



Kia ora Whanau

A warm welcome to Michaela, Amanda, Olivia and Va'ava'aitu. Michaela and Amanda are our two Catering Assistants who will be distributing school lunches on a daily basis. We were overwhelmed with applications, all of a high calibre, and thank everyone who submitted their application. Olivia will be working on our gardens to release Gordon to work on other projects. Va'ava'aitu will be working in Moemoe Fou supporting with our bilingual unit. Welcome to our school.

Used school uniforms. If you would like to donate your child's school uniform they would be gratefully received. We can forward them on to those families who are in need.

Because of the unexpected lockdown the annual **Whanau Sports Day** was cancelled. In its place we will be holding an open evening where you can pop in and visit your child's classroom. As this date coincides with the end of Bookweek there will be some fabulous displays for you to see and the Library will be open. We will have a fabulous survey and a sausage sizzle. I hope you will join us for an informal meeting and a chance to catch up after such an unsettled start to the year. We are looking forward to seeing you on **15th April from 3:30pm - 5:00pm.**

Last week we bid farewell Atua Asafo, Moemoe Fou Team Leader in Room 6. We are pleased to welcome Ms Kapeneta Palmer who has taken over from Atua. Ms Palmer is fluent in Samoan and other languages and has experience in teaching overseas. We are sad to see Atua leaving our school, but are excited for the opportunities Kapeneta will provide for our learners.

The School Lunch Programme is going well, and we are working with our supplier to iron out some of the inconsistencies in the lunches. As we have said before, if your child struggles to try new foods or has very specific tastes, please continue to send them to school with lunch. We will always encourage children to try the food, but will never force them if they don't want to. If your child's dietary needs have changed due to allergies, please request a dietary form from the office, fill it in, sign it and return it to us and we can update your child's records.

As the weather is getting more unpredictable, parents will be wanting to drop off children closer to the school entrance. Please follow the road markings and avoid parking on the double yellow lines or bus stop. We have had some near misses with cars parked illegally and children not being seen or able to see oncoming traffic. Road safety around schools is all of our responsibility. We are working with Auckland Transport on addressing the congestion issues outside of the Keegan Drive entrance but we all need to be vigilant.

We have noticed an increase in tagging happening after school. This is really disappointing as it takes time and funds away from the exciting things we want to do to improve our environment. If you see tagging in the school, please drop an email to Gordon gordoni@lincolnheights.school.nz - preferably with a photo so we can remove it as soon as possible. We want to have the best environment to learn in, tagging isn't part of that and won't be tolerated. If your child talks to you about people who are tagging in school, please let us know - this can be anonymous.

The Easter break is fast approaching - just reminding you that school will be closed from Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April inclusive, opening again for instruction on Wednesday 7th April. Contact SKIDS directly to make Care arrangements should you need them for Tuesday 6th April.

Daylight saving ends on 4 April. Remember to put your clocks back 1 hour.



Even though we have had an unsettled start to the year, there is some amazing learning happening around the school.

Here are some photos of the amazing statistics investigations happening in Room 3. The class were collecting, sorting and graphing the data they found and then talking about their findings.

One of their investigations was about M&M's - at the end of their investigation, they got to eat their data! Now that sounds like a fun way to learn about statistics!

August and Winter have settled into the new enclosure that Gordon built for them - they are loving the visits at break times - remember if you have some left over broccoli or carrots, they love to eat them!

Ehara tāku toa takitahi, engari he toa takatini.

My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

Have a great week, enjoy the crisp Autumn weather!

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes
PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board recently completed a New Zealand School Trustees Association survey. Survey results showed that we are well integrated and a high functioning Board. Our parent community can rest assured that our Board has our children's best interests at the core of what we do.

Your parent elected Board comprises of:-

Reuben Baker, Chairperson

Sean Carter

Raewyn Clark

Lillian Hansell

Gordon Irving

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

Step by step together we REACH new heights!

TERM ONE 2021

March

- 18th Kahukura Cupcake sale fundraiser, morning tea, \$2.00 each
- 24th Last day for netball permission slips to be returned to office
- 25th Nikau team trip to Auckland Zoo
- 30th Duffy Books Assembly, 2pm
- 31st Kauri Team Coast to Coast trip
BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

April

- 1st NorWest Netball registrations due back to office
- 2nd Good Friday, School closed
- 5th Easter Monday, School closed
- 6th School closed
- 9th Pohutukawa team trip to MERC, Long Bay
- 14th Whole school and individual photos
- 15th Whanau classrooms open afternoon, from 3.30pm
- 16th Last day Term One, school closes 3.00pm

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

- **Kahukura Cupcake fundraiser**, Thursday 18th March. Cupcakes for sale \$2.00 each, from morning tea from Kahukura. Get in quick!
- **Scholastic Book Club** issue number 2 - orders need to be in to the office by Friday March 26th.
- **Entertainment Books** are back! From dining to shopping, to travel, get more of what you love. Share in the good, with up to 50% OFF AND 2 for 1 deals in your city, and across New Zealand and Australia. Log on to www.entbook.co.nz/100i258 to find out more about subscription, discounts and getting the app on your phone to access great deals.
- Waitakere Indian Association is holding their annual **Colour Festival** at Trusts Arena, Central Park Drive on Sunday 28th March from 10am to 5.00pm. All are welcome to come along and see the cultural performances, food and other exciting events scheduled.
- **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 Rm 28 beside the Library. Quality care is available from 7am until 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. SKiDS also operate a Holiday Programme during term breaks. 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.



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