



Kia ora Whanau

A huge welcome back to our students for 2022, and also to our new families. It has been a while since our last newsletter!

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought uncertainty to all school's worldwide, however, as we look to those overseas who are further ahead, we know we can expect less disruptions. We know this will be a relief to many of you.

Due to the current COVID situation and the acceleration of cases, we have been forced to cancel or postpone some school events. While this is frustrating and unfortunate, we look forward to a time when we can return to some normality. We ask for your patience in the meantime and support your child/children with their learning should they be isolating at home. There are reading, writing and maths activities for each classroom that students can access online through Google Classroom. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact your child's teacher. We will not be issuing devices to families isolating at this time, as they are being used in classes.

As you will all know, only those identified as household contacts must isolate at home. If a RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) returns a positive result for COVID you will need to register those details on MyCovid. In the meantime, please do not send sick children to school. If they are unwell they must stay at home for their own wellbeing. By doing this will reduce the risk of infecting others. Thank you for your support.

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID national settings, parents and visitors are still not permitted on-site. We thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you to everyone who either came to school or attended via Zoom our parent evening to introduce Maths No Problem on 14th February. Congratulations to Peter Lee for winning the \$100 Pak n Save voucher prize draw.

School lunches. We are working closely with our lunch provider and have seen some positive changes to the lunches and are excited for the inclusion of hot lunches to the weekly menu next term.

Some things to remember for Term One:

Sunhats. If students are outside during break times, it is important they are wearing a sunhat. Every student has been issued with a Lincoln Heights School bucket hat with their house colour on the inside. The sunhat is a school required item. Should children lose their sunhat we have given them, and a replacement is needed they are available for purchase from the office for \$10.00 each. We strongly recommend naming your child's sunhat on the inside and also your child's uniform.

Masks. The Ministry of Health mandate is for students Years 4 and over to wear masks at all times. It is important to note that masks must be clean and without rips or tears. Surgical masks can be washed and hung to dry in the sunlight. If your child doesn't have a mask, one will be provided for them.

Welcome to our new staff. We welcome our new teaching staff of Miss Dwyer Rm 19, Mrs Kemp Rm 8, Mr Hamlin Rm 24 and Mr Schoffemeer Rm 21, plus Rebecca Nicholas, Kylie Lee and Paris George as Learning Support staff. We know you will make them welcome to feel part of our school whanau.

Property. Over the Christmas holidays there was much building activity around the school. The Hupara has been completed and we now have a safe entrance to the school for all pedestrians. The front canopy was replaced and although building works continued to be delayed, we now have a large canopy that provides easy access and shelter to our office area. The next lot of works that we hope will be underway soon is a property mods project which will include; inserting electronic doors at reception, better ramps to the hall and classrooms and some changes to the Kahukura doorways and access, so watch this space.

Math-Athon will be in full swing in Term 2. We have the greatest prize for the winning class with the highest dollar value collected. Our next newsletter will more information about this worthwhile fundraiser.

We know that many of you are feeling anxious about returning your children to school, but I want to assure you again that school is safe, there are good practises in place and learning is happening. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL



Some of our ROCK STAR learners!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Lincoln Heights School Board are responsible for the governance and direction of our school. Our Board have been working on our Annual Plan and our Strategic Plan and once graphics have been completed it will be posted onto our website once complete.

The other important work currently being done is reviewing all of our policies and procedures. We have engaged School Docs for this process and once the Board have signed off we will advise parents of the password to access a parent portal on our website in order to view any of our policies at any time.

Our trustees are:

Reuben Baker, Chairperson
Sean Carter
Raewyn Clark
Lillian Hansell
Gordon Irving
Ben Lynch

The Board meet monthly in the staffroom at 5.30pm.

Should you wish to contact the Chairperson, the email is bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

TERM ONE 2022

March

30th Totara team to Auckland Zoo

April

14th Teacher Only Day. School closed for instruction
15th Good Friday. School holidays begin.
School re-opens Monday 2nd May at 8.50am for Term Two

2022 TERM DATES

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

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

GENERAL NOTICES

- **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 for more information.
- **SKIDS** After School care. Contact Pip Davidson at 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, subject heading VISTAB.



BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!
sKids Lincoln Heights
Our Term 1 after school care bookings are now open, we're excited to see you soon!

www.skids.co.nz/book
Phone: 0800 274 172
Opening Hours: 3:00PM-6:00PM



Protect yourself and others against COVID-19

- Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow
- Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag
- Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser
- Stay away from others if you're unwell

health.govt.nz/COVID-19
Protect your family/whānau from COVID-19 (coronavirus)

COVID-19 HEALTH ADVICE
0800 358 5453