



Kia ora Whanau

Welcome back to all our families and welcome to the many new families who have joined our learning community. As we go in to Term Four it is hard to comprehend how quickly the year has gone! With all the stops and starts and COVID-19 level changes it is amazing how many property projects we have managed to complete. This year's property work has included the new learning space for Moemoe Fou, the replacement of the shade structure, the relocation of the Resource Room and the LSC Meeting Room upgrade. There is still a few more to come, but I am sure you will agree that the school spaces are looking fabulous. This year has had many challenges, but it has seen our community rise together and overcome them all.

**Important notice** – As of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October there will be **no access to school from the Lilburn Rd entrance** for the rest of this year while building work in Rms 23-28 is being completed. All parents and students must use the Keegan Dr main entrance or the Doone Place entrance for the remainder of Term Four.

Our school roll is growing and by the end of the year we should reach 470. This means that next year we are able to appoint an additional two teachers in our school. We are really lucky to be in this position and I am excited for next year and the opportunities it may bring!

**The Local Curriculum** (The Lincoln Heights Curriculum) is almost ready for consultation with our family community and we will be contacting the people who indicated they would like to be in a focus group. We know that we are coming into a busy time of the year so thank you in advance for giving up your time to share your thinking.

A reminder that **Parent Teacher interviews** are being held today and tomorrow from 3.30pm. To book your appointment online go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://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 can be made for you. We are looking forward to achieving our school goal of 95% attendance at parent interviews. It would be amazing if we could beat our attendance rate of 87% last year.

**Class moves** are now complete as we continue upgrading classrooms. Although the disruption may be inconvenient for some, the benefits of starting 2021 with everyone placed in their renovated spaces outweigh the inconvenience caused this year. A reminder that SKiDS before and after school care is now held in the hall. Contact Sam on 022 654 5248 or email [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz) should you have any queries. Rm 23 is now in Rm 18, Rm 24 is in Rm 31 (the old SKiDS room), Rm 25 and 26 are in the ILE, Rm 27 is in Rm 20, and Rm 28 is the classroom beside the ILE. Mr Tuck's classroom is now in Rm 3. Ms Asafa and Mrs Lavea are now in Rms 5 & 6 which used to be the resource rooms.

The holidays were a busy time in terms of **property changes** and moves. This term will see the upgrades begin on Rooms 23-28 and at the end of the year Room 18-20. We have a project planned for over the break, which will see the space between the ILE and road frontage landscaped into a fun space for imaginative and interactive play. Play areas will be constructed from natural materials and planting for the area will be in native grasses, flaxes, trees and shrubs. It is likely the hard landscaping will happen over the Summer Break and the planting will happen in March/Autumn when the weather cools and the plants have a better chance of survival.

Next year we will also have an upgrade to the cover in front of the Administration and Kahukura blocks. This is a much needed improvement, which will mean that you can move from the carpark to the Office without getting wet. We are working with the architects to ensure that there are less posts to have to navigate as well.

**2021 student information forms** go home tomorrow, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We remind parents to please complete them and return them to school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This information will help us ensure that children are placed with friends, that we are aware of any new strengths or concerns you may have, and to help us plan for the following year. We also use the returned form to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact information for whanau. Children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for 2021 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Ice block sales** will resume this term and proceeds from these sales go towards our senior school and enabling every child to attend the end of year dinner free of charge. Ice blocks will be on sale daily at lunch time for \$1. Students selling the iceblocks are extremely hardworking and many give up their lunchtimes to support our school.

With **mid-term Board of Trustee elections** coming up, we urge you to consider if you have the skills needed to be a Trustee. You can go to the trustee election website (see Board of Trustee notice further down) for more information. Nominations close Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**Bike-a-thon Extravaganza 5-6 November** - donations can be made either through the school website or at the office. We have already collected over \$500.00 through the website so this is a great start. We are still hoping to make our ambitious goal of \$15,000.00. If you work for a company like Vodafone, which has community action or donation programme, please email me on [leishab@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:leishab@lincolnheights.school.nz) so we can work together to ensure that we get the best outcome for our students. If you have community connections to people who could donate prizes, please let us know. We have had some great donations already and Sarah from the PTA is off buying scooters, helmets, chocolate and all sorts of other cool things for prizes as well. The Senior Leadership Team is in training for our 24 hour ride! We are slightly concerned about how tired we will be, but excited to be demonstrating our commitment to our school and to our students! If you would like to join us, please feel free to come along!

**The bike-a-thon extravaganza** will kick off at 3pm on 5<sup>th</sup> November with the SLT starting their biking and continuing on with a community event starting at 4:30pm with food for sale, a dress-up Disco starting at 5:30pm – 7:30pm. We are hoping that Auckland will oblige us with fine weather and an excellent fireworks display! When everyone heads home at 8pm, Toby Kiri, Jill and our fabulous supporters will continue to bike through the night! Keep an eye out for us in the morning – we will still be biking around the track!

Our **Lincoln Heights School Newsletter** goes out every fortnight on Wednesday with the youngest family member at our school. If you are not receiving the school newsletter, please let the office know. We work hard to ensure that families are kept up-to-date with upcoming events, but our systems can always be improved. With that in mind, please make sure that you do read the newsletter and take notes of upcoming dates and events. If you misplace the newsletter, the dates are on the Skool Loop Calendar and Newsletters are on Skool Loop and the Website.

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Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Mid-Term Elections are underway.** Nomination forms were posted out in the last week of the holidays. If your contact details are correct you should have received yours. We have received three nominations to date. With two vacancies, we will be going to vote.

Nominations received to date: Sean Carter, Agnes Howe and Jaclyn Rewharewha

Nomination close 1<sup>st</sup> November. As this date is a Sunday we advise getting them to us by 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**If you want to know more information about what Becoming a Trustee means, go to [www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-board-member/](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-board-member/) and click on the Becoming a Trustee tab.** You will be able to view Trustees' video's compiled to help you.

Contact with our Board via the Chairperson can be made by emailing [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz)

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

## TERM FOUR 2020

### October

21<sup>st</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews from 3.30pm  
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23<sup>rd</sup> **TEACHER ONLY DAY. School closed**  
26<sup>th</sup> **LABOUR DAY. School closed**  
28<sup>th</sup> Nikau team trip to Stardome  
BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Moemoe Fou trip to Auckland Museum

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Mid Term BOT elections nominations close midday  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Bookweek & Book Fair  
4<sup>th</sup> Norwest Volleyball comp, Massey HS  
5<sup>th</sup> 24hr Bike A-Thon community event starts 4.30pm  
6<sup>th</sup> 24hr Bike A-Thon finishes 3.00pm  
Bake sale

***Our motto – In The Gate by Half Past Eight Guarantees You Won't be Late!***

## GENERAL NOTICES

- **Scholastic Book club issue 7** was sent home last week along with information about the **Book Fair** which will be held in the Library from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November. Book Club orders are due back by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.
- Do you have an **under five child at home that will be starting school soon?** We are planning our 2021 new entrant classes. If you have a pre-schooler that will be starting with us later this year or the beginning of next, please drop in to the office to give names and date of birth, or email the information to [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz)
- Communication - Remember to check out our **Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook** page. Photos and notices, plus the newsletter, are regularly uploaded for parents to see what is happening at school.
- **Parent Supervised Playgroup sessions** are in Rm 7 nearest Doone Place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Email Coordinator Jordan at [lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz) for more information.
- **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 care is available for our students and is now operating from the hall from 7am until 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. Contact Sam direct by phoning 022 654 5248, or 0800 187 000, or emailing [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz)
- **LHS Music School** operates at school on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings from 9am. Expert tuition is available for Guitar, Recorder, Flute and Violin at all levels. Enrolments for 2021 will soon be opening. Contact Coordinator [nellie.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:nellie.shaw@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Change of contact details.** Please email us at [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) if your contact details change at any time. Thank you.