



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

Kia ora Whanau

It is hard to believe we are more than half way through the term! At last we are enjoying some summer weather punctuated with the odd bit of rain. With the greatly increased sunshine, hats are more important than ever! This term we will continue to allow children to wear a hat of their choice, however, in term 4, we expect that all children will have purchased a 'school hat' in their child's house colour. Please phone the school or your child's teacher if you are unsure which house they are in.

Our Year 5/6 and 7/8's returned from Camp Tupare having experienced amazing weather and our students experienced new learning new activities, and made new friendships. I am sure many of them have shared their camp stories at home. Huge thanks to those parents who attended to support, and our teachers who gave up time with their own families – without this commitment a camp like this would not be possible. I'm sure that our students will be talking about this camp for the next two years until the 2025 camp.

Camp lost property. We have quite a bit of lost property that we invite parents to claim. All camp lost property will be placed on the hall steps tomorrow from 1pm for collection during the afternoon.

Heads up that **today school closes at 1.00pm for Parent Teacher interviews.** These will begin from 1.30pm until the last one at 7.30pm. This year our Board would love to engage with our community and will be manning a free sausage sizzle in conjunction with our Whanau & Friends (formerly named PTA) group. Sausages will be available from 1.30pm until 7.30pm. Come along and say hello. If you have not already made your booking on the Skool Loop app, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Welcome to Mrs Robyn Kriel, our new teacher in Kahukura. Robyn has joined us from South Africa and still settling in to her new home after basically landing and starting at our school.

As always, we like to remind our parents to download our FREE Skool Loop app (selecte Lincoln Heights School), and to join us on Facebook if you have it. These platforms are used frequently to communicate important messages to our school community. The next newsletter will be published on the Skool Loop app, the school website and Facebook on Wednesday 22nd March.

As you may be aware, the teachers and principals are currently in pay negotiations. Next week, on 16 March the secondary teachers are striking and primary teachers are currently voting to determine if they will join their colleagues on this day. Unlike many jobs, the teachers collective conditions they are asking for, are to better meet the needs of the children in our schools, things like smaller class sizes, increased learner support and Professional Learning opportunities. I know that as the teachers across New Zealand cast their vote, they are doing so with mixed emotions, recognising the unsettled few years we have had with the need to better address inequities at school. I know that should industrial action by way of a strike, be the outcome, you will support us. As soon as the BoT has been notified, (we expect this to come out later today or tomorrow) we will update you all through skool loop, Facebook and eTap.

Thank you for your support for teachers to attend a NZEI Paid Union meeting on the afternoon of 28th February.

Carparking. 3.00pm on Keegan Drive & Lilburn Place is a very busy place with parents collecting children. Safety for our tamariki is our first consideration. We recommend instructing your child/children to meet you at the rear entrance at the top of Doone Place, or better still, walk to collect them.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the **mobile dental clinic** is now stationed at our school for the remainder of Term One. A Dental Nurse will be making appointments directly with families of junior children for their dental care. If you are contacted by a Nurse please make use of this free convenient service.

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 or use the feedback option within SchoolDocs.

Have a great week.

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meet our Board. This term each of our Board will provide a short statement about their involvement with the Lincoln Heights School Board. This week we introduce Ben Lynch.

Hello everyone. I am a Risk Manager, father and supporter of education in our community. Although my children are too young for school yet, I have been co-opted onto the Board to contribute and support risk management and decision making for the benefit of our school.

Being on the Board gives me an opportunity to share my knowledge and experience to support student achievement and the development of our community, and strengthen relationships with great people on the Board, senior management and our wider school family.

The Board are committed to attending community events to meet our whanau and tamariki at every opportunity. The Board will be present at the Parent Teacher afternoon. Say hello if you see them about.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TERM ONE		
Week 6	Tuesday, 7 th March Wednesday, 8 th March Thursday, 9 th March	School closes 1pm for Parent Teacher interviews 1.30pm to 7.30pm. Sausage sizzle from 1.30pm Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app and website NorWest Yr 7/8 Softball Zones tournament
Week 8	Wednesday, 22 nd March	Newsletter published on Facebook, Skool Loop app and website
Week 9	Wednesday, 29 th March	Pohutukawa team trip to Auckland Zoo Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
Week 10	Thursday, 6 th April	Kahukura Cupcake Fundraiser, morning tea Student Reports go home Last day of Term One, School closes 3.00pm
TERM TWO		
	Monday, 24 th April Tuesday, 25 th April	School closed for Teacher Only Day School closed for ANZAC Day School re-opens for Term Two, Wednesday 26 th April

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Jump online now to register and show any interest in becoming a coach or referee for the season:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/143964>

CELEBRATIONS

A huge thank you to Lunch with Crunch for their donation towards our camp food. We really appreciate their support.

A huge thank you also to Countdown Lincoln Road for their donation to Camp Tupare – your support is much appreciated!

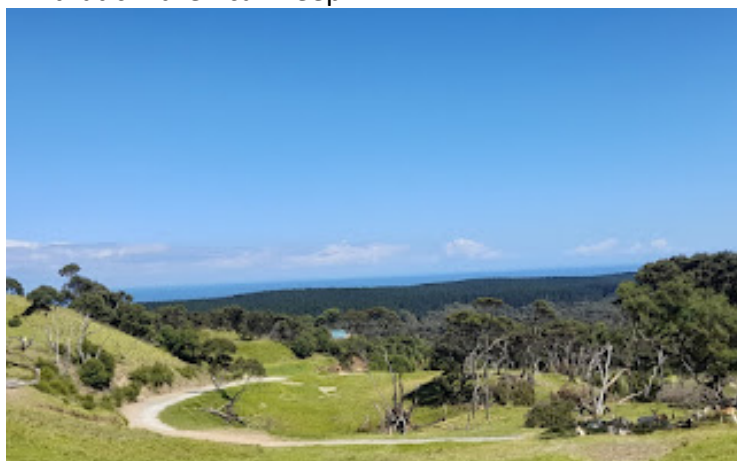
Thank you to Office Max for the donation of stationery. It is much appreciated!

OUR STUDENTS LEARNING

What a huge success our Years 5-8 Camp Tupare in South Head was. Students are now back from an exciting fortnight where they experienced archery, problem solving, water safety, volleyball, mountain biking and had wild Fallow deer and turkeys visiting them. This incredible experience was a learning opportunity that we are sure our students will remember for a long time.

Huge thanks to Gordon, our staff and our parent helpers for giving up their time so freely so that our children could have the experience of a lifetime.

If you have any photos or videos, could you please share them with us. We will be creating a camp 'movie' that children can keep.



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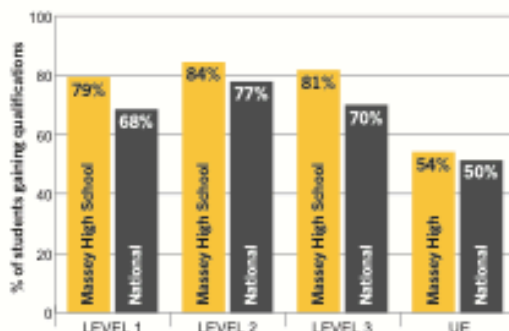
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