



Kia ora Whanau

We are now over half way through Term 2 and June is a busy month, with two statutory days (Queens Birthday and Matariki) and the Teacher Only Day which was held on the 3rd June. Our teachers attended sessions on the New Zealand Histories Curriculum, Massey High School trends and programmes, Digital Literacy, Oral Language, Structured Literacy and supporting Neuro Diverse Learners. Our thanks to our own teachers who were presenting and sharing their knowledge; Gene Herbert, Nicole Astrella, Sally Wallwork and Hannah King. Our next statutory day is Friday 24th June when the school will be closed for Matariki observance.

On June 1st Lincoln Heights School joined Samoans around the world in celebrating **Samoan Independence Day**. This year was the Diamond Jubilee, recognising 60 years of self-governance. It was a day of pride and celebration. Our children represent our future and the children of Moemoe Fou and our Pacific children in the mainstream showed that our future is in good hands. Fa'afetai tele lava to the families who came and celebrated with their children and provided an outstanding morning tea.

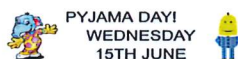


Last week was Samoan Language Week. This year the theme of samoan language week was Fa'a'āuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai which means Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean. This theme was chosen as it would reflect the journey of language revitalisation and maintenance as well as recognising the importance of having the right tools, good leadership skills, relationships and the correct medium (va'a) that is adaptable to faring the ocean and its elements.



June 17th will be the last day for our amazing Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) Maria Kostanich. Maria started at Lincoln Heights School as a brand new, sparkly SWiS over 9 years ago and during her time with us she has had a positive impact on many families and students. Maria has been an integral part of our school and she will be missed by staff, students and our community. Maria is heading off on her big OE and I know you will join me in wishing her all the best.

Pyjama Mufti Day is coming up on Wednesday 15th June. Children and staff can wear their best warmest pyjamas to school for a gold coin donation. All funds will go towards prizes for our REACH store.



PYJAMA DAY!
WEDNESDAY
15TH JUNE

GOLD COIN DONATION

HELP FUNDRAISE FOR
REACH STORE!



Carparking outside school. Auckland Council Safety at the School Gates programme will be providing wardens who will issue infringements for illegally parked vehicles. We ask our parent community to please not park on yellow lines, in the bus stop or on the footpath at any time, and ensure that no unsafe driving practice is undertaken, for example, doing a u-turn on the corner outside the gates.

We remind you that **SKiDS are asking for parents** to complete the survey if you would be interested in sending your child to the Before School Care programme at school. You can contact Prayer direct on 021 922 521 to give your feedback, or complete the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N856LTZ>

We are full steam ahead with **Math-athon**. Sponsorship forms have gone home and students should be practising. The whole-school test will be on June 17th. The class who raises the most money will have a trip to Snow Planet plus there are other great prizes.

Have you looked at our policies and procedures on our website? Go to Kawa/Our School Policies and Procedures/School Policies and follow prompts. Password is 'together'.

Being winter there are coughs and colds about, not to mention we still haven't seen the last of COVID-19. If your **child has cough or cold symptoms** please keep them at home in the warmth so that they can recover and send them back to school when they are well.

Regular attendance is vital for student success. We know that some children do not enjoy school, but frequent absences have a negative effect on student learning and peer relationships. Children who are absent from school regularly, struggle to settle into school routines and this can create an ongoing cycle of worry. If your child is anxious about coming to school or you have concerns about sending them to school with COVID continuing to be present in the wider community, please contact your child's teacher. We want to see every child succeed and we can only do this if we are in partnership together.

Math-athon – we have a way to go to reach our school target! There are heaps of prizes up for grabs including a prize for the family who raises the most money. There is still two weeks to go so call your friends and family, they can make a payment directly through our school website! Help your child's class win a trip to Snow Planet and all funds raised go to the development of a senior playground.



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 **Aware** – of who we are, where we come from and where we are going, what being **Aware** looks like, how we can be **Aware** of others' feelings, our actions and how they can impact those around us. Talk to your child about what they were **Aware** of today.

Teachers in our school will be attending **paid union meetings in the week of June 13th** in the run up to the re-negotiation of their collective agreement. The meetings will discuss the teachers' Time 4 Tamariki | Wāwāhi Tahā campaign, which aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise teachers' work. The union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled online meetings to minimise disruption to teaching and learning and our school will ensure the least disruption to your children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia Ora whanau. My name is Ben Lynch and in October of 2021 I was co-opted onto the LHS Board. Contributing to the local community, learning about education and doing something meaningful was an opportunity I could not pass by. It has already helped me in both my personal and work life.

My background is around managing risk. I am currently employed in the insurance industry, which I believe is useful when the Board is monitoring policy documentation and finances.

Being part of the Board to apply governance is a rewarding role and I am learning much that will help me to better understand how schools in New Zealand operate and the framework within that. Promoting a collaborative culture with our whanau and the wider community is something our Board can be proud of.

I would encourage interested parents to consider standing for nomination onto the Board at the time of the elections. There is a time commitment to attend monthly meetings for around 1.5 hours, and to read relevant material beforehand. You would be surrounded by others on the Board who are friendly and able to support your transition.

Being passionate about delivering a quality education to our children, and how we go about that is key. We would love to see passionate and dedicated parents standing for nomination in the triennial elections this year.

Our trustees are:

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

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

TERM TWO 2022

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
15 th Mufti Day, Pyjama Day, gold coin donation	1 st Matariki celebration, 5 - 8.30pm
17 th Kahukura team trip to Auckland Zoo Math-athon testing	5 th Math-athon winning class trip to Snow Planet
20 th Nikau team trip to Auckland War Memorial Museum	6 th Newsletter out; Facebook, School website & Skool Loop app
21 st Yr 5/6 Norwest Football zone comp	8 th Last day of Term Two. School closes 3.00pm Reports home
23 rd Totara & Kauri teams to Maui Performance, Aotea Centre	25 th Term Three begins, 8.50am
24 th Matariki national observance. School closed	
29 th Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom	
30 th Math-athon sponsorship money to school deadline	

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 Fonda Rowe 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.
- Wednesday fortnightly newsletters are in electronic format only. You can find our newsletter on Facebook (Lincoln Heights School Official), on the Lincoln Heights School website, and on the free Skool Loop app at any time.

OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING



This year it was very special because Samoa celebrated the 60th anniversary of their Independence. Students have been learning about the events that led up to Samoa gaining Independence. We had a morning of unity and celebration with children performing dance and songs followed by meaai (food) and a birthday cake. Our thanks to the Moemoe Fou team and the Samoan Parents Network for organising such a special event.

