



Kia ora Whanau

Welcome back to a new term. There is a lot going on in this ten week term.

Our whanau open classroom on Thursday of last term was well supported by our parent community. The meat pack raffle winners were Simon Auva'a and Sin Heng. Congratulations and thank you parents for your ongoing support.

The outcome of the survey done at the whanau open afternoon has been shared with the Board. The majority of parents and students are very happy with the current uniform, but would like the school to look at introducing a Year 7/8 uniform in the future. Developing this new senior uniform will be a long process especially with the Board's desire to consult with students and whanau. With that in mind, we expect that this will be implemented in 2022 at the earliest. One of the issues raised was around the cost of the uniform. While we don't have immediate solutions to cost, the price is very similar to other local schools. Please also remember that our shorts, pants and skirts have no logo or brand on them and are a plain navy colour. These items can be purchased from The Warehouse, Postie or K-mart for significantly reduced costs. We are also looking into some of the suggestions made through the survey around material and printing/logo and we will be discussing options with our current supplier. I will update you on any outcomes of those discussions at a later date.

To meet the Sun Safe Policy the Board resolved to introduce a compulsory school hat. The navy hat will have a House colour on the inside and be sold from the office towards the end of term three for \$10. This new addition to our school uniform will ensure that all children are well protected from the sun. We will include some photos as soon as we have some in stock. Thank you for supporting us with this uniform addition. Wearing a sunhat is compulsory in terms 1 and 4.

**Parent/Teacher interviews** are being held today and again tomorrow from 3.30pm. If you have not already booked a time online to meet with your child's teacher, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), code is **bbmmp**. Alternatively, you can call the office between 8am and 3.45pm if you need support with booking. Remember that whanau engagement has a direct impact on student achievement and our school goal is to have 95% of parents and caregivers attending these meetings.

You will have noticed that the front pedestrian gate is closed and that the work on the new hūpara (natural playground) and front entrance has begun. We are very excited about this project and hope to have it completed this term. We remind you that the area is fenced off and the pedestrian gate by the driveway will be closed during the works. Children and parents can still access the school via the second lower pedestrian gate on Keegan Drive or alternatively, if you are driving, you might choose to use the Lilburn Ave or Doone Place entrances. We know that the completed project will make the disruption worthwhile.

With the unpredictable weather and the fun that can be had playing in the rain, it is advisable to send a change of clothes to school with your child. We don't have enough spare uniforms to provide dry clothes if children get wet. If you do have a spare uniform that is no longer required, please consider donating it to school. We would love to have it and will ensure it is well used.

Student medication. We remind parents that it is your responsibility to ensure the school is given any current medication your child may require. We must be updated of any allergies or medical conditions that your child may experience while at school. Contact the office on [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) if you need to update us.

In the last few days of last term myself and our Board attended the NZ School Trustees Association conference held in Rotorua. The annual conference is a good opportunity for our Board to attend professional development that assists them to govern. We are fortunate to have a cohesive Board that works together to achieve excellent outcomes for our students by attending professional development in their own time.

On the week starting **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, myself, Toby Kite, Mrs Auva'a and 19 **Leadership Academy** students will be travelling to Hamilton to attend the National Young Leaders Day on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Our children will be hosted at a Waikato marae to have a true cultural experience. Information was sent home on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May to families of children who have been selected, there is no cost to students. **Can permission slips be returned to the office no later than this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May please.**

To celebrate Matariki, we will be having a whanau evening on July 1<sup>st</sup> and selling hangi plates. We will send more information about how the evening will look in a special notice so keep an eye out. Our last Matariki celebration was very successful and our hangi was delicious so we encourage you to pre-order to ensure you don't miss out on the night.

**Communication.** We do our best to ensure parents are given plenty of warning for upcoming events. We acknowledge sometimes we may get the timing wrong and apologise should this be the case. We remind parents that information can be found about school events via a number of sources, for example, the website, Facebook, fortnightly newsletters that come home with your youngest child, and the Skool Loop app. As a parent we urge you to read newsletters and check other mediums for notices. We understand our parents lead busy lives, but taking a few moments to read notices will save time and avoid any confusion. If you are having difficulty with keeping up-to-date, are not receiving the newsletters or have not downloaded the free Skool Loop app, please get in touch with us so we can look at ways to support you and improve our system. If you are unsure of an upcoming event, please give the office a call and we can advise you. Thank you.

From time to time an issue may arise that needs a resolution. On our website you can see the full complaints process, but in the first instance you would discuss the matter with the teacher, if there is no resolution or you still feel dissatisfied, then the issue is moved to the Team Leader followed by DP's and then Principal. Finally, if you still feel that there has been no resolution and have followed the process steps, or you are not satisfied with the resolution, or your complaint is about the Principal, you can submit a complaint to the Board in writing. This can be done through the Board email which goes directly to the Presiding Member (Board Chairperson) [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz). We know this is a long process, but many issues are complex and deserve the time to be resolved. If you do have any concerns, we encourage you to talk to us, as often the most serious concerns from whanau are ones that we have not been made aware of when the problem was small. School works best when we are a team and we are working towards great outcomes for our all children.

We have an upcoming **Teacher Only Day on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>**. SKiDs will be available to support with childcare if needed. Please contact Sam directly to book your child/ren in. This is followed by **Queen's Birthday on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** allowing for an extra long, 'long weekend'!

Ka kite

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board is looking for someone to bring Tikanga knowledge and connections to complement their existing skillsets. If you have strong knowledge of Tikanga and would like to know more, contact either Leisha Byrnes or Reuben Baker, Presiding Member.

Your parent elected Board comprises of:-

Reuben Baker, Presiding Member

Sean Carter

Raewyn Clark

Lillian Hansell

Gordon Irving, Staff Representative

The Board can be contacted by emailing the Presiding Member: [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz)

The Board will be implementing a new policy system through School Docs. This system will allow all our whanau to access relevant policies through a password protected portal in a timely manner and will replace our current hardcopy system.

Step by step together we REACH new heights!

TERM TWO 2021

May		June	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher interviews today from 1.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kauri Team trip to Mangere Mountain
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher interviews from 3.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closed.</b> Teacher Only Day
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Road Safety Week	7 <sup>th</sup>	Queens Birthday observance. <b>School Closed</b>
	3x3 Basketball, Trusts Stadium, 4.15pm Yr 3 / 4; 5pm Yr 5/6	15 <sup>th</sup>	National Young Leaders Day, Hamilton
	Suzy Cato Sounds Fun Event, Spark Arena	18 <sup>th</sup>	Kahukura & Rm 3 trip to Kelly Tarlton's Marine Aquarium
21 <sup>st</sup>	Pohutukawa trip to Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre	21 <sup>st</sup>	3x3 Basketball, Trusts Stadium, 4.15pm Yr 3 / 4; 5pm Yr 5/6
	Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Mufti Day, gold coin donation	28 <sup>th</sup>	3x3 Basketball, Trusts Stadium, 4.15pm Yr 3 / 4; 5pm Yr 5/6
24 <sup>th</sup>	Whanau & Friends meeting (formerly PTA), 6.30pm, staffroom	30 <sup>th</sup>	BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
	3x3 Basketball, Trusts Stadium, 4.15pm Yr 3 / 4; 5pm Yr 5/6	<b>TERM TWO</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Norwest Yr 7/8 Boys Soccer Comp	<b>TERM THREE</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom	<b>TERM FOUR</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Norwest Yr 7/8 Girls Soccer Comp		

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

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Entertainment Books** – don't forget to purchase yours from the office to be in to get discounts on shopping, travel and activities nationwide. Log on to [www.entbook.co.nz/100i258](http://www.entbook.co.nz/100i258) to find out more about subscription, discounts and getting the app on your phone to access great deals.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 027 814 0380, or emailing [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto: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](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.



A Lion in the Meadow and Other Stories by Margaret Mahy is playing live at Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre, Glendale Rd, Glen Eden from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Shows are 10.30am and 1.00pm daily.

Tickets available online [www.timbray.org.nz](http://www.timbray.org.nz)

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