



Kia ora Whanau

With the **school being closed** on Tuesday 6th April, SKIDS will be open for childcare for the day. Contact Sam directly on 022 654 5248 to book your child/children in. Like many of you, I have wondered about when this day originated and why it only applies to education. The holiday itself has been around since the 1940s and was part of the midterm break when schools had 4 terms. In 1996 schools went to 3 terms and the Easter Tuesday, mostly fell in the term 1 break – so we can forget it exists. In fact between 1996 and 2021, there have only been 7 years where the Tuesday has fallen outside of the school break!

If you are new to the school have you thought of joining our newly branded Whanau and Friends of Lincoln Heights (formally known as **PTA**)? We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated parents who fundraise for our school and meet once a month in the staffroom. Meetings are fun and the company is great, there are even snacks! Why not come along and see what the team is up to! Contact pta@lincolnheights.school.nz to find out more. PTA are looking for a Treasurer, all training and support provided. Many thanks to Debbie Iles who fulfilled this important role.

A huge **thanks** for supporting our Kahukura bake sale last week. Our students and staff appreciate the support of our community with their fundraising efforts.

Photolife will be on-site Wednesday 14th April for whole school class and individual photos. All photo ordering is now done online. It is important to remember that if you have more than one child being photographed on the day that you complete the sibling form and return it to the office. Photographs will only be taken if the sibling forms have been returned to the office **before** photo day. Please ensure your child is dressed in a clean full uniform on the day. An information sheet has been included with this newsletter.

A reminder that **Whanau Open Classroom afternoon is happening from 3.30pm on Thursday 15th April**. This is an ideal opportunity to stop in and have an informal chat with your child's teacher and see the space that they spend so much time in. The Library will also be open for parents to visit.

Miss Bower needs willing parents to help with Netball coaching. We are reliant upon parents helping out to support our players. If you have some spare time and can help, contact Miss Bower by emailing aishab@lincolnheights.school.nz

We are getting a number of students coming to the office daily that are feeling unwell. With being in the midst of a global pandemic we ask parents to please **not send your child to school if they are unwell**. Please keep unwell children at home until they are fully recovered. This will reduce others getting unwell. We will be sending children home if they have a cough or runny nose as part of our response to keeping all children and staff safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Teacher interviews are coming up next term, keep Wednesday 12th May or Thursday 13th May free to attend. School will close at 1.00pm on Wednesday 12th for interviews to begin at 1.30pm until 7.30pm. Interviews can be booked for Thursday from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Bookings can be made online from 1st April using booking code **bbmmp** via www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Many thanks to **the Duffy team and NZ Police** for their visit yesterday. It was so exciting to see a helicopter land on the field. I am not sure who was the most excited, the children or staff! It was a very exciting end to a rainy day!



We are continuing to work with Auckland Transport, the Council and Police to ensure our children are safe crossing the road and walking to school. With the weather becoming more unsettled, visibility reduces and we all need to be more vigilant when driving around school. Please be considerate of all students and park safely on Keegan Drive, or consider using the Doone Place entrance as your meeting place.

Thank you to the parents who respectfully spoke to the children who were tagging at school and then informed the staff. We really appreciate your support in keeping our school graffiti free. The school gates are kept unlocked to allow access to the school for our Lincoln Heights Whanau to enjoy.

Our school roll is growing which is a reflection of all the amazing things happening in school and the growth across the Auckland Region. **If you have a pre-school child turning 5 this year, please come in and pre-enrol them.** This will help us to plan and ensure we have enough staffing, that you are notified of the two pre-school visits, and can have your induction before your child turns 5. We are committed to ensuring that our class sizes remain small and appreciate your support in helping us to plan for our growing junior school.

School closes at 3.00pm this Thursday 1st April for Easter. On behalf of our Board of Trustees and staff at Lincoln Heights, we wish all our families a restful and safe Easter break and will see all students back at school by 8.50am on Wednesday 7th April.

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!

TERMS ONE AND TWO 2021

April		May	
1 st	NorWest Netball registrations due back to office	3 rd	Term Two starts, 8.50am
2 nd	Good Friday, School closed	5 th	BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
5 th	Easter Monday, School closed	8 th	NorWest netball season begins @ West Harbour School
6 th	Tuesday after Easter, School closed	10 th -14 th	Sign Language Week
9 th	Pohutukawa team trip to MERC, Long Bay	12 th	Parent Teacher interviews from 1.30pm. School closes 1pm
14 th	Whole school and individual photos	13 th	Parent Teacher interviews from 3.30pm
15 th	Whanau classrooms open afternoon, from 3.30pm	17 th – 21 st	Road Safety Week
16 th	Last day Term One , school closes 3.00pm	21 st	Pohutukawa team trip to Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre
		24 th – 28 th	Samoan Language Week
		26 th	BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

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

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

GENERAL NOTICES

- **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.
- Waitemata Football Club, McLeod Road, Henderson, are seeking interest from any girls keen to play **football**. Contact Coach Barry Homan on 027 299 0691, or get in touch via their website, www.waitematafc.org.nz
- **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.
- GKR operate **Karate** sessions in the Lincoln Heights School Hall every Wednesday evening from 6.30pm. If you would like to know more please contact Hayden Gwynne by emailing hgwynne@gkrkarate.com
- **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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Simple free download:
In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

Available on the App Store