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LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - Term 3, Week 6 2025

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

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Kia ora and Mālō e lelei whanau

This week is Tongan Language week. To celebrate we started with an assembly with a performance from the Tongan Culture group. It was fantastic to hear the pride in our children as they shared their culture with our school. All Lincoln Heights children will be practising a few simple words and phrases in Tongan this week.



Save the date for our Whanau & Friends BINGO night in the hall! Friday 29 August from 5.30pm. Doors open at 5pm. Food will be available for sale.

All money raised is going to support our Moemoe Fou 2026 Samoa trip, so grab your Bingo dabbers and come along for a fun night!

Last weekend six of our seniors travelled to Hamilton to compete in the Oceania CrossFit games. It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to demonstrate their perseverance and strength. We are very proud of their efforts. Huge shout out to Mr Tuck for organising our participation in this event!





Wider West netball wrapped up last weekend and we did very well across all the grades. Years 1/2 'The Flyers' won their Kiwi Grade division and years 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8 were all runners up. A huge thank you to all the coaches and managers and people who have supported these incredible teams this season.

We would love to have more teams in 2026, so if you have ever dreamed of coaching a future Silver Fern or want to be a team manager, please let us know in term 1 next year or send your details to gareth@lincolnheights.school.nz.

Being part of a team teaches social skills, sportsmanship and resilience as well as developing leadership and communication skills.

Our year 7/8 girls team made it to the Auckland Champs and played last week. This is a huge achievement as we haven't qualified for the regional competition in many years. We are so proud of our girls, they played with confidence and while may not have won, they demonstrated sportsmanship and resilience.

Thank you to their coaches for your hard work and support of our team and school. We couldn't do it without you!



Two of our amazing students (Violet and Alofa) from Moemoe Fou travelled to Christchurch last Thursday to represent Auckland at the National Samoan Speech Competition. Not only did they represent our school, they represented all of Auckland and did both their families and our school proud.

Both girls spoke with pride and confidence and we are very proud of their achievement! We look forward to seeing what they do next!

Today our Year 5/6 Soccer team are competing in the zone sports day. I am so glad the weather is nice and it's not as cold as it has been. Keep an eye out on Facebook to see how the team does!



OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2026



'Out of Zone' enrolments for 2026 close on 8 October 2025 with the ballot being drawn on 15 October. If your child is turning 5 next year and you are living outside of our zone, please fill in an out of zone enrolment to avoid disappointment. Once you have been accepted, your place is secure. Currently there will be no 'out of zone' spaces available for 2025 in Kahukura, we can place your child on our waitlist.

Being aware of students joining us, helps us to plan for staffing and resourcing.

SCHOOL STREETS TRIAL – From the Auckland Transport Notice

Keegan Road closure. Plans are underway for Auckland Transport to consult with our wider community regarding the closure of Keegan Drive during busy times to reduce the risk of harm to our tamariki when coming to school.

Improving safety for children walking to and from Lincoln Heights School

Illegal parking near the school gate during busy hours in the morning and afternoon creates safety and accessibility issues for students and residents along Keegan Drive.

The changes we're making by 2025 - School Term 4:

- Setting up cones from #13 Keegan Drive to #42 Keegan Drive to create a barrier during school pick up (8.15am to 9.15am) and drop off times (2.15pm to 3.15pm)
- Installing "School Street" signs indicating the time the road is being closed during school days

Restricted access is for non-residents during the scheduled times. There will be an assigned staff member managing the traffic cones to ensure access for residents.

Benefits to your community

- Ensures tamariki can walk safely outside the school gate especially during busy hours
- Gives everyone a better view of the road as the area outside the school is always kept clear
- Relieves traffic issues and congestion for residents during pick up and drop off hours as parents and caregivers can only park outside the restricted section of Keegan Drive

What happens next

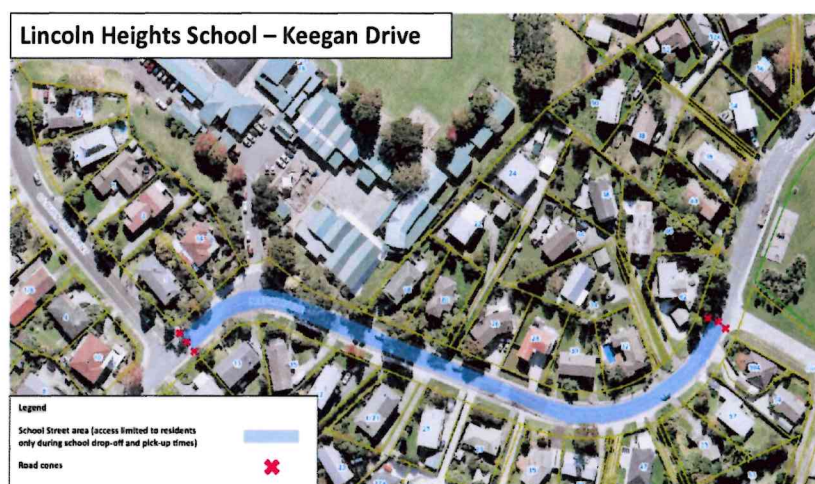
- We will be in touch with local residents and businesses prior to any work taking place.
- Any change to the plan will be updated on our website.
- We encourage the community to monitor and observe the impact of these changes and provide feedback once the "School Street" is in place, so we can address concerns and make improvements as needed.

How to contact us

If you'd like to discuss our plans, share what you know about your area or let us know if there's anything we've missed, [email us at ATEngagement@at.govt.nz](mailto:ATEngagement@at.govt.nz) or [leave us a comment on our website by 19 September 2025.](#)

For more information and updates, visit <https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/lincoln-heights-school>

Map of proposed Road Closure



Many parents have asked about how students will be walked down the road and how collecting juniors from class will work. As this is a new process for us, we expect there will be a period of working out what works best, both for us as a process and for you as whanau deciding where to meet your children. We can assure you that children will be walked down to the meeting place and that there will be staff at the collection point. This is a trial and if it doesn't work, we will need to go back to the drawing board.

Strategic Planning 2026 - 2029

Every three years the Board develops a Strategic Plan for our school. This plan sets the aspirational goals and develops strategies towards achieving them. This plan then underpins our Annual Plan. This year we begin working on our 2026-2029 Strategic Plan and we need your help. We have contracted an advisor to work alongside us to ensure we are getting as much input and voices into our plan as possible. If you would like to have a voice in this planning process, keep an eye out for ways you can contribute.



Lost Property and uniforms



We have seen some recent posts about jackets and uniforms getting lost. Our staff try really hard to return uniforms to children and we collect and return named uniforms – sadly the tags fade and can be removed. If you have a green jacket or senior hoodie or school hat, you can get your child's name (first or last) printed on the back. This makes the jacket unwearable by anyone else and easy to return. If you want to use the jacket for younger siblings, then use your family name.

We have recently noticed an increase in non-uniform jackets, hoodies and pants. Any blue pants/shorts are fine, but children are expected to wear a uniform jacket or the Kidscan black jacket. If you need a Kidscan jacket, please let us know.

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

WHAT'S COMING UP

TERM THREE, 2025		
Week 6 18-22 Aug	Lea Faka Tonga- TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK Wednesday, 20 th August Friday, 22 nd August	Nikau team Music Making Show 9am to midday Yr 5/6 NW Soccer Zone Day, Greenhithe Whanau & Friends meeting, 3.15pm, staffroom Newsletter published, even weeks, uploaded to school website, Skool Loop and Facebook Swimming lessons Rms 7-10, 20-28
Week 7 25-29 Aug	Tuesday, 26 th August Wednesday, 27 th August Thursday, 28 th August Friday, 29 th August	Yr 8's to Tech, Massey High School Pohutukawa team trip to Crystal Mountain Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom NZ Intermediate Wrestling Champs, Rutherford College Swimming lessons Rms 7-10 and 20-28 Whanau & Friends BINGO night, hall, doors open 5pm
Week 8 1 - 5 Sept	CONSERVATION WEEK Monday, 1 st September Tuesday, 2 nd September Wednesday, 3 rd September Thursday, 4 th September Friday, 5 th September	Rms 20 & 21 Arataki trip Rua Reo Ruma 27 whanau hui, 3.30pm-4.30pm Samoan Parent Network meeting, 3.30pm, Potu 19 Newsletter published, even weeks, uploaded to school website, Skool Loop and Facebook Yr 5/6 & 7/8 Speech Comp, Royal Rd School Fathers Day breakfast, staffroom, 7.30am-8.30am Swimming lessons, Rms 7-10 and 20-28

GENERAL NOTICES

After school care is provided from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday in the school hall by **SKIDS**. Contact SKIDS directly for more information and to enrol your child, 027 293 8895.

Whanau and Friends – our PTA do an amazing job and are always looking for people to join their group. They meet at school and work with us to plan school fundraisers, help with events and run our much loved junior discos. They have run amazing Quizz Nights in the past as well. If you would like to join them – they do have a lot of laughs at meetings, please get in touch with Gabby Hooper at: PTA@lincolnheights.school.nz or keep a look out on Facebook for a meeting reminder.

Remember to **let the school know if your child is absent** so we can ensure the information is accurately recorded on our Student Management System. The Ministry of Education collects this data daily and creates a report on the number of absences and the recorded reason. When you haven't contacted the school, the reason gets recorded as ? unknown.

If you have recently **changed addresses or your phone number, please let the school know** – our E-Tap messages and teacher contact rely on having your current number.

FROM THE BOARD

Raewyn Clark – Presiding Member – contact bot@lincolnheights.school.nz



Raewyn Clark

Ken Tuioti

Rob Walker

Kiri McCabe

Sarah Pope

Maria Sydney

Gordon Irving

Triennial elections are now fully underway. We received four nominations for the three vacancies. Thank you to Va'a Eteuati. Kiri McCabe. Chance Taylor and Rob Walker for standing.

Voting forms have been posted. We encourage parents to vote. Tick three names on the voting form, pop the form into the envelope provided and return to the front office. Envelopes can also be posted, however, to ensure we receive your vote we recommend dropping your envelope to our front office anytime between 8am and 4pm daily.

Elections timeline:

Wednesday 10th September – poll closes at 4pm

Monday 15th September – last day to accept postal votes

Tuesday 16th September – votes counted

Wednesday 17th September – Board takes office

SPORTS NOTICES

A lot has been happening this term in sports and we couldn't do it without the dedication of our amazing coaches and managers. We have teachers and learning support staff who give up their afternoons and every Saturday to coach teams, alongside dedicated parent coaches and managers. We can't offer sports without your support. If you would like to be part of our amazing coaching or managing team, please let us know.



Swimming is happening this term. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear on their swimming day. Every child in New Zealand should know how to swim and be safe in the water. As a nation we have too many children and young people drowning because they don't know strategies to keep themselves safe in and around the water. If your child is unable to swim due to illness, please send a note excusing them from swimming.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Nau mai, haere mai.
We invite you to visit
us during Playcentre
Open Week.

Playcentre

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"

Fathers Day Breakfast

Start Your Day The Right Way!

Come along and celebrate the special men in our tamariki's lives at our annual Father's Day Breakfast!

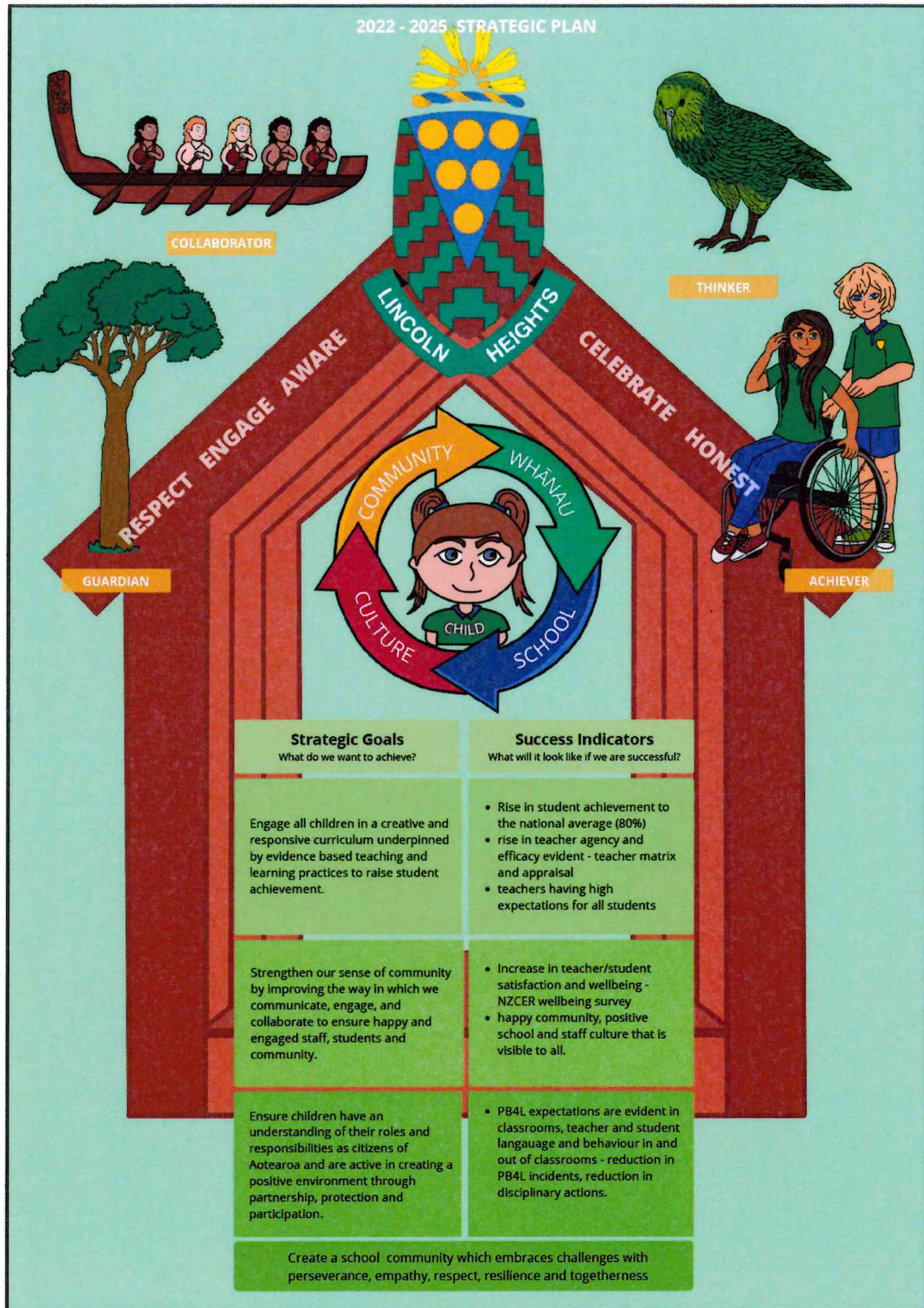
Date: Friday 5th September 2025
Time: 7.30am-8.30am
Where: Staffroom

Bring your smiles and your appetite – enjoy a delicious breakfast with our school whānau as we honour all the amazing dads, uncles, grandads, and father figures.

OUR STRATEGIC AND ANNUAL PLAN

This year we will begin our review of our Strategic Plan and we want you to help us with this piece of mahi. The plan will guide the direction of the school for the next 3 years. We will be holding meetings and focus groups, collecting our student voice and maybe even canvassing our parents at pick up time.

The more voices we have, the better our strategic plan will represent the aspirations of our diverse school community.



LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL ANNUAL PLAN 2025

Raise student achievement to 75% 'At' or 'Above' in core curriculum areas ~ Increase 'regular' student attendance to 60%

Domain 1 – STEWARDSHIP Through increased engagement and strengthened learning focused relationships	Domain 2 – LEADERSHIP Through transparent leadership (with children at the heart of decision making) and a focus on the development of our Middle Leaders	Domain 3 – RELATIONSHIPS Through authentic relevant and engaging opportunities for ALL learners across ALL contexts – within school, with whanau and within our community	Domain 4 – TEACHING Through differentiated learning programmes based on current student data – including Kahukura and Moemoe Fou	Domain 5 – CAPABILITY Through responsive Professional Learning Programmes and individual accountability	Domain 6 – EVALUATION Through established systems to monitor and review progress towards achievements of schoolwide and individual goals
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LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education	BARRIER FREE ACCESS Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner	QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau	FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives	WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable
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Strengthen our sense of community by improving the ways in which we communicate, engage and collaborate to ensure happy and engaged staff, students and the wider community. Goal 1.1 Increase opportunities to build our learning community with whanau and wider – at least 1 event per term Post event Whanau surveys/voice show 85% satisfaction Goal 1.2 Establish a Whānau Network to help our Reo Rua build whanaungatanga through the development of its tikanga and kawa Goal 1.3 Refresh our communication systems – newsletter, website, skool loop and socials to increase engagement and attendance	Engage all children in a creative and responsive curriculum underpinned by evidence based teaching and learning practises to raise student achievement. Goal 2.1 Increase Maori achievement and engagement by 15% across all core curriculum areas Establish Te Reo class and monitor student progress Goal 2.2 Mainstream IEPs reviewed bi-annually and used to inform Learning Support Staff role in class – students show 85% of goal achievement Goal 2.3 Reading data (both summative and formative) will show a minimum 10% increase in years 4-8 and 15% increase in years 0-3	Ensure children have an understanding of their roles and responsibilities as citizens of Aotearoa and are active in creating a positive environment through partnership, protection and participation Goal 3.1 60% of students are present 90% or more each term Goal 3.2 Students (particularly in year 6-8) have opportunities to demonstrate leadership and have roles of responsibility across the school All LA students expected to participate in service to the school Goal 3.3 Staff and students will have opportunities to share their skills and knowledge in cultural / sporting / environmental groups. All teaching staff to lead/support a cultural group and/or sporting group
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MEASURES – All staff are responsible for ensuring we reach these goals

- 75% of children 'at' or 'above' in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- 15% increased engagement of all learners – demonstrated through engagement observations
- Average rates of regular attendance increase across the school to 60% average each term
- 60% of students are able to say where they are at in their learning
- 75% of children achieving 'Well/Below' will make accelerated progress
- 80% of Focus/Target students will make accelerated progress
- Moderation is consistent and regular across the school – every term

How will we know? / What tools can we use?

- PAT, AsTTle, Teacher OTJ
- Termly school attendance report, classroom, school monitoring fortnightly
- All BoT members are confident of their understanding of the school targets
- Team Leader discussions show children know what they are learning
- Sprint cycles show improvement
- Focus student report to Board show 80% of students making accelerated progress

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