



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 are now in Week 8 of a ten week plus one and a half day term. We remind you that **school closes at 1.00pm on Tuesday 19 December**. In these last few weeks you may see your child become unsettled or upset and anxious. We often see this as the year draws to a close and there is uncertainty around which class a child will be in next year, and for some the move to high school, intermediate or a shift to a new school. If your child is feeling anxious, please let their teacher know. We can offer some reassurance.

Children will visit their 2024 teacher on December 15. We can't always give children their favourite teacher or place them with their best friend. Always at the forefront of our mind is 'which teacher will be the best fit for this learner'? Sometimes a child is placed in a class to support with developing new friendships or to allow a child the opportunity to focus on their learning. There are always children within the new class that your child will know. If you find that your child is unhappy with their new class, we encourage you to see how the new year goes and if they are still unhappy, come and see us in week 3 or 4 of the new year.

We are all looking forward to our **End Of Year celebration on Friday 8 December starting at 4.00pm** on the top field. Our students have been busy preparing performances that they are wanting to showcase on the night and there will also be a variety of food available for purchase. Our fingers are crossed for fine weather. We will have eftpos and cash sales available. All funds will go towards our new playground.

Speaking of the playground, I know we have been saving for this playground for a long time, but they are crazy expensive!

Over the last three years we have raised approximately \$60 000.00 through our '-athons'. The playground we are planning for the school will cost about \$280 000.00, so we have a way to go! The Board have agreed to use some of our working capital to support this project and it is currently sitting with the Ministry of Education to approve this capital expenditure. If you know of any organisations that would like to make a donation towards our playground development, please let me know or ask them to get in touch.

**Thank you** to everyone that attended our Tiriwa kia Harikoa Cultural event on 17<sup>th</sup> November at Massey High School Performing Arts Centre. What an event! The quality of performances was high and we had many positive comments about our students.

**Summer Reading Programme registrations close tomorrow.** The Library will be open for those children registered on Thursdays over the summer holidays from 10am to 2pm starting 4<sup>th</sup> January. Contact [amandas@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:amandas@lincolnheights.school.nz) if you have not registered yet.

As we wind down for 2023 and gear up for 2024 we remind parents that **uniforms** are purchased through the NZ Uniforms portal which can be found on our Lincoln Heights School website under 'shops' tab. School bucket hats, which are an essential part of our uniform in terms one and four can be purchased online also. All of our Year 7's and 8's should be in the new look senior uniform in 2024. If you are unsure of sizing you can visit the NZ Uniform premises for sizing requirements, visit their website for opening hours of the New Lynn store at 7 Rata Street

[https://www.nzuniforms.com/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=gmb&utm\\_term=new+lynn&utm\\_content=website\\_button](https://www.nzuniforms.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb&utm_term=new+lynn&utm_content=website_button)

**End of year prize-givings** are coming up and I want to extend an invitation to you all to come and celebrate with us. It is also timely to remember that while we celebrate the achievements of all our children throughout the year, not everyone can receive a prize at our end of year events. We know that some children become upset when they don't get a certificate or cup, but it is an important personal disposition to be able to celebrate the achievement of others and manage our own disappointment. We also think it is important to acknowledge the achievements of our children who are consistently exceeding expectation.

**Stationery.** For those of you already planning for 2024, there will be a letter regarding the stationery cost in your child's report envelope going out on the last day. To help with budgeting, the cost will be \$35 per child. This will cover the cost of your child's maths workbook. All consumable stationery, books pens etc will continue to be provided by the school.

**Music School** – enrolments are open for our music school. Fees are only \$85 for the school year so well worth the cost – see the flyer for more information!

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**



## BOARD ELECTIONS

Our trustees are:

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

### Mid term voting results:

Clark, Raewyn      35  
 Pope, Sarah      32  
 Walker, Robert      20

Invalid votes:      1

Raewyn Clark and Sarah Pope are duly elected for a three year term. Congratulations to Raewyn and Sarah. Thank you to our community for your support in voting.

**Casual vacancy update.** The Board received no requests to hold a by-election to fill the existing casual vacancy by 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023, therefore the Board will appoint a member by Selection at the 29 November Board meeting. The Community will be notified on 30 November.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

<b>TERM FOUR</b>		
Week 8	Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Kawahaka lessons in hall, 3.30pm-4.30pm Newsletter Samoan Parent Network meeting, Potu Lima, 3.30pm to 4.30pm Monthly Board meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm
Week 9	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December  Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Siva dance classes in hall, 3.30pm - 4.30pm MMF trip to Pt Erin pools Kawahaka lessons in hall, 3.30pm-4.30pm End of year whole school celebration, 4pm to 7pm, top field
Week 10	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December  Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December  Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Big Day In fun day, top field, 9am to 3pm, students to bring change of clothing Senior Prizegiving, Hall, 5.30pm Last newsletter for 2023 Senior Dinner & Dance Meet the 2024 teacher, 10.30am Last Out of Hours Music School lessons for 2023
Week 11	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December  Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 0-3 prizegiving, 9am to 11am Yr 4-6 prizegiving, 11.30am to 1pm Student Reports home <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2023 - 1PM FINISH</b>
<b>2024</b>		
	Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Library open 10am - 2pm for Summer Reading Programme Library open 10am - 2pm for Summer Reading programme Library open 10am - 2pm for Summer Reading programme Library open 10am - 2pm for Summer Reading programme Office open 9am to 1pm for enrolments & enquiries Office open 9am to 1pm for enrolments & enquiries Office closed Office open 9am to 3pm for enrolments & enquiries <b>WAITANGI OBSERVANCE. School closed</b>
<b>Term One</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Term One begins, school starts 8.50am

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

## GENERAL NOTICES

- ❖ **Parent supervised Playgroup sessions** run by Auckland Kindergarten operate from the room closest to the Doone Place school entrance on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Email Manager Fonda Rowe at [fonda.rowe@aka.org.nz](mailto:fonda.rowe@aka.org.nz) for more information. **Last session for 2023 is Thursday 14 December. Playgroup reopens Tuesday 30 January 2024.**
- ❖ SKiDS provide on-site quality after school care for LHS students Monday to Friday from 3pm until 6pm during term time. Contact SKiDS direct by emailing [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz) or phoning 021 922 521. **The SKiDS holiday programme operates from Te Atatu Peninsula and December holidays are now open for bookings.**



❖ **New Entrant and Year 8 leavers photos** – codes have been emailed to parents by Photolife. Please check your spam/junk mail folder in case your email went there. If you have not received your code to order, please contact Tash in the office with your child's name. Closing date for FREE delivery on orders is 6 December 2023. Photos are delivered to school. We will distribute once received.

# Lincoln Music School



Lincoln Heights School has its own affordable music school open to students and adults!

**Classes are quickly filling up for 2024**

Musical specialties offered are:

**Guitar, Flute, Recorder, Viola,  
Violin, & Music Theory**

Small group classes are held on Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning. Beginner to advanced levels. The program includes an annual concert.

Fees: \$85 per year for primary and intermediate school students.  
\$230 per year for high school students and adults.

Violin is open to students aged 7+ years & able to read music.

Flute students must be at least 8 years old.

**See enrolment form at [www.lincolnmusic.school](http://www.lincolnmusic.school).**

Or email: [music@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:music@lincolnheights.school.nz)



Music images: freepik.com, pngplay.com, kindpng.com

## Feeling stressed?

**Are you 12-24? Living in Auckland/Tāmaki Makaurau?**

You can get six to eight free face to face, online, or phone counselling sessions with Youthline.



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Text 'Choice Counselling' to 234  
Email [youthlinecounselling@youthline.co.nz](mailto:youthlinecounselling@youthline.co.nz)  
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## EVENTS

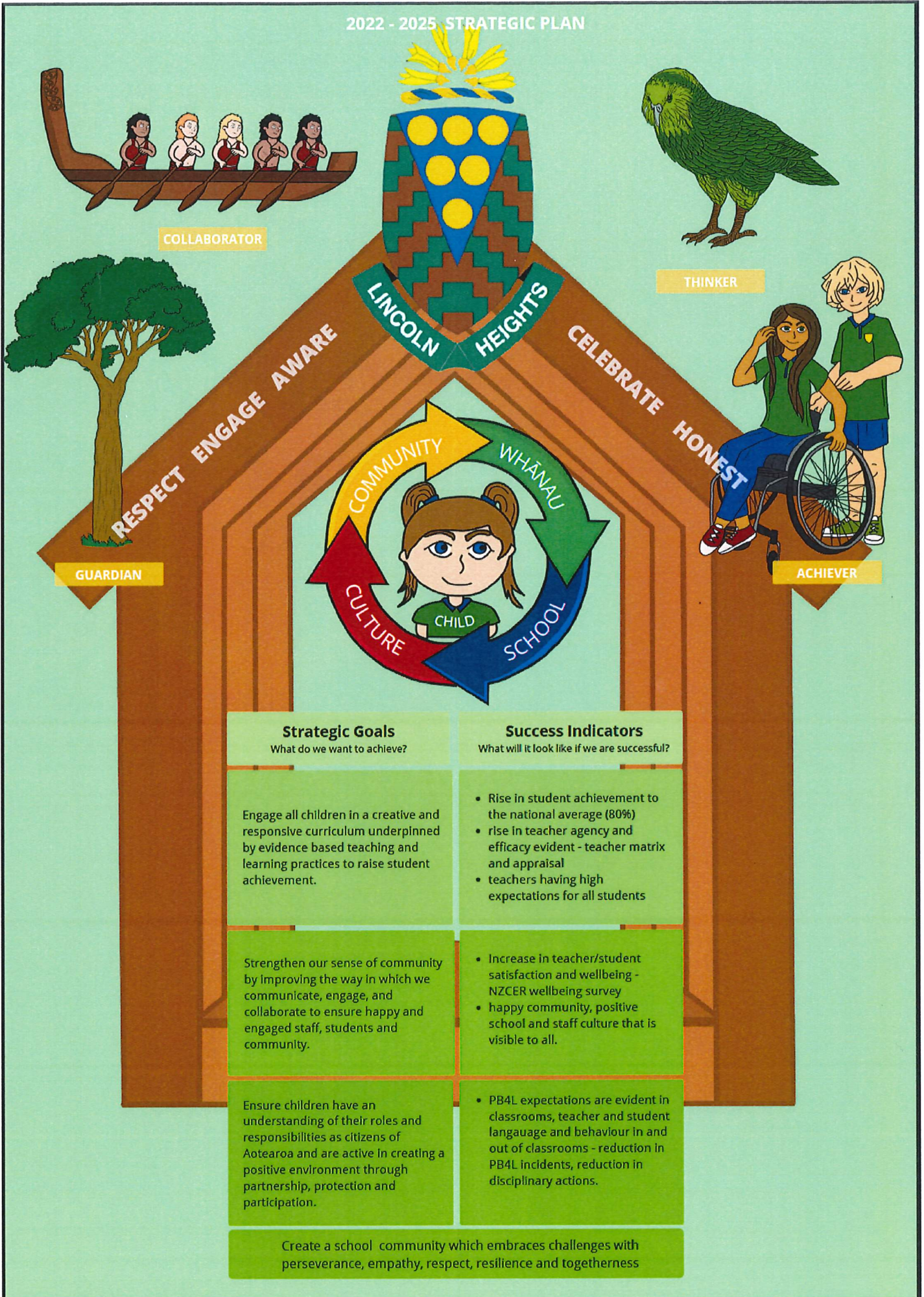
Last week our students that volunteer their time for service to our school had their end of year trip to Inflatable World.

Thank you to those students who give up their free time to do road patrols in all weathers, and other work to support their peers in the school.





2022 - 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN





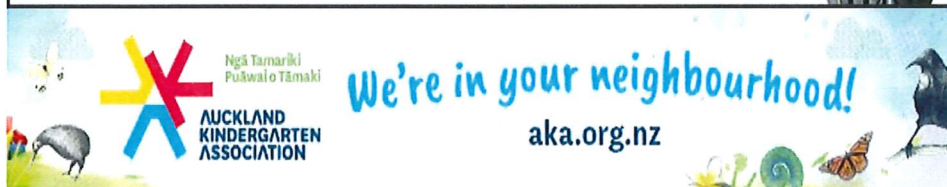
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