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

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

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Kia ora whanau

We have nearly reached the end of Term 3 and school holidays begin on Monday 22 September. Remember, school finishes at the usual time of 3pm this Friday. We wish all of our whanau and Tamariki a relaxing break wherever you may be.



This week we farewell Geneva from the front office. Geneva has been a constant in our front office for 24 years serving our Tamariki and whanau so well. We wish her every success as she begins a new chapter. Trish will be stepping into the position of Administrator and we will have a temp receptionist for Term 4 looking after the front desk.

Term 4 will see some exciting building work start as part of our 5YA spending. Rooms 17-19 will move into the hall from the beginning of Term 4 so that window joinery can be replaced and the toilets upgraded. This will mean that the hall is out of action for all of Term 4. We will advise you as other classrooms building work comes on stream next term.

Watercare



You will all be aware of the Watercare watermain renewal has started on Keegan Drive between 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday for five weeks. This has pushed back our **street closure trial to mid Term 4**. We are meeting with the engineers from AT to look at the best way of closing Keegan Drive to keep disruption to a minimum. We will keep you informed as any news come to hand.

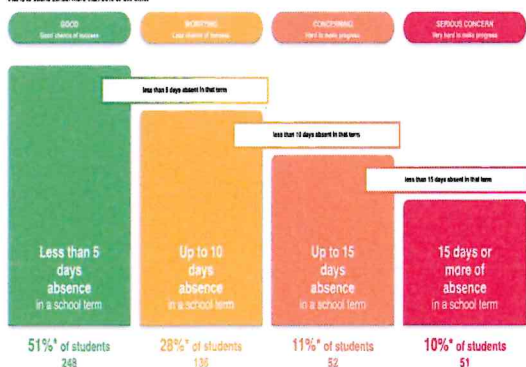
We anticipate that this work will impact parking even further as there will be reduced street parking, reduced lane widths, reduced speed limits, pedestrian detours and stop/go traffic control. Please be respectful of Watercare staff and our neighbours.

This map shows the areas impacted by the watermain upgrade and covers the 'School Road Closure' trial area as well.

We have also been advised that there may be a water shutdown. If the school is in the impacted area, we may need to close the school for part or all of the day, depending on when the shutdown occurs. This is due to Health and Safety requirements and the need to have flushing toilets, hand washing facilities and drinking water. If we are impacted, it is likely that it will be after 8 October (towards the end of the project). We will be given 5 days advance notice if we will be impacted and we will advise you as soon as possible to reduce the impact on whanau.

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to be absent school more than 10% of the time.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE – our goal for 2025 was to increase attendance to 60% each term. We are a way off this target and hope that the warmer weather will see more children attending school regularly. There is a clear correlation between student achievement and attendance and this is especially evident in our junior school where we are seeing some student's results in reading not progressing as quickly as expected. With a structured approach to learning, attendance becomes even more important as each lesson builds on the previous one.

Good attendance patterns are also established in the junior school where it is much easier to set your expectations as a parent around morning routines.



Last night we were notified of the upcoming Primary Education strike action on Thursday 23 October. Voting to take industrial action is never an easy decision – especially when it impacts on student learning. I will be meeting with the Board to decide if the school will close for Instruction and be open for supervision only or close completely. At the core of this decision will be student safety and if we have enough staff to safely supervise.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2026



'Out of Zone' enrolments for 2026 close in the first week of Term 4, on 8 October with the ballot being drawn on 15 October and families notified shortly after. 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. These can be found on our website or can be obtained from the school office. 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.

Don't forget that you can view our fortnightly newsletter on a variety of platforms, our school website, Skool Loop app and our Facebook page.

Have a well deserved break and we look forward to seeing you all back for Term 4 on 6th October.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

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

WHAT'S COMING UP

TERM THREE, 2025		
Week 10 15 – 19 Sept	Wednesday, 17 th September	Norwest Yr 7/8 boys & girls Netball comp, Trusts arena
	Thursday, 18 th September	Yr 2's to Zita Maria Park
	Friday, 19 th September	Newly elected Board members take office
		Moemoe Fou treats sale Swimming make up lessons LAST DAY TERM 3. SCHOOL CLOSSES 3PM
TERM FOUR		
Week 1 6 – 10 Oct	Monday, 6 th October	School starts 8.50am
	Tuesday 7 th October	Year 8's Tech
	Wednesday, 8 th October	Mana Kura Whanau Kai and Korero 3.30pm – led by Aleesha Taua
	Friday, 10 th October	Our Journey So Far Yr 8 MHS assesment 1 st Enviro group field trip to Tiritiri Matangi
Week 2 13 – 17 October	Tuesday, 14 th October	Year 8's Tech
	Wednesday, 15 th October	Whanau hui, Ruma 27, 3.30pm-4.30pm
	Friday, 17 th October	2026 planning Samoan Parent Network meeting, Potu 19, 3.30pm, all welcome Newsletter published, posted Skool Loop app, Facebook and school website 2 nd Enviro group field trip to Tiritiri Matangi
Week 3 20 – 24 October	Tuesday, 21 st October	Nikau year 2's Zita Maria Park trip
	Wednesday, 22 nd October	Year 8's Tech
	Thursday 23 rd October	NZEI Teacher Strike Action

GENERAL NOTICES

After school care is provided from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday in the school staffroom for Term 4 by **SKIDS**. Contact SKIDS directly for more information and to enrol your child, 027 293 8895.

skids Fruitvale
40 Fruitvale Road, New Lynn
Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October 2025
HOURS: 7AM TO 5.30PM SHORT DAYS: 8.30AM TO 3PM

0800 274 172
Site Ph: 027 211 4060

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<p>MON 22 SEP</p> <p>FILM FIESTA Lights, camera, action! Kick off Kids Fest with a thrilling Film Fiesta — team up to star in a mini movie, conquer Mission Impossible-style maps, and dive into epic movie-themed adventures!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>TUE 23 SEP</p> <p>KALEIDO-FEST Step into our dazzling festival of colour with Kaleido-Fest! Make colourful stained glass inspired cookies, and show off your best dance moves with our neon disco.</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>WED 24 SEP</p> <p>MAKER DAY MAKE & TAKE: TIE DYE TOTE BAGS Maker Day is a fun celebration of creativity and art. Design a colorful tie dye tote bag to take home, create your own mini canvas masterpieces, and enjoy exciting hands-on projects.</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>THU 25 SEP</p> <p>COOK & CREATE EXCURSION: TEN PIN BOWLING Strike! We are off to Ten Pin Bowling and when we return it's time to cook & create! Back at skids it's a delicious day of creative foodie fun!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>FRI 26 SEP</p> <p>TICKET TO RIDE Grew up for Ticket to Ride! Bring your wheels—bikes, scooters, skateboards, or skates—for thrilling ring trials, vivid obstacle courses, cool STEM challenges, and awesome creative fun all day!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>
<p>MON 29 SEP</p> <p>BUZZ & BLOOM Buzz & Bloom Day! Celebrate spring with colorful flowers, festive fun, scarecrow making, exciting games, and hands-on challenges to brighten your day!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>TUE 30 SEP</p> <p>SOUND WAVE MAKE & TAKE: AFRICAN THUMB PIANOS & DIY MUSIC BOXES Craft your own African thumb pianos & working music boxes to take home, battle in lip sync & dance, explore vibrating drums, musical yodel, sound wave science, and more musical fun!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>WED 1 OCT</p> <p>TALES & TREASURES PREMIUM INCURSION: FOOTSTEPS! Team use your favorite abilities in an action to packed "Footsteps" session! Bring stories to life with Dr. Seuss Trifecta Treps, Road Dant Roly Poly Birds, and lots of hands-on fun that your family will love!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>THU 2 OCT</p> <p>MEDIEVAL MAGIC Welcome to Medieval Magic! Become a brave knight or royal queen with awesome cosplay creations, and dive into a day of epic medieval fun, games, and more!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>	<p>FRI 3 OCT</p> <p>FUN FAIR FINALE Celebrate the holidays with Fun Fair Finale! Enjoy a makers market, festival games, exciting competitions, and tons of fun to wrap up your holiday break with a bang!</p> <p>SHORT DAY CHARGE \$50.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$60.20 FROM AS LOW AS \$0.00</p>

NZEI
TERIURUA

Let's seek a new dawn in education

All tamariki in Aotearoa deserve an inclusive, engaging education which meets their needs.

However, cuts to school lunches, te reo Māori programmes, attacks on the quality of early childhood education and the scrapping of pay equity claims makes it clear this Government does not value the work of education professionals nor our children's learning.

The system is heading in the wrong direction. Educators are struggling and tamariki are being left behind.

As educators, whānau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:

Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom
Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure

Attract - and retain - the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay to all educators, making work secure and restoring pay equity.

Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education

Protect te reo as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

Defend quality early childhood education

Make early childhood education accessible, affordable, culturally appropriate and high quality for all tamariki, by retaining 100% qualified teachers and pay parity, and by improving teacher: child ratios.

Kimi haeata means seek the dawn, and we're seeking a new dawn in education. Back our future!



SIGN THE PETITION

Join us for our MASSEY KINDERGARTEN

50TH MILESTONE
CELEBRATION

18 October 2025
2.00 – 4.00pm

We would love to invite past and present whānau and kaiako to join us in celebrating 50 years of Massey Kindergarten

Join us for shared kai and kōrero, as we take a trip down memory lane. We invite you to recount your experiences, reflect on the past, connect in the present, and create memories for the future.

Address: 325a Don Buck Road, Massey
Telephone: 09 833 7000
Email: massey@aka.org.nz



LIFEWISE

New Enrolments!

Do you have friends with young children? **Lifewise Waimumu** currently have spaces!

A great place for children to develop a strong sense of belonging, great relationships and explore on their own terms.

FROM THE BOARD

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



Raewyn Clark



Rob Walker



Kiri McCabe



Sarah Pope



Holly Vega

Voting for the 2025 Triennial elections has finished. Huge thanks to those who have stood this year. 153 votes were received. There were no invalid votes.

ETEUATI, Va'a 48 votes received
TAYLOR, Chance 35 votes received

McCABE, Kiri 35 votes received
WALKER, Rob 35 votes received

Due to three candidates being tied, the tie was broken by lot as per NZSTA School Board Elections Handbook.

The following have been duly appointed to the Lincoln Heights School Board for a three year term and officially take office 17th September 2025:

ETEUATI, Va'a

McCABE, Kiri

WALKER, Rob

SCHOOL EVENTS



Recently our Yrs 5-8 attended the Tiriwa Speech Competition. Congratulations to Darius for claiming first in the Yr 7/8 section and Riley 2nd in the Yr 4-6 section. They were amazing and represented our school so well.

Recently we held a gardening bee to support our new Enviro garden space.

Huge thanks to our group of volunteers from Oke who came in to do the heavy lifting in creating our raised garden beds.

Our Enviro group children got stuck in enthusiastically to support with digging and planting and a lot of learning was done around seeds, germination and the insects in the earth that are part of the cycle.



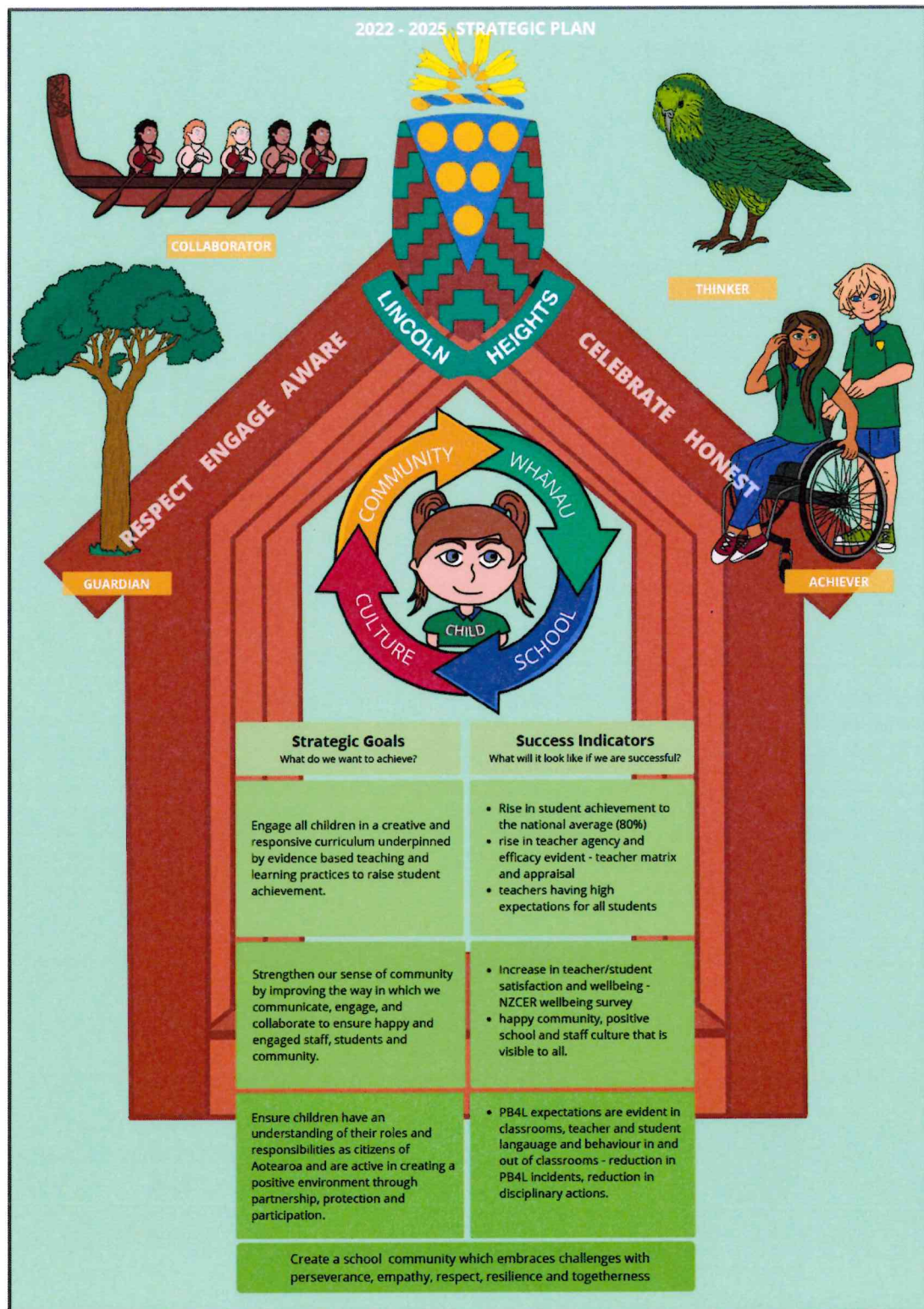
UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Tuesday 7 October – starting at 3.30pm:

Kai and Korero with Aleesha Taua – Our journey with Mana Kura

OUR STRATEGIC AND ANNUAL PLAN

The development of our new Strategic Plan that will take us from the beginning of 2026 to the end of 2029 is now fully underway. For those whanau, students and staff that have been the voice of the community, thank you. Your input will help to shape Lincoln Heights School.



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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