



Kia ora Whanau

This is our last paper newsletter! From next term we will be moving to online only newsletters. You can find our newsletter on Facebook, through the free Skool Loop app (please download if you haven't already) and on our Facebook Page Lincoln Heights School - Official. I would like to say on behalf of the Board and staff, we hope you and your whanau have a fun Easter break and get to spend quality time with loved ones to celebrate, and if travelling around the motu or further afield, we wish you all safe travels. We look forward to a settled term two for our tamariki to enjoy some great learning and success.

We will be having a focus on attendance and engagement next term and will be contacting whanau whose children have had inconsistent attendance to see how we can support children to positively re-engage. If your child's attendance drops below 90% it is a cause for concern as they miss vital learning opportunities to build friendships and access to learning supports if they are needed. As we head into winter, it is vital that children are only at home if they are sick or there is another valid reason. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please talk to your child's teacher directly or contact our SWIS Maria Kostanich via the school office.

**We remind you that Term One finishes for students next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April is a Staff Only Day for parent teacher interviews from 10am to 7pm.**

If you haven't already booked an interview time with your child's teacher online, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), **code is 9r25j**. If you are experiencing difficulty booking, please contact Tash in the office who will be happy to assist you. Our teaching staff are looking forward to meeting with you to talk about your child's success and for you to hear what has been happening in the classroom this term. Appointments are looking good, and there are still spaces available. Our goal is 85% attendance and there is a prize for the class with the highest percentage of parent attendance.

**North West Art Exhibition is running this week at NorthWest Mall.** If you are looking for something to do on the weekend, please visit the mall and see some of the amazing artwork created by our tamariki and other school's throughout the North West. Our art can be found at the Countdown end of the mall.

I thought I would just clarify the new isolation rules as some families are being impacted by COVID and we are getting enquiries from those unsure when their children can return to school. In summary:

- A positive case must isolate for 7 days and does NOT need a negative test to return to school after day 7, as long as they are symptom free
- All household contacts must test themselves on day 3 AND again on day 7
- If a different household member tests positive during your isolation, ONLY the positive case needs to start a new 7 day period of isolation (everyone else just does the first 7 days)
- Once you have finished your 7 days of isolation, you do NOT need to re-isolate if a household member tests positive within 10 days of the end of your isolation (as long as they are symptom free).

Our school is still open for everyone who is well – learning and the wellbeing and safety of our students remain our priority. Thank you so much to those families for letting the school know if you, your child or a household member tests positive either by phoning us on 833 7480 or emailing us on [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz). This not only helps us to understand the spread in our school community but also dictates the date that those family members can return to school.

Unfortunately, with the evolving situation at schools and the number of absences, NorWest cluster sports are not running at present. They are set to resume next term. This is disappointing for our students who always look forward to and do well at sports competitions. To keep our children involved in sports and active, our enthusiastic student Leadership Academy is running lunchtime sports on the top field and supervising bike riding using the bike track on alternate days, both are proving popular amongst our student community. A huge thanks to the student Leadership Academy for giving up their own time to support others to enjoy their lunchtimes. The Northwest netball season has been postponed until term 3 and will run a shortened season at West Harbour School. We will be looking for coaches and managers next term to start training, if this is something that interests you, please consider taking on a team.

Did you know that Lincoln Heights is a PB4L school? Positive Behaviour for Learning is a national programme that schools can participate in for children to be more engaged and achieve at school. This ties in with our own school R.E.A.C.H values of Respect, Engage, Aware, Celebrate and Honest. Students are rewarded with REACH cards when observed demonstrating any of the REACH values, whether in the playground or in class. Ask your child to tell you if they got a REACH card today, and why.

**Math-Athon** is happening next term, full details will go home on Friday! Talk to your child about what their tasks are around the math-athon and encourage them to participate. There are great prizes up for grabs. Don't miss out! Funds raised will go towards our playground development.

Heads up that whole school class and individual **photos will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. All students should be in a clean uniform and ready to smile for the camera. Orders are done online. Photolife send us order forms with individual codes for each child shortly after photo day. Delivery of photos to school is free if parents order before the cutoff date.

Have your contact details changed? If so, it is important to let us know. You can do this by phoning the office on 833 7480 or emailing us on [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) to give us your new details. Thank you for your cooperation.

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Around September of this year Triennial Board elections will be held across New Zealand. Our Board have elected for 14<sup>th</sup> September as voting day. We ask parents to start thinking about standing for nomination in July (more information to come at a later date on this). At this year's election there will be two vacancies. A Board should be culturally diverse to reflect our community and made up of a range of varying skill sets. Next term our trustees will each provide a short explanation about how they find the trusteeship role. We encourage parents to reach out and if interested, find out more by emailing Leisha or approaching an existing trustee, or emailing the Chairperson who can provide you with information.

Our trustees are: Reuben Baker, Chairperson [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz) Raewyn Clark Ben Lynch  
Sean Carter Lillian Hansell Gordon Irving

**The Board meet on the last Wednesday of each month in the staffroom at 5.30pm.**

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| <b>April</b>     |   | <b>May</b>          |   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Parent Teacher interviews 10am to 7pm<br>Staff Only Day | 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | School re-opens at 8.50am for Term Two                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Good Friday. School holidays begin                      | 10-11 <sup>th</sup> | Kauri & Moemoe Fou team trip to Vector Wero Whitewater Park |
|                  |   | 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Photolife class and individual school photos                |
|                  |   | 16-20 <sup>th</sup> | Bookweek – Theme Books that Sparkle/Make you Smile          |
|                  |   | 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Pohutukawa team trip to Zita Maria reserve, Rms 11-16       |

**2022 TERM DATES**

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| TERM ONE 2022   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April | TERM TWO - | 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  | 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!**



Some happy Totara team students learning at the Auckland Zoo trip last week.

**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](mailto:debbie.clarke@aka.org.nz) for more information.
- **SKIDS** is available for on-site After School care. Contact [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) by email for more information. Book your child into the School Holiday programme now.
- **Calling all Rugby kids!** Waitemata Rugby Club is back up and running for another season of junior Rugby. We have spaces across all grades from U6 Ripa through to U13 Restricted and Open Tackle grades. There is something for everyone. Go online now to register and show any interest in becoming a Coach or Referee for the season, [www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/143964](http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/143964) Enquiries to Karen Robertson, Administration Manager, ph 027 646 4278.

**SKIDS Holiday Programme – Get in early and book your child's place now.**

Go to [www.skids.co.nz/lincoln\\_heights](http://www.skids.co.nz/lincoln_heights)

# Holiday Programme

**19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
sKids Lincoln Heights  
Lincoln Heights School  
16 Keegan Drive, Massey

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| Learn to thrive  | Learn through play     | Wellness |
| Express yourself | Learn through movement |          |

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| <p><b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>CLOSED</b><br/><b>Easter Monday</b><br/>We'll see you tomorrow.</p>  | <p><b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Fall into Autumn</b><br/>Discover how clouds make rain, transform fallen leaves into works of art and become little ants on a log.</p>               | <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Rock Climbing</b><br/>Explore colourful climbing walls and challenge your friends to the top and reach for the stars!</p>   | <p><b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b><br/><b>Go Underground</b><br/>Look at what lives underground, make bats fly, test sticky ice, and make hedgehogs prickly with leaves</p> |
| <p><b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>CLOSED</b><br/><b>ANZAC Day</b><br/>We'll see you tomorrow.</p>  | <p><b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Creative Creatures</b><br/>Jnr's make monsters disappear, Snr's make claws to attack, we'll munch on paws and turn imaginary friends into dough.</p> | <p><b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Kites in the Sky</b><br/>Decorate your own designer kite, learn about how wind works, and fly kites in the Autumn wind!</p> | <p><b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Let's get Cooking!</b><br/>Flavour and protein are attacking the quesadilla towers and falafel! Who will save them?</p>           |
| <p><b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b><br/><b>Earth Day</b><br/>Honour mother nature and make our own beeswax wraps, learn about ocean water, make jars for a snack.</p> | <p><b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Fire, Water, Earth and Air</b><br/>Plant edible flowers in oreos, fly planes through targets, make jarred fireworks and marvels with water!</p>       | <p><b>TRIP</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>PREMIUM</b></p>  |   | <p><b>PREMIUM</b></p>  |   |

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