



Kia ora Whanau

A warm welcome to new whanau and students to our school. As a school we are focused on raising student achievement and whanau engagement. We will be seeking community input throughout this year into our development of our local curriculum and really value your ideas and suggestions.

Our first event is tonight and I look forward to seeing you at our **Whanau Sports Afternoon**. This year we have asked our Leadership Academy to take a lead in the organisation and running of this event so that our teachers can spend time getting to know you all. Each of our classes will be sharing a class chant and our Leadership Academy will be our MC's and running games. There is a sausage sizzle being run by our PTA and Leadership Academy will be selling ice blocks for \$1.00.

I hope you are making use of the year calendar that was sent out last week – if you haven't received one, please ask your child's teacher. We will put out a Term 2 calendar at a later date which will include any team trips and changes. You will see on the calendar there are bake sales for each team – the funds raised through these events will be used to supplement the trip funds so we can ensure that all trips are free for students this year.

We have had a great start to learning and feel the investment into providing stationery was well made. It has been great to hear the positive feedback from students, families and teachers.

Swimming instruction has started. The pool has been put up and your child's class will be timetabled for lessons each week. Swimming is not only part of the curriculum but is also an essential life skill and as such, there is an expectation that all children will participate. Please ensure your child has their togs and a towel with them for their lessons. If there is a medical reason your child cannot swim, please send a note to school with your child.

Camp Tupare for Yrs 5-8 is almost upon us. From Tuesday 18th February to Friday 21st February our Yr 5/6 students will be attending. From Monday 24th to Friday 28th February our Yr 7/8 students will be attending. As camp is also a curriculum event we ask that all children attend. There are many fun learning activities planned.

It has been awesome to see so many children wearing hats in our sunny weather. If you need a hat, they can be purchased from the office for \$10.00.

The Bike Track has been a great addition to our school. We are very pleased with the behaviour of children using the track and their awareness of the pedestrians around them. Please feel free to use the track on the weekends and after school as it is there to be enjoyed by our school community.

Leadership Academy are selling ice blocks for \$1.00 each. This money raised by the Leadership Academy will be used to pay for their trip to Wellington, the end of year Leavers Dinner and Dance and to develop a 'legacy item' for the school. Thank you for the support of their fundraising.

If you haven't downloaded the '**Skool Loop**' app please do so as this is a great way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at school and any quick notices. The school Facebook page '**Lincoln Heights School Official**' is a closed community group and there are some great ideas being shared by parents, including uniforms for sale or being gifted. We also post reminders about school events.

There are five Teacher Only Days scheduled this year to support our teachers professional learning. All the dates are on the year calendar to support your family for planning for those days and SKiDs will be open if you need to book child care. Thank you for your support of these days. The next Teacher Only Day is Monday 16th March when school will be closed for instruction.

We are very excited about the year ahead and the opportunities to meet with you and celebrate the successes of our students.

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Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate are the REACH values our children have been focusing on for the past fortnight. RESPECT is still a value we strive to achieve at all times.

Step by step together we REACH new heights!

Congratulations and thanks to all our staff and students for their awesome start to 2020 and to all the parents who are supporting their children to get to school each day. Your effort is appreciated and will pay off later in the year as your routines will be well established.

TERM 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.

February

- 18th Camp Tupare, Helensville for Yr 5/6 students
24th Camp Tupare, Helensville for Yr 7/8 students

2020 SCHOOL TERMS

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

March

- 3rd NW TBall tournament, Rosedale Park
4th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
5th NW Softball tournament, Rosedale Park
10th Pohutukawa Bake sale
13th Whole School assembly
16th TEACHER ONLY DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
25th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
26th Parent Information evening & cultural performance

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Save the Date – Team bake sales** will be held each term. Pohutukawa team will hold their bake sale 10th March, Nikau team 19th May, Kauri team 11th August and Moemoe Fou and Kahukura teams on 20th October. Cakes and muffins will be sold at morning tea and lunchtime on those days for \$2. Save the date to support us with fundraising.
- **Save the Date – Pizza sale** fundraiser. Slices of pizza or whole pizza sales will be held 12th May, 9th June, 4th August, 18th August, 1st and 15th September. More information to come later.
- **LHS Playgroup.** Operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm in Rm 7 (on top field). Email Jordon Turner, Coordinator for more information on lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz
- **LHS Music School** operates at school on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings from 9.00am. Tuition is available for Guitar, Recorder, Flute and Violin at all levels. Enrolments are now open for 2020. Contact Coordinator Nellie Shaw by emailing nellie.shaw@gmail.com
- **Change of address/contact details.** Remember to notify us by emailing lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz or text us on 022 043 3026.
- **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
- **Lifewise Waimumu Early Childhood Education.** 112 Waimumu Rd, 9.00am to 3.00pm daily. Quality pre-school education for aged six months to 5 years. 20 hours free for over three year olds.

LINCOLN HEIGHTS MUSIC SCHOOL

LincolnMusic 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

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.

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Tuesday classes begin 18th February.

Saturday classes begin 22nd February.