



Kia ora Whanau

COVID-19. With recent publicity around the COVID-19 virus being detected we wanted to reassure our community that we are following Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines. We are receiving regular updates and do have a Pandemic Plan that can be quickly activated should we be advised to do so. We recommend following their guidelines and encouraging children to regularly wash their hands for 20 seconds both at home and at school. If your child is unwell please take the time to remind and show them how to either cough or sneeze into a tissue (and then throwing it into the bin) or into their elbow. This helps to reduce the spread of any colds and flus. If your child is unwell please do not send them to school.

Property update. We are moving forward with our property projects taking place this year. Expect to see a revamped front entrance, new landscaping and the leaky cover at the front of the school all being updated over the next 18 months. The covered shade structure will be erected over the April break, we will be converting our resource room into a double classroom and the PTA has some exciting playground plans in the works as well.

Teacher Only Day Monday 16th March. School will be closed for instruction. Please contact SKiDS directly who will be open for the day to provide childcare on this day.

We welcome **Nice Bakery**, our new neighbourhood bakery that has opened in the Chorley Ave shops. We are loving their huge selection of really affordable bakery items, cakes, sandwiches and pies. We encourage you to support our local stores if you are wanting some yummy treats. They are open seven days.

A reminder to parents to **notify the office if your child will be absent.** This can be done by phoning the office or texting 022 043 3026. Students will need to bring a signed note from the parent the day of their return to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome to new students to our school. Our roll is growing and we are excited to get to know all our new families. We remind you that wearing sunhats when outside at break times is compulsory during terms one and four.

School breaks and Bells. Bell times are 8.50am for start of the school day – all children should be in their classroom ready for roll call. 11.00am playtime. Eating time is from 11.20am to 11.30am. Lunch time bell goes at 12.50pm for children's play time, 1.30pm to 1.40pm is lunch eating time. 3.00pm is the end of the school day. We encourage our children to sit down and eat their food at eating times as noted above. Our motto is 'IN THE GATE AT HALF PAST EIGHT GUARANTEES YOU WON'T BE LATE'. This allows children time to get settled, have a run around and be ready for their learning at the start of the day.

What is bullying? We often hear talk of bullying in school and when we ask about it, it is usually in reference to a one-off incident. While we don't condone any instances of being mean (either saying mean things or hurting), and work closely with families and students who are making poor choices, this does not describe bullying. Bullying is ongoing, deliberate and intentional. This could include but isn't limited to, saying mean things, deliberately moving or taking items or excluding your child from games. If you are worried about your child, or concerned about an unsafe situation, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as you can. We would much rather deal with a situation before it becomes bullying. Please encourage your child to tell the teacher when it happens as well, as this allows us to respond to a situation immediately.

Bike Track Opening and Parent Info Evening is on 26 March! We hope you can join us for this amazing event! We will be starting with the Bike Track Opening at 4:30pm – the PTA will be selling hot chips, samosas, drinks and doing a sausage sizzle – remember their big fundraising focus is on a new playground and the Leadership Academy will be selling ice blocks – for their Wellington trip in May and senior school activities and there will be a coffee van as well! This event will then lead into our Parent Evening which will combine quick snapshots of information (not limited to; PTA, BoT, new reports, school projects and fundraising) in between amazing student performances. We have an amazing committee of teachers planning this event and can't wait to see you there.

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees comprises:

Reuben Baker, Chairperson
Raewyn Clark, Deputy Chairperson
Lillian Hansell, Elected Member
Gordon Irving, Staff Representative
Leisha Byrnes, Principal

We currently have a vacancy on our Board. If you think you might be interested and have the necessary skills please contact Leisha Byrnes by calling in or phoning the office at any time.

Contact through the Board can be made by emailing bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

CELEBRATIONS

Our school has REACH values that are evident in daily life in the school. RESPECT is a value we strive to achieve at all times.

Step by step together we REACH new heights!

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.

March

- 12th NW Softball tournament, Rosedale Park
- 13th Whole School assembly
- 16th **TEACHER ONLY DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 20th 2020 Netball season fees due
- 25th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

April

- 6th – 9th Bookweek
- 6th PTA meeting, staffroom, 6pm
- 9th Last day Term One. School is closed until Tuesday 28th April

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

SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR INSTRUCTION TUESDAY 28TH APRIL

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Save the Date – Team bake sales** will be held each term. Nikau will hold the next bake sale on 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 dates to support us with fundraising. A huge thank you to those who supported Pohutukawa's bake sale on 10th March.
- **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.
- **Lucky Book order** catalogues went home on 6th March. Orders to office no later than Thursday 20th March please.
- **Northern Mystics Netball** first home game of the 2020 ANZ Premiership against the Mainland Tactix at Eventfinda Stadium, Wairau Valley, North Shore, Sunday 22nd March 4.10pm. Doors open 3pm. Adult tickets have been discounted by \$5 each (usually \$25 each). Use Promo code: SCHOOLS20 to receive the \$5 discount off adult tickets. Tickets on sale at www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/northern-mystics-vs-mainland-tactix/auckland/wairau-valley/tickets/code/SCHOOL20
- **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 has been operating for over 25 years.

Our experienced tutors provide Guitar, Flute, Recorder and Violin lessons at very reasonable prices.

Contact Music School Coordinator, Nellie Shaw by emailing nellie.shaw@gmail.com, or phone 027 612 9537 to find out more.