



Kiaora Whānau

Parent Interviews – We were so close to 80%! Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to share their knowledge of their children with us. The feedback so far has been very positive. We will be contacting parents who were not able to make the interview to look at ways we could make the interviews more accessible for next time.

Remember, our focus for this year is to improve our 'learning focused relationships' with family.

Shade Structure update - Engineers are being engaged to assess the damage and recommend repair options. The Board is working closely with the Ministry of Education to ensure this is being processed in a timely manner. We are all very frustrated at the length of time it has taken to satisfactorily resolve this.

Leadership Academy Fundraising – Ice blocks for sale at lunch time will continue as this is not only successful, the ice blocks are a refreshing addition to lunchtime on a hot day. Thank you so much for continuing to support this enterprise.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) - Our PTA AGM will be held **Monday 11 March at 6pm** in our staffroom. If you are wondering how you can support the school, then the PTA might be for you. This dedicated group of parents do an incredible job and without them we wouldn't have an amazing new playground, or be able to subsidise school trips so all children can attend.

PTA Quiz night - Friday 22nd March at 7pm in the hall. Tickets \$10 per person, maximum table of 10 people. We are excited to have another chance to meet you, so find a team or join a table and have a whole lot of laughs. You can bring your own snacks or there will be food for sale - proceeds to the PTA. There are some great prizes up for grabs or more importantly, you could walk away with quiz night bragging rights!

Korero and Coffee – We have now had two successful catch ups and the group is going really well. It is a great chance to find out more about things that are going on at school and help to identify areas we could develop further and chat to new people! Pre-schoolers are welcome.

Our ERO review - Our recent confirmed ERO report is available on the website.

Paid Union Meeting – You may have heard there are paid union meetings coming up for all teachers and principals in the NZEI. As a staff, we are committed to ensuring the least amount of disruption to student learning, because of this we will be closing the school at 1pm on March 20 to allow our teachers to attend. Please contact SKiDs if you need after school care for your child/ren. The office will still be open but staff are unable to supervise children.

EASTER RAFFLE - We are collecting Easter eggs for our Easter Raffle - all children who bring an Easter egg to school will get a free ticket for a bonus draw. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the office \$2 for one or \$5 for 3 tickets.

School gate – please remember that the front carpark is for **STAFF ONLY**. We have had a number of parents accessing the front carpark and this has impacted on our taxis and mobility vans. Only parents and caregivers with a mobility card can use the front carpark during school hours. We are in the process of changing the gate code as safety is of primary concern to us.

Noho ora mai

Leisha Byrnes

ACTING PRINCIPAL

Board of Trustees

Our ERO Review – Over the next few newsletters we will include excerpts from our ERO report. For the full report, visit our school website!

The board and school leaders have identified the need for greater whānau and community engagement. This should include working with whānau Māori to refresh the school's Māori Education Plan.

Leaders identify that engaging parents in learning-centred partnerships is critical for accelerating achievement. In order to support this, leaders and teachers should develop schoolwide plans about how this will be implemented, particularly for learners most at risk of not achieving.

The board, leaders and teachers should continue improving school evaluation capacity and particularly teachers' evaluative capabilities. This would enable leaders and teachers to better critique, scrutinise and respond to achievement information. Deeper inquiry into data by both leaders and teachers will support this.

The school is supporting children to achieve well in relation to school valued outcomes. Learners:

- are celebrated as leaders within their own cultures
- display a strong sense of belonging
- interact with respect and confidence
- actively engage in tuakana/teina relationships.

Learners in the Kahukura with high additional learning needs are well supported to progress and achieve their individual goals.

STEP BY STEP, TOGETHER WE REACH NEW HEIGHTS

TERM ONE 2019

Whole school assemblies are held in the hall on Fridays at midday on **odd** weeks of the term. All whanau are welcome to attend.

March

6th Cultural Afternoons start today
 7th Yr 7 / 8 Boys & Girls Softball comp, Rosedale Park
 8th Coffee and Korero
 11th PTA AGM, 6pm, staffroom, all welcome
 14th Hearing and vision testing
 20th Paid Union Meeting – school closes at 1pm
 22nd Coffee and Korero
 22nd PTA Quiz Night
 27th BoT Meeting 5:30pm in the Staffroom, all welcome

April

1st Welcome to Book Week
 5th Coffee and Korero
 5th Book Parade 11:40am – 1pm
 7th Daylight saving ends - clocks go back!
 12th Whole school Assembly
 12th Last day of term 1!

2019 TERMS:

Term One: 29th January - 12th April; **Term Two:** 29th April - 5th July; 27th
Term Three: 22nd July - 27th September; **Term Four:** 14th October - 17th December

GENERAL NOTICES

- Don't forget to check out our **Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page** where alerts are regularly posted to our community.
- Save the date - **PTA Quiz night**, Friday 22nd March, 7pm in the hall. \$10 per person, max 10 to a table. Tickets on sale from the office.
- If your child suffers from Asthma please send a new named **inhaler to the office** as many we hold are either expired or due to expire shortly. Having a spare inhaler for your child held at the office to use in case of an emergency is important. Thank you.
- We remind you that in Term One and Term Four every child needs to **wear a hat** while playing outside. Please send your child to school with a hat or you can purchase one from the office - Caps \$8, Bucket hats \$10.
- GKR operate **Karate lessons** in the hall every Wednesday evening year round. Contact Hayden Gwynn on 021 753 115 for more information.
- Massey High School are holding their **50th anniversary** 18th-19th October 2019. To register visit www.masseyhigh.school.nz
- **LHS Music School** operates at school on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings from 9am. Tuition is available for Guitar, Recorder, Flute and Violin at all levels. Enrolments are now open for the 2019 year. Contact Coordinator nellie.shaw@gmail.com for more information regarding enrolments.
- Parent supervised **Playgroup** sessions are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm in Rm 7 (on top field). Email Coordinator lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz for more information.

YOUR PTA

Your PTA is: **Trena Lile - President** **Sarah Pope - Secretary** **Debbie Iles - Treasurer**

Trena will be stepping down from the President role at the AGM, Monday 11th March at 6pm in the staffroom. We encourage parents to consider joining our dedicated PTA team. For more information about what is required, contact our team on pta@lincolnheights.school.nz

The PTA are holding a quiz night in the hall on **Friday 22nd March**. This night is a fun filled event. Tickets are \$10 per head, available from the office. Make up a table of friends/relatives, or join others to make up a table of 10. If you know of a business who is willing to donate prizes we would love to hear from you. This is a night not to be missed. Food for sale, BYO.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

- sKids provide **Before & After School Care** on-site from 7am to 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday at very reasonable prices. For more information contact Manel or Sam by phone on 0800 187 000 or 021 922 521, or email lincolnheights@skids.co.nz

Contact sKids directly should you require their services when school closes at 1.00pm on Wednesday 20th March.

