	Whole school assembly, 2pm - 2.45pm, parents welcome Free Siva dance classes, 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall, parents welcome Whanau & Friends meeting, 6pm, staffroom, ALL WELCOME Mufti Day, gold coin donation Newsletter published on Skool Loop, LHS website and Facebook Kapa haka classes, 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall Samoan Parent Network meeting, Potu 19, 3.30pm-4.30pm Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 9	Easter Monday, 1st April Tuesday, 2nd April Wednesday, 3rd April Friday, 5th April Thursday, 4th April – Wednesday, 10th April	SCHOOL CLOSED SCHOOL CLOSED Duffy Theatre shows, hall, two sessions Kapa haka classes, 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall Moemoe Fou Zoo trip Totara team Zoo trip permissions slips due back to classroom teachers BOOKWEEK
Week 10	Monday, 8 th April Tuesday, 9 th April Wednesday, 10 th April Thursday, 11 th April Friday, 12 th April	BOOKWEEK Pohutukawa team Safe Walking sessions with Const. Judy, Mon-Fri Whole school assembly, 2pm-2.45pm, parents welcome Free Siva dance classes, 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall, parents welcome Totara team Zoo trip Bookweek Parade, junior court, 10am, whanau welcome Kapa haka classes, 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall Focus student hui, 5pm-6pm, hall TERM ONE ENDS, school closes 3pm
TERM TWO		
Week 1	Monday, 29 th April	School starts 8.50am

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

GENERAL NOTICES

- Parent supervised Playgroup sessions run by Auckland Kindergarten operate from the room closest to the Doone Place school entrance 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 provide on-site quality after school care for LHS students Monday to Friday from 3pm until 6pm during term time. Contact SKiDS direct by emailing lincolnheights@skids.co.nz or phoning 021 922 521.



Bring your children along the Corban Estate Art Centre FREE Kids Art Festival on Saturday 6 April from 10am to 3pm at Mt Lebanon Lane, Henderson.

There will be plenty of activities for your child/children to join in and have fun.

EVENTS

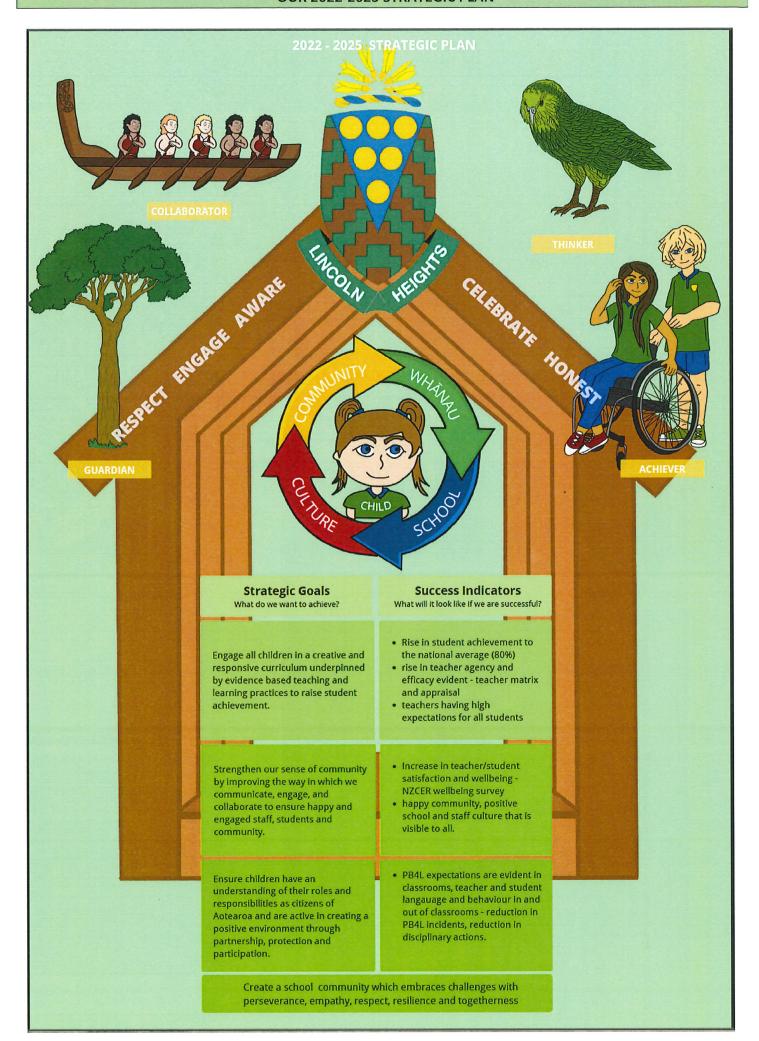
On 28 February our Year 7/8 boys competed in the NorWest Tag Football tournament at Moire Park. Our teams played really well showing fair play skills despite when the game and ref decisions went against them. They kept up the pressure, scoring tries at the last moment. We are proud of their performance on the day.



On Monday last week our 2024 Leadership Academy, accompanied by Mrs Loose, Matua Hamlin and Mr Kite left for a week in Rotorua and attended the GRIP Leadership conference. They visited various important historical sites around the Waikato.

Check out the photos on our Facebook page - Lincoln Heights School Official.





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