



Our **REACH** values stand for **Respect. Engage. Aware. Celebrate. Honest.**

Me mahi tahi tatou mō te oranga o te katoa – We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

Kia ora whānau

We hope that you all took the time to relax and enjoy family time. The start of a new term is always exciting and positive as we welcome existing tamariki and whānau back to our kura, as well as those new to our school.

Some of you may have noticed the refreshed front reception entrance. This change will make disabled access much easier. The Kahukura modifications project has also been completed and students now have a spacious safe enclosed play area with cushion fall and even a trampoline to enjoy.

Now that students have had Term 1 to settle into the school learning routine, we remind parents of the importance of ensuring children **attend school** all day, every day. In terms of education, every day counts! Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning. Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class routines are interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable arriving into an already settled classroom. Classrooms are open from 8.30am, school starts at 8.50am. By arriving a little earlier than the bell means that they can interact with their peers and teachers that prepares them for the day. Remember our school motto is "In the gate at half past eight, guarantees you won't be late".

Huge thanks to our parents for supporting our teachers to attend a day of professional learning at Massey High School last Monday. Our teachers work incredibly hard to ensure your child's success. They create a caring and nurturing classroom vibe, often using their own time and expense to support that dedication. We appreciate the inconvenience this may have caused for some of you and value your support. This week the MoE announced the dates for the second Professional Learning Day – all primary schools must select a date between 13 and 24 November. We will advise you of the date as soon as possible.

We are excited to announce our **partnership with the Education Review Office** who will be starting their three year review. Our Evaluation Planner will be meeting with our staff and the Board this term to begin the process. For this three year cycle our evaluation partner is Carmel Platt.

Whanau and Friends are planning a **disco for Years 0-6** on Thursday 18 May 5pm-6.30pm. Entry is a gold coin donation. There will be drinks and snacks available for purchase on the night. All students must be collected promptly at 6.30pm by either their parent or designated responsible adult.

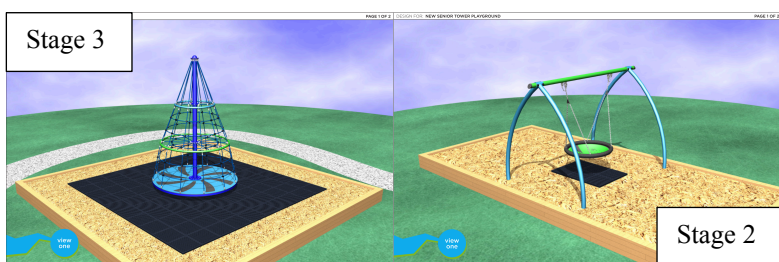
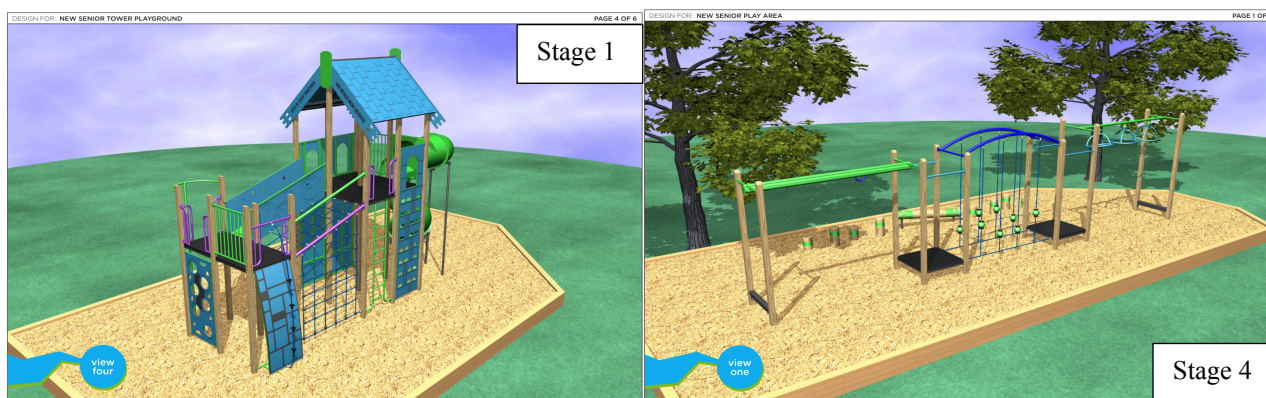
As you may be aware **NZEI on behalf of Teachers and Principals are currently negotiating with the Ministry of Education** around their Collective Agreements. Secondary and Area school teachers are also continuing to negotiate and as their offers have been rejected, have continued industrial action with rolling strikes, starting in the South Island. While I, as a grandparent worry over the impact of further disruptions on the learning of our year 9-13 students, I support my colleagues who are taking a stand for not only the children at high school now, but those that will enter secondary schools in the future. Primary Principals also voted to reject their offer and are 'working to rule' which involves disengagement with the Ministry of Education, but is business as usual for our school. Primary teachers will vote next week on if they will accept the current offer from the Ministry of Education. We will advise you of any impact this will have for our kura as soon as we know. Please be assured that we are committed to ensuring there is limited disruption for our children and maximum impact on the Ministry of Education.

Our current education system is in crisis and collectively we need to ensure that our teaching staff are well supported and that we are attracting the best people to enter the profession. In most careers, the working conditions people are negotiating are hours of work, safety and benefits. In education, when we negotiate working conditions, we are talking about access to learning support for our students, time to attend planning meetings around student needs and Learning Support hours. Pay is a very small part of the negotiation.

There was a lot of media attention around the MoE's announcement of reducing classes in years 4-8 by 0.5 in 2024 and 2025. In real terms, this will make no difference to the size of classes in our schools. The Board of Trustees at Lincoln Heights School is committed to supporting all our students and uses some of its funding to pay for additional teachers and learning support staff, above what the MoE funds us. As a collective we are asking to be staffed equal to secondary school. In a school our size this would mean we would be staffed with 26 teachers – we are currently funded for 23.

TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIOS BY YEAR LEVELS AND ROLL TYPE		
YEAR OF SCHOOLING	MĀORI IMMERSION TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIO	NON-MĀORI IMMERSION TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIO
Year one	1:15	1:15
Year 2-3	1:18	1:23
Year 4-8	1:18	1:29
Year 9-10	1:20	1:23.5
Year 11	1:20	1:23
Year 12	1:18	1:18
Year 13 or above	1:17	1:17

Over the past few years we have been **fundraising for our new playground**. This year we have worked with a playground designer to develop some concept drawings and costings. Turns out, playgrounds are super expensive! The total cost for the 4 areas is \$180,000! That said though, our community is worth it. We will begin working to apply for external funding, but our main school fund raising will again be our -athon! More information will be coming out in Week 6 of this term on how you can get involved.



So far we have banked nearly \$40000 towards this playground. This means we have a way to go, it might take us a few years ... but we can do it!

We are here				2023 stage 1	2023 stage 2	2024 stage 3	2025 stage 4
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

If you know anyone who can help us out with donations for prizes or fundraising ideas, please let us know! If you want to be part of the fundraising team, please join the Lincoln Heights Whanau and Friends – their next meeting is 8 May at 6.30pm in the school staffroom!

Whanau and Friends have partnered with the Rotary to sell raffle tickets – there are some amazing prizes and 50% of the funds from all tickets sold by us, go to the school. We will send the notice home again this week as many families may have lost the form at the end of a busy term!

Our first after school Pacific Dance session was held on Monday. This is open to all whanau members and it was great to see families involved, including pre-schoolers. Our plan is to have a Hiphop and Kapahaka after school sessions up and running soon.

We are excited that **in school kapahaka will begin tomorrow at 1.30pm** with about 60 children expressing interest in participating. The sessions will be supported by Isiah Hamlin and Shirley Blowers. As a school we are committed to developing our school use of te reo and upskilling our staff. Part of this initiative is engaging with Te Reo Tuatahi. We started using this programme in Term 1 of this year. This programme also has a whanau element which will run via zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm – starting 9 May for Maori whanau and Thursdays at 7pm – starting 11 May for non Maori. A zoom link and password will be sent out via E-Tap and Skool Loop. There will also be more information shared on Facebook. The organisers of the programme state:

We are committed to sharing our learning content with whānau as a cornerstone of our holistic and inclusive programme to uplift te ao Māori, te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and mātauranga Māori in learning communities across Aotearoa. Many families from other heritage backgrounds will also be keen to learn more te reo Māori alongside their tamariki.

This term we have a few things on the **calendar**, such as Saturday netball at West Harbour School starting 6th May, whole school individual and class photos Monday 22nd May, and Bookweek. Reports will go home of the last day of this term. More detailed information on some of those events coming soon.

Please remember **if you are visiting school, to park safely on Keegan Drive**, away from the entry gates to ensure staff, taxis and deliveries can enter the school grounds. Road safety is all our responsibility, so please ensure you are helping to keep our students safe.

It is that time again to update your contact details if they have changed. From time to time we need to get hold of whanau urgently and this can be quite challenging as cell phone numbers change regularly. We use eTap to send out reminders about school events and these aren't received if numbers have changed. Similarly, in some cases a change in circumstance may mean that your child's emergency contacts need to change. Please let us know if you would like to change emergency contacts for your child and provide us with a current phone number. This person will only be contacted if the school is unable to contact the primary carer. You can email changes to lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz.

If you are in the school at break times you might notice we have New Zealand produced music playing. This is to celebrate New Zealand music month.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our trustees are:

Raewyn Clark, Presiding Member bot@lincolnheights.school.nz
 Ben Lynch, Kiri McCabe, Doreen Retimana, Ken Tuioti, Sarah Pope and Gordon Irving (Staff Trustee)



Welcome to Sarah Pope to our Board. Sarah was selected onto the Board after a resignation.

I'm Sarah Pope and I've been excited to become part of the Board to fill a short term vacancy. I have 11 year old twins in Year 7 and I'm really delighted to be able to give back even further to the school that has educated and supported my children over the years.

I have worked in leadership roles within insurance companies for over ten years and I'm pleased to be able to bring my experience and skills from the corporate environment to the Board.

I'm looking forward to being part of the current team who are very engaged and focussed on supporting Lincoln Heights to meet its goals to increase student achievement and continue to create environments where our children can REACH their potential, in and out of the classroom.

Ngā mihi

WHAT'S COMING UP

TERM TWO 2023		
Week 2	Saturday, 6 th May	Netball season commences, at West Harbour School, 8.30am-12.30pm
Week 3	Friday, 12 th May	Moemoe Fou Bake sale fundraiser, 11am & 1pm, items from .50c Pohutukawa Junky Monkey's Loose Parts Play sessions
Week 4	Monday to Friday Tuesday, 16 th May Thursday, 18 th May Friday, 19 th May	Bookweek - Theme "Books That Are A Tressure" NorWest Football inter-school competition, Huapai Domain, Huapai Whanau & Friends disco, Yrs 0-6, hall, 5pm-6.30pm, gold coin entry Library open until 7pm for BookFair Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying Awareness Fundraiser. Gold coin donation to wear mufti pink. All funds raised to support Pink Shirt Day
Week 5	Monday, 22 nd May	Photolife whole school individual and class photos
Week 6	Samoan Language Week Wednesday, 31 st May	Board meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm. Board photo 5.15pm

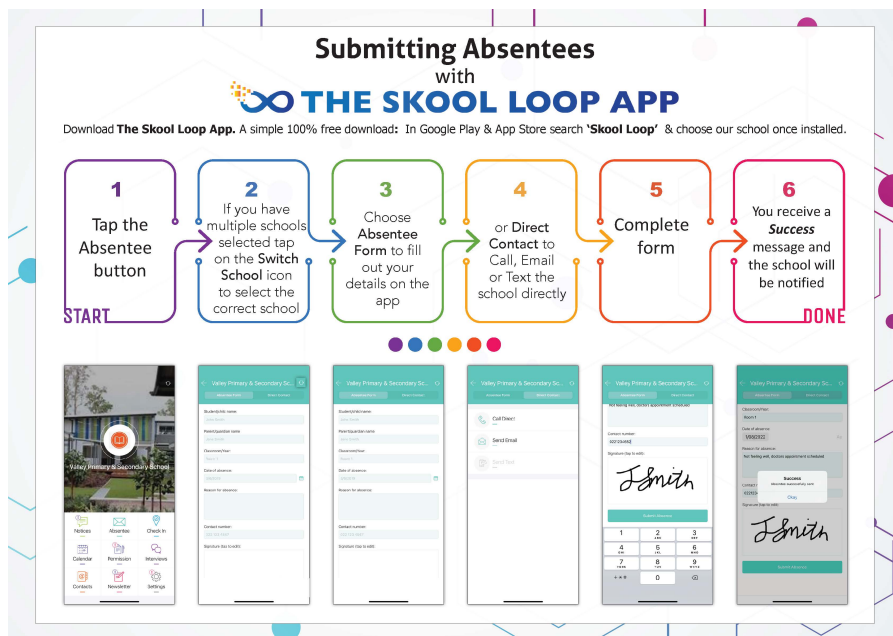
Our motto – In The Gate by Half Past Eight Guarantees You Won't be Late!

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 at fonda.rowe@aka.org.nz for more information.
- **SKIDS** are inviting our families to join them in their after school adventures! SKiDS are open from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. From sports and games to arts and crafts, our sKids After School Care programme is designed to spark your child's imagination and help them develop new skills. And with our MSD-approved childcare services, you could be eligible for the OSCAR Subsidy that can make out of school care very affordable. Visit www.sKids.co.nz/lincoln_heights to learn more!



- We use **SchoolDocs** to update and monitor all of our policies. Remember that parents can view any of our policies at any time. To view, click on this link <https://lincolnheights.schooldocs.co.nz/> 'Together' is the password. We welcome your feedback, simply email it to lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz
- **Ordering a school uniform** is now a simple process using the school website portal. Orders are couriered to your private address. We do have samples in a range of sizes at the office to try on before ordering. To order online select go to www.lincolnheights.school.nz, select Shops tab, then Uniform Shop, or alternatively go direct to <https://lincolnheights.nzuniforms.com/>



You can record your child's absence easily using the **FREE Skool Loop app**. Download the app from the Google Playstore to keep up-to-date with school information.

Join our **Facebook** page – Lincoln Heights School Official. We regularly post information, updates and photos.

SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



MOEMOE FOU BAKE SALE

FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 12TH MAY

11am & 1pm

Under the Shade Structure

Sweet treats start from 50c

Cake it easy!



CELEBRATIONS

Kahukura students are loving their new outdoor play area. This development was provided by the Ministry of Education Property Modifications funding.

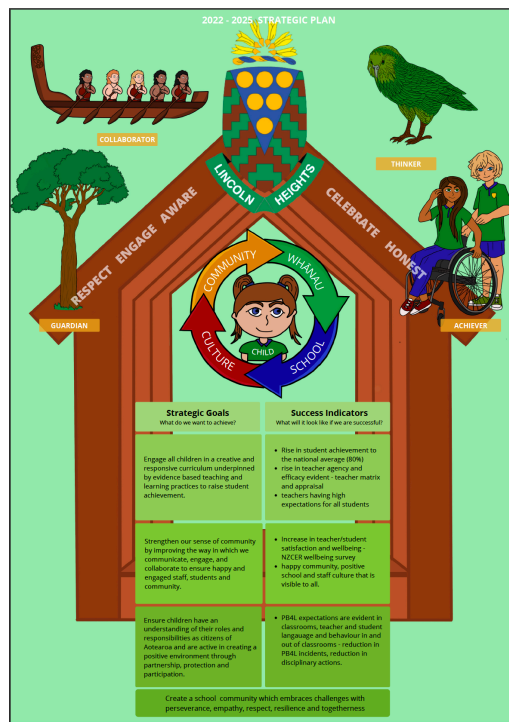


OUR STUDENTS LEARNING

Room 25 started Reading Buddies between Year 7 and Year 4. This programme will help to boost reading results and also promote tuakana teina.



OUR 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN



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