



Kia ora Whanau

**The sun is shining and summer seems to be on its way! Remember to apply a bit of sunscreen to your child in the morning before school and remind them to wear their hat! If you have any spare caps at home, or you work for someone who has promotional caps we are happy to take them off your hands so we can lend them to children at break times.**

While the sunshine brings me great joy, it also creates a great breeding environment for nits. If you are struggling to manage nits, we have some shampoo and combs at school we are happy to give you. Leaving sheets and pillows in the sun also helps to 'kill off' eggs and bed mites. It is also an excuse to leave the bed unmade so the sun can hit the mattress as well. If you are concerned about nits, we can arrange for the Public Health Nurse to check and offer advice. We are looking into purchasing an electric comb which will help to eliminate live nits from the hair at school. If your child does have nits, please be vigilant and treat them regularly. We can only reduce the spread if we all do our part.

Thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Grass Roots Trust we have now raised the funds we need to begin formalising the development of our bike track. A huge thanks to our PTA team for their efforts, Bike Ready and Grass Roots for their financial support and of course you, our amazing whanau for supporting the A-thon, bake sale and Samosa purchases. Together we have raised enough money to develop a lasting resource that promotes health and fitness and we can all enjoy for many years to come.

**Mufti Day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – gold coin donation. Any funds raised will go towards landscaping for the bike track and our planned waharoa development at the schools entrance. We will be organising a working bee early next year, so keep an eye out for that – many hands make light work and the more the merrier. We will put on a sausage sizzle to support our helpers on the day. We will hopefully be planting out some native trees and flaxes and getting the planting and design ready for our Hapara.

Huge thanks to the many who ordered **Samosa's** to support our PTA fundraising. Your order will be ready for collection from the staffroom on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. I am really looking forward to Samosa's for dinner that night. I will be practising responsible eating though, as 10 is too many for one sitting!

Swimming is in full swing. Swimming is a compulsory part of your child's curriculum and we expect that children who are not swimming have a note excusing them from participation. In New Zealand our drowning statistics are appalling and we need to ensure that our children have basic swimming skills.

As the weather is improving we are seeing more children at school after 3.00pm which is fabulous. We just want to make you aware that if your child is at school after 3:30pm, they are not being supervised. If you are looking for after school supervision, please contact SKiDs. They provide an excellent affordable service.

As we wind down to the end of the year, we are seeing children slipping into more 'mufti' than uniform – especially in the pants or shorts they are wearing. Could you please support us to ensure the correct uniform is being worn each day. Sandals are a great shoe option in the hot weather.

If your child has lost a uniform jacket, please check the lost property as we have so many unclaimed ones. They are an expensive piece of uniform and there are many unnamed jackets there. If you find your jacket, we strongly recommend that you name it with vivid, in large writing, along the back inside of the jacket.

We will be doing a collection for the Salvation Army again this year. They support many of our families with food parcels, advice and support. If you have any non-perishable grocery items you could donate, collections have opened at the office until the 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your support.

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

#### CELEBRATIONS

REACH values our children have been focusing on since 24<sup>th</sup> October is AWARE. This focus runs until this Friday. Talk to your child about what being AWARE means.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our current Board comprises of:

Raewyn Clark	Chairperson	Leisha Byrnes	Principal
Gordon Irving	Property Manager (Staff Trustee)	Reuben Baker	
Lillian Hansell		Peter Lai	
Andrew Lile			

The Board can be contacted at any time via the Chairperson by emailing [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz)  
All members of the public are invited to attend BoT meetings which are held in the staffroom, starting at 5:30pm

**Step by step together we REACH new heights!**

**TERM FOUR 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.

**November**

- 11<sup>th</sup> PTA Samosas available for collection from staffroom  
PTA meeting, 6.30pm, staffroom
- 12<sup>th</sup> Photolife in for new New Entrants & Yr 8 leavers photos
- 15<sup>th</sup> Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9-10.30am  
Patrollers training with Constable Lorena
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day, gold coin donation for bike track
- 19<sup>th</sup> Kids for Kids Choir performance, Bruce Mason Theatre
- 21<sup>st</sup> NorWest Athletics tournament, Moire Park
- 22<sup>nd</sup> NorWest Mall Christmas Concert, all welcome
- 25<sup>th</sup> Parent Helper morning tea
- 26<sup>th</sup> NorWest Yr 7/8 Touch Rugby tournament, Moire Park
- 27<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
- 29<sup>th</sup> Rainbows End trip  
Coffee & Korero for parents, staffroom, 9-10.30am  
PTA Christmas Disco, hall

**December**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> PTA meeting, staffroom, 6.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fiafia night, 5.30pm, cultural performances & food
- 7<sup>th</sup> LHS End of Year Music School concert, 9am, hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bethany Bible End of Year service, 9am, hall
- 9<sup>th</sup> Kahukura team to Santa Show, Pumphouse, Takapuna
- 10<sup>th</sup> Milo & Marshmallows, Library 3pm-6.30pm, register  
for Summer Reading Programme
- 11<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
- 13<sup>th</sup> Junior prizegiving, Yr 0-6, 1.30pm, hall  
Pohutukawa team Christmas concert, hall 3.30pm  
Meet Your 2020 teacher
- 16<sup>th</sup> Senior prizegiving, 12.30pm, City Church, Central Park Dr  
Yr 7/8 graduation dinner & dance, 6pm, City Church
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Last school day for 2019 – school closes 1.00pm**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Library open for Summer Reading, 10am – 2pm

**TERM FOUR FINISHES AT 1.00PM ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**TERM ONE 2020 STARTS ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY AT 8.50AM**

**GENERAL NOTICES**

- **Book Fair** is on this week – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. The Library will be open from 8.30am to 3.30pm daily with a wide range of inexpensive books for sale.
- Squadron No. 30, **Air Cadets** are the aviation branch of the NZ Cadet Forces. They are a disciplined, uniformed organisation with provides leadership, personal development and life skills training to young people aged between 13 and 19 years old. They are currently looking for new recruits for their 2020 intake. These will be students in Year 8 who will be starting secondary school next year. There will be an open day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Anyone interested in joining will just need to email [30sqn@cadetforces.org.nz](mailto:30sqn@cadetforces.org.nz) and they will be sent information.
- PhotoLife will be visiting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November for the **New Entrant and Yr 8 2019 Leavers photos**. Envelopes have gone home. These need to be returned with money no later than Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.
- **Music School 2020 enrolments are open.** We provide tuition for Flute, Recorder, Violin and Guitar on Tuesdays at 3.30pm and Saturday mornings at very affordable prices. Contact Nellie Shaw, Music School Coordinator, by emailing [nellie.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:nellie.shaw@gmail.com) or phoning 027 612 9537 for more information.
- **Duffy Book sale.** Information went home on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Orders need to be in to the office by 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.
- **Communication - Don't forget to check out our Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page and download our free Skool Loop app.** Photos and notices, plus the newsletter are regularly uploaded for parents to see what is happening at school.
- **Medication to the office.** If your child uses medication (i.e. asthma inhaler) please bring in a spare for the office if you have not already done so. Parents will need to sign an authorisation form for us to administer any medication

**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](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz)