



Kia ora Whanau

We are very excited to be able to announce that we are one of the West Auckland schools able to provide free school lunches to students next year. This will mean that every child will be able to access a lunch every day. Tomorrow we will be having a free trial of Butter Chicken provided by School Eats in conjunction with Our City Church, Sport Waitakere and Healthy Families Waitakere. We are so pleased to be able to offer this to our learning community for 2021!

Parent Teacher interviews have been rescheduled to be held in Term Four Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October starting at 3.30pm both days. To book your appointment online go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **3sjaf**. Should you have any difficulty booking online or not have online access to book, contact Tash in the office for assistance so a manual booking to be made for you.

Unfortunately there will be no whole school or community events until we return to Level 1. We are hoping this will be in term 4. While the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education have said that school's can hold sports, assemblies and gatherings, we are committed to firstly providing a safe learning environment and this is our priority. Supporting whanau and helping children to return to school and focussing on re-establishing relationships and learning goals is key to our decision making process. I want to assure you all that we have very strict processes around entry to the school, have established methods that visitor contact with children is kept limited and our contact tracing meets all requirements. School is a safe place to be – or as safe as we can possibly make it. I can appreciate the anxiety many of you are feeling and want to thank you for trusting us with your children and for your support of their learning. If you are still feeling worried, please call me and I will be happy to talk through the ways we are keeping our school site safe.

Building projects are happening all over the school. Our new double classroom space will be ready for Moemoe Fou to move into at the end of this term, our new Learning Support office will be completed by the end of the holidays, and work will begin on rooms 23-28 upgrades next term. We will also see SKiDs move from its current space into the hall to allow more space for wet weather days. While this will lead to some disruptions and moves, but it does mean that many classes will start next year in refurbished classrooms. We are very excited to be able to provide the quality learning environments our students deserve.

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their ICS permission slips. If you have one of these, could you please return it as soon as possible. This funding provides additional support for learning.

Thank you also to the parents who have returned their devices. If you still have one at home, please return it as soon as possible. Mr Kite worked really hard with a group of tech angels on ensuring they were ready to be used in classes. In the event of another lockdown we have a great system for getting devices out quickly.

I know many of you will be aware of the video making its way through Facebook and TikTok. It is a timely reminder that most social media platforms are designed for adults and don't have privacy and restricted information access embedded in them. Please, if you allow your children to have Facebook, Instagram or other social media platforms, take time to check the privacy settings on their accounts and talk to them about keeping themselves safe. If you are unsure about internet safety, please check out Netsafe – www.netsafe.org.nz or email specific questions to distancelearning@lincolnheights.school.nz. Once an image or comment is shared via these platforms, it is in the digital space forever.

Lincoln Heights School hall will be open to the public for Advance Voting on Saturday 3rd October 10am to 4.00pm, Saturday 10th October 10am to 4.00pm and on Saturday 17th October for national voting. Alert Level 2 conditions will be in place for voting i.e. social distancing, hand sanitiser use and masks wearing is encouraged. Thank you for your patience in advance.

The amazing Miss Aisha Bower will be joining the junior team next term to support with our growing New Entrant class. We are committed to keeping our classes small to maximise learning opportunities.

We are hoping to resume sports and trips next term. Teams will be in touch with information as soon as it comes to hand. At this stage, the planned trip to Wellington is still set to go ahead in November. Fingers crossed and COVID level willing!

We have two new members of our school community – Winter and August. They have already provided much entertainment to the school community. They are Nubian x Saanan cross bred goats – that's why their ears are really floppy. Their mum's are milking goats and live on a farm in Helensville. The girls will become a long term part of our school family.



Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome to new Trustee Sean Carter. Sean will be re-standing for election at mid-term elections scheduled for 4th December. Sean is the parent of a junior school student and brings a fresh perspective to our existing Board. More information will be coming regarding our mid-term elections.

Mid-Term Elections are coming in Term Four! Nomination forms will be posted to all parents/caregivers on Friday 6th November. Nominations close on Friday 20th November. It is important that we have your current address on file. You will be able to post nomination forms back to the school in the self-addressed envelope provided with the form, or drop them in to the office by 20th November. Our school currently has 2 vacancies. If more than 2 nominations are received we will be posting out voting forms by Wednesday 25th November.

If you want to know more information about what Becoming a Trustee entails, go to www.trustee-election.co.nz and click on the Becoming a Trustee tab.

Contact with our Board via the Chairperson can be made by emailing bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

Step by step together we REACH new heights!

TERM THREE and FOUR 2020

September

1st Nikau team trip to Stardome rescheduled to 28th October
7th – 11th Art Week POSTPONED
8th Nikau team bake sale fundraiser POSTPONED TO TERM 4
14th – 18th Maori Language Week
17th Reading Together celebration POSTPONED
21-25th Reach For Peace Week
23rd BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm
25th Last day of Term Three. School closes 3.00pm

October

3rd Hall open for Advance Voting 10am – 4.00pm
10th Hall open for Advance Voting 10am – 4.00pm
12th Term Four begins. School starts 8.50am
19th PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
21st Parent Teacher Interviews from 3.30pm
22nd Parent Teacher interviews from 3.30pm
23rd **TEACHER ONLY DAY. School closed**
26th **LABOUR DAY. School closed**
28th Nikau team trip to Stardome
BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm

Our motto – Be In The Gate by Half Past Eight

GENERAL NOTICES

- **All Netball games have been cancelled** while under COVID-19 Alert Level 2. Uniforms should be returned clean for your bond refund.
- **Scholastic Book Club** Issue #6 orders due at the office no later than Friday 11th September.
- **Lifewise Waimumu Early Childhood Education.** 112 Waimumu Rd, Massey, 9.00am to 3.00pm daily. Limited spaces available. Quality education for 6 months to 5 years. 20 hours free for over 3 year olds. Phone 021 194 6000 to book or drop in.
- **SKIDS Before and After School** is available for our students. Contact Manel or Sam direct by phoning 022 654 5248 for child care any requirements.
- **Spare change of clothing.** With children getting wet/muddy at play times, please put a change of clothing in your child's bag, just in case.
- **Change of contact details.** Please email us at lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz if your contact details change at any time. Thank you.



**Children's Community
Dental Clinic** Free for children 0-17 years

Tuesday, 1 September 2020

To our Auckland whānau

This letter is to inform you about the service delivery for the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service).

During Level 3, there were national restrictions on the health services able to be offered to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19. This included restrictions on routine dental treatments and check-ups. Because of this, we have now commenced our COVID-19 Recovery Plan. This means we need to firstly offer appointments to children who have been identified as requiring treatment and those waiting the longest for their routine examination. We also offer an acute service for any child who is experiencing dental pain. In addition, during the transition to Level 2 there may be some restrictions in the range of dental treatments that we are able to provide.

We apologise in advance for the delays this will cause for some children who are due a routine check-up. Please be assured that we will contact you as soon as we are able to offer your child an appointment with our service.

In the meantime, if your child is in pain or you have immediate concerns with their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH (0800-8255-83384). Our staff will be available to discuss your concerns with you directly, and will offer your child an appointment if required.

For more information as well as our top tips for keeping your child's smile bright, please search 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website – www.waitematadhb.govt.nz.

Kind regards,

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