



Kia ora Whanau

This will be our last newsletter for 2021. It is hard to believe the year is almost over! We hope that 2022 will be a more consistent year of learning without any interruptions. There will be some changes to how school runs, but we hope that with clear guidelines from the Ministry of Education we can provide some consistency.

**School will close for on-site instruction on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm. There will be zoom sessions on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December to allow all students to connect with their class and team to say goodbye.**

**The Senior Prizegiving** will look different this year, there will be a video shared to Facebook next week. The teachers of the senior school will contact those families with more details.

**Meeting the 2022 teacher** – With restrictions meaning our students cannot meet their 2022 teacher this year, we will be reverting to the old school system of assembling all children on the first day of school Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.50am and putting them into their new classes. There will be staff on hand to connect with children as they arrive and guide them to the right space to meet. Junior children – Year 0-4 will be meeting outside of the ILE area and Year 5-8 children will be meeting under the shade structure. As we are not sure what 'Traffic Light' colour we will be under, we are not sure if parents will be able to be on-site.

**Reports** - If your child is at school, we will give your child their report on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December to bring home. If your child is not attending school, you can collect their report and any personal stationery from the school gate on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you would like to take this option. The report will also have their next years' teacher information with the report.

**Farewelling staff** - Our amazing Miss Pattermore is moving house and has made the difficult decision to leave Lincoln Heights School. We will miss her heaps and know she will be amazing at her new school.

**Welcoming new staff** - We have some amazing staff joining us next year. Ms Courtney Dwyer, Rm 19; Mrs Kemp, Rm 8; Mr Hamlin, Rm 24, will be joining our teacher teams and Mrs Amanda Shoebridge will be our Resource Administrator taking over from Trena Lile. I know you will welcome them and make them feel like part of our school whanau.

Do you have any **five year olds that will be starting school next year?** If you do, can you please let us know so that we can prepare for them to join us in 2022. You can do this by emailing [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) and state your child's name and date of birth. We are hoping to start two year 1 classes at the start of the year and want to be able to plan for keeping our classes as small as possible. Knowing who will be enrolling with us, helps us to appoint new staff to achieve this.

We are still waiting for **sports uniforms to be returned** in readiness for the 2022 season. If you have a netball or basketball sports uniform at home that belongs to Lincoln Heights School can you please send it back with your child as soon as possible or make arrangements with office staff to get them returned. You can phone Tash or Geneva between 8.30am and 3.30pm daily.

**School Devices** - please return any school devices you have as soon as possible. We are wanting to ensure there are devices at school in readiness for the start of the 2022 year and need them to be serviced before being returned to classes. If the device has been damaged or lost, please contact [distancelearning@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:distancelearning@lincolnheights.school.nz) and let us know. We will have to refer unreturned devices to the Police in order to make an insurance claim.

**Year 7/8 immunisation programme** - Unfortunately Public Health Nurses have been unable to deliver the HPV Boostrix school based immunisation programme due to the current COVID-19 level 4/3 in the Auckland region. It is important your child receives this vaccine. If you consented for your child to receive an immunisation from the school based service, please arrange to get this done through your GP. This is a free service. For any queries please contact your local Public Health Nurse on (09) 833 1733 who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Our best wishes to you all for a merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Leisha Byrnes

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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Lincoln Heights School Board of Trustees wish all of our students and whanau a relaxing Christmas break and the opportunity to visit friends and whanau wherever they may be in New Zealand.

We are looking forward to having greater opportunities to connect with all of you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas wishes from Reuben Baker, Raewyn Clark, Sean Carter, Lillian Hansell, Ben Lynch and Gordon Irving.



**December**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, staffroom
- 16<sup>th</sup> School finishes at 3.00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Online Zoom sessions for students, starting 9.00am

**January 2022**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Office open 9am – 1pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Office open 9am – 3pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Office open 9am – 3pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Teacher Only Day**
- 31<sup>st</sup> **Auckland Anniversary Day – Holiday**

**February 2022**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Office open 9am-3pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Teacher Only Day**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> School restarts for 2022 at 8.50am
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Waitangi Day – Holiday**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

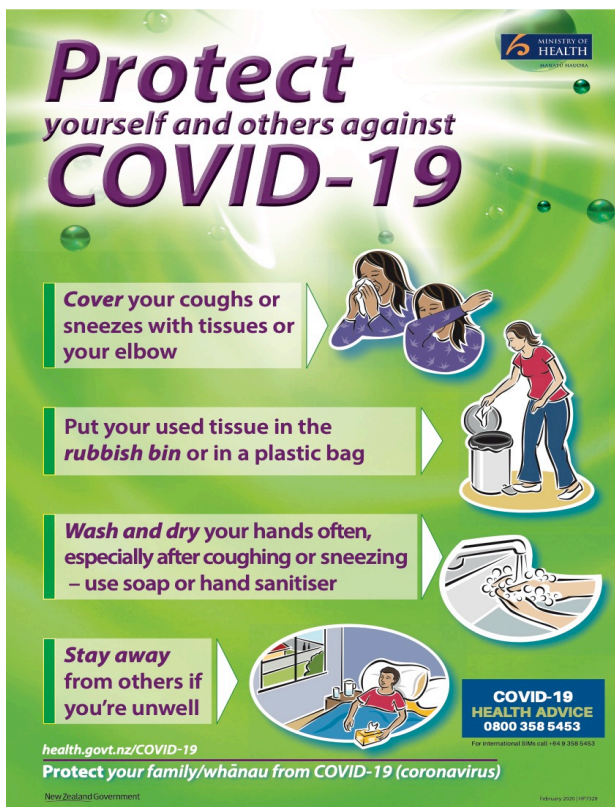
**SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN FOR INSTRUCTION ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2022.**

TERM ONE 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
TERM TWO 2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
TERM THREE 2022	25 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
TERM FOUR 2022	17 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

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

**GENERAL NOTICES**

- **Waitakere Bears** based at Starling Park, Glen Rd, Ranui are inviting interest in Tee-Ball, Softball and Baseball teams. Under 5's and Under 7's play for free. For more information go to the website [www.waitakerebears.co.nz](http://www.waitakerebears.co.nz) or go to the Facebook page - Waitakere Bears.
- **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 Manager Debbie at [debbie.clarke@aka.org.nz](mailto:debbie.clarke@aka.org.nz) for more information. Playgroup is not operating in Term Four this year.
- **SKIDS** Before and After School care is not available in Term Four. Contact Pip Davidson at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) by email, or phone 021 922 521.
- **Vistab sponsorship.** Vistab is an electronic automated sign in/sign out system for our pupils, staff, relieving teachers, volunteers, contractors and casual visitors to the school. Vistab is used by many schools nationally, including ours. It makes the sign in/sign out process at reception very quick and reliable, especially in the case of an emergency. Do you have a business or know of a business that would like to sponsor Vistab in our school? To find out more phone Tash at reception on 833 7480, or email [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz), subject heading VISTAB.



**Parent Maths Evening**

In 2022 we will be implementing a new maths programme called **'Maths No Problem'**.

It is based on the Singapore Maths approach and ensures all children have strong foundational maths knowledge.

If you want to know how this programme will work, the learning your child will do, and how you can support their learning, please join us for this parent evening being run by Alex Laurie.

**Monday 14 February 2022**  
 Lincoln Heights School Hall  
 5.30pm – 6.30pm