



Kia ora Whanau

Welcome back. What a crazy start to the year it has been with 4 days back and then a lockdown! Please be assured that school is a safe place to be, our processes are well established and we want your children here so they can build relationships and reach their personal goals.

Unfortunately during level 2 we require parents to remain off-site during transition times, where there is a very low, but possible, opportunity for contact. These times are before school 8:15am – 9am, and pick up time 2:30pm – 3pm. We have returned to the gates being locked and access restricted. If you do need to access the school, please contact the office and they will let you in (09) 833 7480. Once at school, we require you to sign in using the Covid QR code and use the sanitiser provided. If your child is just new to school, please contact Hannah King the Pohutukawa Team Leader through the school office or via email to arrange an alternative to walking your child to their classroom or picking them up.

As there is a restriction on gathering sizes (less than 100) during level 2, we will be unable to have our Mihi Whakatau next week or our planned Whanau Sports Day. Both of these important events have been postponed until later in the term. We will get an updated term calendar out to you shortly.

It is always important to keep your child home if they are sick, however, this is especially true at this time. If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will require them to be picked up. This is to ensure they have a speedy recovery, but also to protect the health of our students and staff. We really appreciate your support with this.

Welcome to our new families to the school. Remember to like and request to join our Facebook page – Lincoln Heights School Official, and to download the free Skool Loop app for the latest updates, and newsletters. Newsletters are also put up on to our website fortnightly on a Wednesday.

Welcome to new teachers to our school in 2021 – Losi Hunter is in Rm 3 and teaching Yr 0-2 in our Samoan Bilingual unit, Emily Bingham is in Rm 17 teaching Yr 5/6, and Rachel Pattermore is in Rm 23 teaching Yr 7/8. These amazing women bring strengths and a passion for teaching and learning and we are excited that they have joined our learning community.



Free School Lunches have begun and we are excited by the variety of meals being provided! I want to thank the team at Spotless Catering for providing 1,000 wraps during lockdown and all the families that were able to enjoy them. I know I loved mine heated up in the toasted sandwich maker. As with anything new, there will be teething problems, but the team at Spotless are quick to respond to our feedback. I do encourage you to pop an extra snack into your child's lunch box if they are a particularly picky eater. Unfortunately we cannot send out a menu each week, but would ask that you encourage your child to at least try the meal.

We have a position available sorting and delivering the lunches to classes each day – the position is for 15 hours per week (3 hours per day) during term time 11am – 2pm. The pay rate is \$21.84 per hour. The role involves sorting the lunches into class lots and delivering them to classrooms. The successful applicant will need to pay attention to detail and be physically able to lift a full bread tray – approximately 12kgs. If you are interested in applying, please send your cv to leishab@lincolnheights.school.nz.

Children with allergies are having their meals prepared and packaged separately and they arrive at school on a special tray with each child's name. This includes children who have special dietary requirements for religious reasons. If your child has allergies or their allergies have changed, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can update our records. For children with allergies we will be in touch to get a safety plan to ensure we have the most appropriate response for them.



August and Winter are back at school. They are particularly fond of the ends of broccoli and cauliflower at the moment, though like children, their tastes change quite regularly. If you do have any leftovers after making dinner, please send them along with your child and they will be happily munched up and appreciated by the goats. They have definitely grown over the summer break and have missed the attention from their many adoring fans at school. I must say driving to school with them today was interesting and I got a lot of curious looks from other drivers!



A reminder to parents that should any personal details change, including address/phone numbers, please email us at lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz so that we can update our records. In the event of an emergency, having correct contact details is crucial for communicating with you.

If your child is on medication and needs this administered during school hours, please send it to the office, clearly marked with your child's full name and classroom number. This message also applies for inhalers, keeping a spare at school is helpful in the event it is needed.

Terms one and four are sunhat terms. It is compulsory for all children to wear a hat during break times. Please clearly mark your child's hat and ensure they have it in their bag every day. Our policy is 'no hat, no play'.

Before and After School Care – SKIDS run before and after school care at Lincoln Heights at affordable rates. SKIDS have moved back to their old room, Rm 28, beside the library. Contact Sam direct for bookings.

Room number changes – you may have noticed that the room numbers around the school have changed and that our teams are now located in different areas. These changes were made in response to a number of rooms being removed off our site and to allow us to have sequenced room numbers. If you are not sure where your child's class is, please ask for directions at the office.

If you are visiting school to drop off lunches or help in the classroom (which we will welcome once we are back in level 1) please sign in at the office. All visitors at the school must be recorded as a health and safety requirement.

Have a great week!

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome back to our learners, parents, whānau and staff from your Board of Trustees, and a warm welcome to new whanau to the school in 2021.

This year we have one goal: To raise student achievement to 70% at or above, in core curriculum areas, and increase student engagement (to 80% in every class) for ALL learners.

As a Board, our number one priority is raising student achievement. We have taken the decision to focus solely on this goal in our Annual Plan.

Key components in our strategy to achieve this that you, our valued parents and community, can help us with, are as follows:

- Prioritise your child's attendance
- Attend our learning focussed parent evenings (parent interviews)
- Attend school events such as whānau sports day, art week exhibition and other events throughout the year as they come up
- Participate in our surveys so we have your feedback and input on issues.

Together, these will make a strong contribution towards our school's overall goal.

Our Board is made up of four parent elected trustees and one staff elected trustee. They are:

Reuben Baker, Chairperson, Parent Elected

Raewyn Clark, Deputy Chairperson, Parent Elected

Sean Carter, Parent Elected Trustee

Lillian Hansell, Parent Elected Trustee

Gordon Irving, Staff Elected Trustee

The Board can be contacted by emailing The Chairperson: bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

Step by step together we REACH new heights!

TERM ONE 2021

February

- 24th Yrs 5/6 Piha surfing trip
BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm
- 26th NW Yrs 7/8 Tag competition, Moire Park, all day

March 2021

- 4th Reading Together, Workshop 1, 5pm – 6.30pm
- 8th NW Tee Ball competition, Rosedale Park, TBC
- 11th Reading Together, Workshop 2, 5pm – 6.30pm
Kahukura cupcake fundraiser, items from 50c
- 18th Reading Together, Workshop 3, 5pm – 6.30pm
- 31st Kauri team, Coast to Coast walk
BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm

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

TERM ONE	9 th February – 16 th April
TERM TWO	3 rd May – 9 th July
TERM THREE	26 th July – 1 st October
TERM FOUR	18 th October – 17 th December

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 the room on the top playing field, nearest Doone Place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Email Coordinator Kate at lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz for more information.
- Do you have an **under five child at home that will be starting school soon?** If you have a pre-schooler that will be starting with us soon, please drop in to the office to give names and date of birth, or email the information to 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 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. For enrolments 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.