



Kia ora Whanau

We have finally made it to the end of the 2020 school year. It has certainly had its up's and down's with one national lockdown and one regional lockdown, and disruption with building works happening, but we got through it together. We expect 2021 to be more settled with everyone back in their refurbished spaces which we know our students (and teachers) will enjoy.

**End of Year Festival** – Thank you to all of our students and school community for your support in making this event a night of fun.

**Christmas raffle winners** – Congratulations to JJ Fotu (Hamper 1), Taisei Taupo (Hamper 2) and Mitchell Wright (Hamper 3). The winner of the quilt is Karen Irving. Thank you everyone who supported in buying a ticket.

**BOT mid-term elections** - On 10<sup>th</sup> December we posted elections voting results on Facebook and the Skool Loop App. Congratulations to Sean Carter and Raewyn Clark who were successful and officially joined the Board of Trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Our thanks go to all who stood, demonstrating that our school community is strong and engaged.

**Farewell to staff** – Tomorrow we say farewell to Mrs Talafou and Miss Tiapapa who are moving on to pastures new in their careers. We wish them both well and I'm sure our students, staff and school community wish them well too.

**New staff to welcome** – Miss Emily Bingham is a Beginning Teacher and will be teaching Yr 5/6 in Rm 18 under Team Leader Ms Heynen. Mrs Losi Hunter will be teaching a Yr 0-2 Samoan Bilingual class in Rm 4 under Team Leader Ms Asafo. If you see them about please welcome them to our school. Miss Rachel Pattermore is a Beginning Teacher and will be teaching Yr 7/8 under Mrs Emily Auva'a.

**2021 office hours** – The school office will be open from 9.00am to 1.00pm for enrolments and uniform orders for the four days before term one begins; Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**2021 Stationery orders** – Mr Kite will be letting parents know how to order stationery early next year.

**2021 School start date** – School will open for instruction on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Students are welcome to be on-site at 8.30am. School starts at 8.50am. It is important that students are on-time every day to get the benefit of being part of a group and engage in their learning. If your child is unwell please let the office know, then send your child with a note on their return to school. We appreciate your cooperation.

**School closes tomorrow (Tuesday) at 1.00pm** - Please ensure you have made arrangements to collect your child at 1.00pm. SKIDS will be open for after school care in the hall from 1.00pm. Contact Sam directly by emailing [manel@skids.co.nz](mailto:manel@skids.co.nz) or phone 027 814 0380.

**Kai Kora Ka Ako Healthy Lunches programme** – Will be rolled out from the start of 2021. This will mean that every day all children will receive a free lunch. This new Ministry of Education initiative will be welcome to many, with a healthy lunch being provided every day throughout the school year. Those with specific dietary requirements should notify the office by emailing [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) if this information has not already been communicated to school. Fruit in Schools will continue, providing our children with fresh fruit each day.

**Medication held at the office** – If your child has medication that needs administering during school hours please deliver it to the office clearly marked with the child's name/Room number.

**Change of contact details** – If you have changed your address or other contact details recently, or plan to before the start of the 2021 school year, can you please let the office know by either texting 022 043 3026 or emailing [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) Having up-to-date contact details is important so that we can contact you if there is an emergency or your child has an accident while at school.

**Senior Prize giving** – Congratulations to all our senior students who successfully completed their Primary education and are heading to high school next year. We believe that our senior students have demonstrated service, resilience and perseverance this year and we know they will do well in the future. Special congratulations go out to Pearl Mayion who is our highest achieving student receiving Dux and to Maggie Burnell who is our Proxime Accesset – the runner up to the Dux. I also wish to thank Phoenix who was our MC for the afternoon – she did an incredible job. She also did incredibly well at the Massey High School Senior Prize giving, receiving the award for 'Highest Achieving Maori student'. Next year Phoenix will be heading to Auckland University to begin a conjoint Law and Science (Chemistry) degree.

Enjoy your holidays everyone. Take the time to rest and relax with loved ones. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2021.

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Mid Term Elections vote results:**

Sean Carter	32 votes
Raewyn Clark	29 votes
Sarah Clay	27 votes
Agnes Howe	14 votes
Jaclyn Rewharewha	6 votes
Sally Tuioti	20 votes

Congratulations to Sean Carter and Raewyn Clark who were voted on to our Board of Trustees by our parent community. Sean and Raewyn officially took office on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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

**January 2021**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Library open 10am-2pm for Summer Reading programme
- 13<sup>th</sup> Library open 10am-2pm for Summer Reading programme
- 20<sup>th</sup> Library open 10am-2pm for Summer Reading programme
- 27<sup>th</sup> Library open 10am-2pm for Summer Reading programme

**February 2021**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Office open 9am to 1pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Office open 9am to 1pm
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- 4<sup>th</sup> Office open 9am to 1pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Office open 9am to 1pm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Waitangi Day observance
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> **School restarts for Term One** – 8.50am  
Free school lunch programme begins

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

**GENERAL NOTICES**

- **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. Playgroup closes December 17<sup>th</sup> for 2020.
- 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)
- **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 to enrol your child in the holidays programme, or for before and after school care in 2021 by phoning 0800 187 000, or emailing [manel@skids.co.nz](mailto:manel@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.
- **Samoan Bi Lingual Education.** Lincoln Heights is one of only a few schools that offers Samoan Bilingual Education at Primary School. If you have family that wish to join our school and develop their literacy in Samoan, please encourage them to come and enrol. We would love to continue to grow Moemoe Fou, but can only do this with a steady roll.

Today the weather turned on a perfect day for our children to enjoy Big Day In.

