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LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - Term 2, Week 4 – 25th May 2022



Kia ora Whanau

We are already in week 4 of Term Two and there is plenty happening around our school.

We remind parents that **parking on school grounds is reserved for staff only** and pick up/drop off for Kahukura students. If you are going on a school trip please park on the road. Thank you for your cooperation.

Carparking on roads around school. Unfortunately we are finding that some people are parking illegally, particularly in the afternoons creating a dangerous situation for other motorists and our tamariki. We remind you that it is illegal to park in the bus stop, or on the broken yellow lines outside school. We have taken photographs of those vehicles breaking the law and have been in touch with authorities. We remind parents of the Doone Place entry/exit that can be used to pick up/drop off, or alternatively park a little further down the road and walk your child to the gate. Please support us to keep all our children safe.

Students at school in the mornings. Our tamariki are welcome on school grounds from 8.10am daily at the earliest. Before 8.30am there is limited supervision. SKiDS are considering opening Before School Care if there is enough parent interest. Please complete this short survey for SKiDS to gauge interest <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N856LTZ>

Bookweek celebrations last week were great fun. We hope that you got to see our Bookfair held in the Library over the week and might have even placed an order for books to help with our fundraising.

Math-Athon – Remember that your child should be practising their maths for the Math-athon test coming up on 17th June. Keep getting sponsors for your child. You can make payments into the school shop portal on the website to make things easier for you.

School policies and procedures are now live on our school website for parents to view any policy you might be interested in. Click on this link to access the portal, <http://www.lincolnheights.school.nz/> Click Kawa/Our School Policies and Procedures/School Policies (blue) – and then follow prompts.

Heads up that June has one Teacher Only Day and two statutory holidays as follows:

Friday 3rd June – Teachers attending Kahui Ako professional development

Monday 6th June – Queens Birthday observance

Friday 24th June – Matariki observance

School will be closed for instruction on the above dates. Please put these three important dates into your calendar.

With school **Board elections** coming up it is important that we have **your current contact information** on file to be able to send out information. If you have had any change to your phone number or address please email lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz or you can phone the office, or send a note to your child's teacher who will pass it on to the office for you.

Our school REACH values stand for: **R**espect. **E**ngage. **A**ware. **C**elebrate. **H**onest. Each newsletter we will ask you to talk about one of the letters from our school values. This week we should think about the word **Engage** – Engaged in my learning, my school and our community. What does it mean to be Engaged in these settings, how can we can be Engaged, with our whanau, our friends, our teachers and those around us. Talk to your child about how they were **Engaged** today.

Have a great week.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Elections - We would love you to put your name forward as a parent elective for Lincoln Heights School Board when nominations open in July. As the current Chairperson, I initially joined the Board mid 2019 and came with little knowledge of how a Board works and what influence they have on student achievement for a school. But I wanted to give back to the community for the way in which Lincoln Heights had given my son an amazing education in the Kahukura unit.

During my time on the Board I have learnt much, built great friendships and grown even more respect for the Senior Leadership Team that lead our school so well, and have been able to give input through my expertise as both a builder and Pastor of a church.

There has been a lot of opportunity for personal growth and develop of leadership skills through free training that can be accessed, and also by attending the annual NZSTA conference two years ago which provided me with much insight of varying aspects of a functioning Board that I previously had little knowledge of but which helped me to discharge my duties.

Our Board has been able to have collective input into major school building projects such as the shade structure replacement, roofing, classroom upgrades, redevelopment of the front entrance, and the Hupara development. It has been a privilege to be involved and see the school property shape and change to fit in with 21st century learning.

There is a time commitment necessary for reading documents, developing the Strategic Plan, analysis of student achievement and financial reporting but it is worth the time and effort to see how our school is flourishing with the great leaders we have and Board colleagues who support one another.

Our Board currently consists of a diverse group of down to earth people who are willing to share their knowledge and skills, to think outside the square and make decisions that will benefit our children at Lincoln Heights while still having a laugh when needed at meetings.

If you might be interested in becoming a trustee or want to know more to help you consider standing for nomination, please don't hesitate to email bot@lincolnheights.school.nz We would be happy to connect with you to talk further.

Reuben Baker
Lincoln Heights School Board Chairperson
(Parent elect)

Our trustees are:

Reuben Baker, Chairperson bot@lincolnheights.school.nz
Sean Carter, Raewyn Clark, Lillian Hansell, Ben Lynch, Gordon Irving

TERM TWO 2022

May

25th Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
30th Samoan Language Week

June

3rd Staff Only Day, school closed for instruction
6th Queens birthday observance. School closed
7th Totara & Kauri teams to Bruce Mason Theatre for A Midsummer Nights Dream Performance
15th Mufti Pyjama Day fundraiser, gold coin donation
17th Kahukura team trip to Auckland Zoo
23rd Totara & Kauri team trip to Maui Pasifika Dance performance
24th Matariki observance, school closed
29th Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

2022 TERM DATES

TERM ONE 2022 3rd February – Thursday 14th April
TERM THREE 2022 25th July – Friday 30th September
TERM TWO 2022 2nd May – Friday 9th July
TERM FOUR 2022 17th October – Friday 16th 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 Fonda Rowe on fonda.rowe@aka.org.nz for more information.
- **SKIDS** is available for on-site quality After School care only from 3pm until 6pm Monday to Friday, with a school holiday programme offered every holidays. Contact Prayer on 021 922 521 direct for more information. **SKIDS are considering opening Before School care if there is enough interest from parents. If you would be interested in sending your child to Before School Care, opening from 7am daily, please complete the survey link found in the body of the Principal's message above.**
- Remember that you can find our fortnightly newsletters on our website www.lincolnheights.school.nz; on the Skool Loop app, and on Facebook Lincoln Heights School – Official.



On Friday 20th May we had a pink shirt mufti day. All funds raised were donated to Mental Health Foundation. Thank you for your support.

Here are some of our students having fun on the day.

Our next mufti day is on Wednesday 15th June. Gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards our PB4L school shop!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY UPDATES

At Lincoln Heights School our student Leadership Academy is a group of selected students actively involved in four areas across the school: Cultural, Sports, PB4L and Academic, doing great work to engage our students.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) leaders have been working with Ms Pirie, Mrs McVicker and Whaea Wendy to start the Cool Schools Peer Mediation group and to re-open our PB4L Rewards shop. Your child will see Peer Mediators walking around the school at break times. The Peer Mediators can be easily identified by their hi-vis vests and are there to assist any students who may have difficulty at play or lunch times. Talk to your child about approaching one of them if they need to during break times. Our thanks go to our PB4L team of Dekodah, Shivek, Malachi and Shourav.

OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING

Bookweek was held 16th-20th May, the theme was Books That Make you Smile. A huge thank you to the New Zealand Police who came in to read to our students last Wednesday.

