



Kia ora Whanau

Lockdown – It was great to see our systems working so well when we were placed into lockdown on Monday. When events like this happen, it can be very distressing to our community – in particular our families. I want to assure you that our children were safe and secure and while they weren't comfortable as it was quite hot, they were happy. For those children who were feeling anxious, our teachers were there to support and comfort them. I have spoken to the Police and Ministry of Education regarding the incident and to ensure that we are kept as up-to-date as possible with the event as it unfolds. To all of you, thank you for your support, understanding and patience.

A reminder to please use Keegan Drive entrance at all times for the remainder of this year while building work is completed in Rms 23-28. We have deliveries arriving frequently and tradespeople on-site. Using the Keegan Drive entrance will ensure our school community is kept safe and that the building work is able to be completed on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Carparking. We know pick up and drop off times can be frustrating where carparking is concerned. That said, it is illegal to park on the footpath or grass verge outside of school, at any time. Pedestrians must be able to use the footpath without vehicle obstruction. It is our obligation to contact Council and report any vehicles that we see illegally parked. If you want to avoid the chaos, you could meet your child/ren on Doone Place or Triangle Road or down Keegan Drive at the park, or alternatively wait for 10 minutes for the traffic to ease.

Thank you to the parents who took the time to attend the **Parent Teacher interviews**. We know our attendance was down on last year, so appreciate the effort many of you made to come in. Engagement and learning focused relationships remain a key strategy for us next year in ensuring we reach our goal of raising student achievement. You play a key role in helping us to achieve this.



Bike-a-thon Extravaganza is tomorrow! Don't forget to make your donation through either the school website or at the office. Keep asking families and friends to support your child and come along to the fun evening tomorrow. The disco starts at 5.30pm.

The bike-a-thon extravaganza community event will kick off at 4.30pm tomorrow 5th November. There will be food (bake sale, pizza, hot chips, sausage sizzle and more) for sale and a dress up Disco under the shade structure from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.



Trena has been doing some amazing work with students around the love of books in the **Library**. Check out the Bookfair in the Library that is on all this week. Check out the library while you are in for the **Bike-athon extravaganza!** You could buy some books for Christmas presents and foster the love of reading at the same time.

On 17th November we are taking a group of our **Leadership Academy students to Wellington**. While there they will attend the National Young Leaders Day event, take in a trip to Parliament, Zealandia, and Weta Workshop. We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our students.

BOT election voting forms are being sent out this week. With NZ Post having reduced mail deliveries, we encourage parents to put their completed voting form in the envelope provided and post back to us in plenty of time, or drop it in to the office. Remember, only one voting form per envelope.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Bike-athon Extravaganza on Thursday – not so excited to see you Friday after my 2am Bike slot! Thank you all for your support and your sponsorship efforts!!!

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank you to Sean Carter, Raewyn Clark, Sarah Clay, Agnes Howe, Jaclyn Rewharewha and Sally Tuioti for standing for the two vacancies on our Board of Trustees. Voting forms are being posted out this week. You can choose up to 2 candidates on the voting form. Please return to school by post or hand deliver by 4.00pm Friday 4th December.

We strongly encourage hand delivery of your voting form placed in the voting envelope included with your voting form, to the school ballot box located at the front office. Alternatively you can post your completed voting form back in the envelope provided, but ensure it has plenty of time to get to us by 4pm Friday 4th December.

If you want to know more information about what Becoming a Trustee means, go to 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

Step by step together we REACH new heights!

November

- 2nd – 6th Bookweek & Book Fair
- 4th Norwest Volleyball comp, Massey HS
- 5th 24hr Bike A-Thon community event starts 4.30pm
- 6th 24hr Bike A-Thon finishes 3.00pm
- 9th Bookweek Parade
- 10th New Entrant & Yr 8 leavers school photos
- 11th Moemoe Fou Zoo trip
- 17th – 20th National Young Leaders Wellington trip
- 19th NorWest Athletics, Trusts Stadium
- 23rd PTA meeting, 6pm
- 25th BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm
- 26th Halberg Sports for Kahukura, 9am-12.30pm
- 27th Whole School End of Year Festival
- 30th Parent Helpers morning tea, 11am, hall

December

- 2nd Kauri team trip to Cornwallis
- 9th BOT meeting
- 11th Yr 7/8 dinner & dance. 6pm start for Yr 8's Senior prizegiving – time to be confirmed
- 14th Whole school Big Day In fun day
- 15th **School closes, 1.00pm**
End of Term Four

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

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Scholastic Book club issue 7** has been sent home along with information about the **Book Fair** which will be held in the Library from 2nd - 6th November. Book Club orders are due back by Monday 9th 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
- 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 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
- **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 for more information.
- **Change of contact details.** Please email us at lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz if your contact details change at any time. Thank you.



Torpedo7 are having a huge Friends & Family sale with up to 50% off sports gear.

Bring this coupon to a Torpedo7 store to redeem from 4th to 17th November 2020, or use to order online – enter Code FF-9503-C978 at online checkout.