



Kia ora Whanau

Congratulations to our students who participated in the North West Christmas Show on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. It was fantastic to see such support from our whanau.

Please remember the message in the last newsletter advising parents that all toys are banned from school. Please support us by ensuring that toys are kept at home.

As we near the end of year we remind you that sunhats are an important part of your child's uniform in Terms 1 & 4. Please ensure your child has their sunhat in their schoolbag to wear each day. Our sun is strong and even if we don't feel like we are being sunburnt, we can be. Thanks to those who have provided a hat for their child and giving them the message to wear it when outside. **A sunhat will be especially important on Wednesday 11 December when we hold our annual 'Big Day In'.**

Unfortunately, we had a significant theft over the weekend and another last night. Over the weekend we had 24 iPads stolen and 2 iMacs and last night a cane couch was stolen from outside Kahukura space. This represents a significant loss to our school and the learning of our students. When resources are stolen, we often have to find the money to replace items or pay the insurance excess from other learning budgets. If you know anything about either of these, please contact the office. We encourage you to call the police if you see any suspicious activity at the school at any time. Over the summer, please come and spend time at the school, enjoying the playgrounds and fields. A strong community presence helps to reduce vandalism, theft and damage to the school.

Friday night's PTA Christmas disco was a great success. Thank you to the PTA for your amazing organisation, and teachers who give up their time to support.

Cupcakes will be on sale on Thursday 5 December from Kahukura. Funds raised will help to pay transport for our Kahukura learners to attend a Christmas Play. Please support this amazing opportunity and get a yummy \$2 cupcake for morning tea as well.

**Fiafia is this Friday!** It will be a great showcase of our learning over the year and a chance to celebrate culture. It would be great to see you there. PTA will be selling food 4.30pm-5.30pm and Leadership Academy will be selling ice-blocks to raise funds for camps next year. Performance start at 5.30pm.

As many of you are aware, the Ministry of Education announced a funding deal for schools electing to request no school fees from parents. We have opted into this funding. As a school we are committed to reducing the costs associated with quality education. While this is an exciting and welcome announcement, this funding is not enough to allow us to do everything we need to do to raise student achievement. To ensure we are able to do and provide everything we want, we will need to continue to fundraise to support the development of playgrounds and supplement EOTC experiences. As per the Ministry guidelines, we have been able to significantly reduce the cost of camp and are asking only for a contribution towards the overnight costs associated with this learning opportunity in February.

Over the next week you will notice the demolition of our Shade Structure. This is an exciting step towards the new build. Thank you for your patience. Although it has been frustrating, waiting has ensured we got the outcome that we wanted. We will also begin the development of our Bike Track in January – we are very excited for this new development.

Next year we will be having a number of Teacher Only Days which were negotiated as part of the NZEI settlement. The following days in 2020 school will be closed for instruction; 13 March, 29 May, 21 and 24 August and 23 October. We have tried to allocate days around statutory holidays to enable families to have an extra long weekend. Thank you for your support and understanding. SKiDs will be available for supervision on those days.

This year we farewell Julie Laing, a long standing staff member who has worked over the years supporting our learners to reach Reading milestones. Julie will be farewellled officially at the end of year assembly. We also say farewell to Joanne Treadwell, Lisa Venturi and Melissa Beal. We wish them all the best for their new adventures.

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

**big day in**

on

Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

A lot of the activities will have a water element so children need:

1. Change of clothes and/or togs/rash shirt.
2. Towel
3. Hat and sunblock (if available)  
(Sunburn is not cool!)

Children to come to school in their uniform and then get changed!

It's going to be a day of "Buddy Classes, Seniors helping Juniors!"  
It's going to be great!!!!

## CELEBRATIONS

NorWest Zone Athletics tournament was held 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We were proud that we have some students representing our school in the Auckland Championships. They were: Azaria Williams, Lourdezious Nicholas, Valentino Fereti Tausi and Lucia So'oa'emalelagi. Congratulations to all of you!

Thank you to Agnes for your support in transporting the children to the venue.

'Celebrate' are the REACH values our children have been focusing on for the past fortnight. With Fiafia on Friday this is a great way to end!

## Step by step together we REACH new heights!

### TERM FOUR 2019/ONE 2020

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

#### December 2019

- 5<sup>th</sup> Cupcake fundraiser, \$2 each, Kahukura Centre
- 6<sup>th</sup> Fiafia night, 4.30pm, food & cultural performances
- 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  
PTA meeting, staffroom, 6.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Milo & Marshmallows, Library 3pm-6.30pm, register  
for Summer Reading Programme
- 11<sup>th</sup> Big Day IN fun day, 9am – 3pm  
BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
- 13<sup>th</sup> Moemoe Fou EOY celebration, 10am, hall  
Meet Your 2020 teacher  
2019 Reports home  
Pohutukawa team Christmas concert, hall 3.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Senior prizegiving, 12.00pm, City Church, Central Park Dr  
Yr 8 Leavers dinner, 6.00pm, City Church  
Year 7/8 Dessert and Dance, 7.15pm – 8.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Last school day for 2019 – school closes 1.00pm**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Library open for Summer Reading, 10am – 2pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Library open for Summer Reading, 10am – 2pm

#### January 2020

- 9<sup>th</sup> Library open for Summer Reading, 10am – 2pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Library open for Summer Reading, 10am – 2pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Library open for Summer Reading, 10am – 2pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Library open for Summer Reading, 10am – 2pm

#### February 2020

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> School starts 8.50am
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Waitangi Day. School closed**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sports evening/Camp meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Yr 5/6 to Camp Tupare
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 7/8 to Camp Tupare until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- 26<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

#### 2020 SCHOOL TERMS

- Term One: 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Term Two: 28<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Term Three: 20<sup>th</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> September
- Term Four: 12<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> December

## GENERAL NOTICES

- **From the sickbay.** Please do not send your children to school if they are unwell. You will need to make alternative arrangements for care for your child if they are unwell. Our sickbay is a busy place and if your child is unwell we are unable to look after them for the day. Thank you for your co-operation.
- 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.
- Remember to text or email us at [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) if you change your contact details.
- **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.

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS MUSIC SCHOOL



Enrolments are now open for 2020. Held at Lincoln Heights School, this is a government funded music school open to school-aged children and adults.

Instruments offered are:

**Violin, Viola, Recorder, Guitar, Flute**  
(Other Woodwind instruments on request)

Small group classes are held on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Fees are **\$85 per year** for primary and intermediate aged children.  
**\$230 per year** for high school students and adults.

Violin is open to students aged 7 years and older and students must be able to read music.  
Flute students must be at least 8 years old and will be assessed by tutor before being accepted into classes.  
All enquiries to Nellie Shaw at [nellie.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:nellie.shaw@gmail.com)

Lincoln Heights Music School has been operating for over 25 years.

Our experienced tutors provide Guitar, Flute, Recorder and Violin lessons at very reasonable prices on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

2020 Enrolments are now open. Contact Music School Coordinator, Nellie Shaw by emailing [nellie.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:nellie.shaw@gmail.com), or phone 027 612 9537.

**Come along to our end of year music school concert, this Saturday, Lincoln Heights School hall, from 9.00am. All welcome.**