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LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Term 1, Week 2 – 14 Feb 2024

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

For new students and whanau a special welcome to our school and to our existing students and whanau, welcome back. We hope that our tamariki have returned refreshed and ready for some learning. There will be much happening in this first term of the year. A paper copy 2024 calendar will be coming home this week. Please read it to ensure you have current information. We use the free Skool Loop app for our regular communication and Facebook as a secondary medium. Our school website also has key dates. It was so great to welcome our new staff and students with a mihi whakatau on Monday. We will follow this process every term on the second Monday of term. If you would like to join us, please feel free to come along starting 2.00pm.

Welcome to our new staff:

Leigh Wilson Receptionist; Mr Jean Rademeyer Rm 25; Jen Harris Rm 5; Matt Newman Rm 23; Zain Thompson Rm 20;



Jordan Turner Teacher Aide Pohutukawa team; and Lorraine MacDonald Rm 21

SKiDs wants to know if we have enough interest to offer before school care. If you are a current family using SKiDs, a new family interested in using SKiDs, or you have considered SKiDs but there was a reason you chose not to use them as a before/after school care provider, please complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LincolnH>

2024 Stationery. A letter went out with student reports at the end of last year that outlined the stationery cost for 2024. There will be a one off \$35 charge 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. Parents can make this payment to the office, or by internet banking, account number 12-3085-0141737-00. Ref should be your child's surname and where possible, their room number. Thank you.

Should you have missed information re **school uniform purchase**, you can order school uniforms from our website under the 'shops' tab. This takes you through to the NZ Uniforms website where you can order and pay online. Please ensure your child is in correct uniform as soon as possible as well as having the school bucket hat in your child's house colour. New to school parents should contact your child's teacher to find out what house colour your child has been allocated. **ALL YEAR 7 and 8 students are expected to be wearing the senior navy shirt at the start of 2024.**

Team newsletters will be going home this week. Please read the newsletter for information about your child's syndicate.

For four days this year our teachers will be attending **Tiriwa Talks** from 1.00pm with other schools from our Massey Kahui Ako cluster as part of their professional learning. For parents this will mean school closes for instruction at 1.00pm as there will be no teachers on-site. Our school website has the dates listed which are:

Tuesday 12 March, Tuesday 28 May, Tuesday 20 August and Tuesday 12 November.

The 2024 Events Calendar is being sent out today and we ask that parents please refer to this throughout the year. Our school website also displays important events, click on the link and select Events tab <https://www.lincolnheights.school.nz/>

Booking information will be out soon for **Parent Teacher evening**. These will be held on **March 6, starting at 1.30pm**. School will close at 1pm on that day. Keep an eye out for the link to book through the Skool Loop app. Our friendly office staff can assist you if you have any difficulty making a booking. Remember that our school goal is 95% whanau attendance. The better our whanau engagement, the higher the success of our learners.

Every Day Matters is a National initiative to increase student attendance at school. This year attendance will be a focus for our Board, with a **goal of achieving an average of 80% attendance**. The national expectation is for children to be at school 95% of the time – this would equate to one week away for the year. If you are having difficulty getting your child to

school or if your child is reluctant to come to school, please speak to us. We want to see our children at school regularly to ensure they aren't missing out on valuable learning opportunities.

Hats are compulsory in Term 1 and 4. Please make sure your child is wearing a hat everyday – we strongly recommend ensuring their hat is named.

Please read the following information around the **cell phones at school** guidelines which our school will be implementing from the start of this year as recommended by the Ministry of Education.

CELLPHONES 'AWAY FOR THE DAY' SCHOOL INFORMATION for Primary Schools

International research indicates some key challenges with cell phones at school such as being a major distraction for our students. These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying. Our approach is "away for the day", meaning the device should be **turned off, and handed in to the teacher to be locked away during the school day.**

We strongly recommend students do not bring these devices to school with them. If a student does bring their cell phone for emergency contact or health reasons, these must be handed to the teacher to be locked away.

It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cell phone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cell phone.

We understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school, cell phones will be available for students during the afterschool pick up time. If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the front office.

Inappropriate Usage

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately or without permission during the school day, we confiscate it. After a student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day by a parent or guardian.

Breaches of the cell phone rules include (but not limited to):

- Not handing in their phone to the teacher
- Using the device when not permitted
- Any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- Taking photos or videos of other people with/without their permission during the school day
- Forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

If a student makes the decision to inappropriately use a cell phone multiple times in a week the cell phone will be confiscated and can only be retrieved by a parent or caregiver following a discussion with the teacher or school leader.

Please note with all exemptions and exceptions appropriate usage guidelines and other relevant school rules apply.

VAPING is on the rise with children as young as 8 becoming addicted users. We will not tolerate children vaping at school as it is illegal to provide or sell a vape to a child under the age of 18. If a child is caught vaping, we will be contacting parents and an appropriate consequence will be given to the student. Vaping is not allowed on school grounds by anyone at any time. If you are concerned that your child may be vaping or you are aware but aren't sure what to do, please contact your GP, Health professional or visit the Ministry of Health Website.

We will be surveying our community on the success of our digital newsletter and general communication. There will be an opportunity to complete this survey on the Parent Teacher evening on 6 March and every completed survey will go into a prize draw!

Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

BOARD

Our trustees are:

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

Our Board have been being much mahi around our Strategic and Annual Plan. In order to gain more information about what our community want from us in terms of communication, there will be a short survey at the Parent Teacher evening on 6 March. We ask parents attending the interviews that they take a few moments to complete this survey on a device that will be provided in each class. This survey will provide important information for us to deliver our information to you.

WHAT'S COMING UP

TERM ONE		
Week 2	Wednesday, 14 th February Friday, 16 th February	1 st 2024 Newsletter published on Skool Loop, school website and Facebook Kapa Haka lessons (free), in the hall, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All welcome Leadership Academy GRIP trip to Rotorua permission forms due back to school
Week 3	Monday, 19 th February Wednesday, 21 st February	Siva dance classes (free), 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall. All welcome Kapa Haka lessons, in the hall, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All welcome Samoan Parent Network meeting, Potu 19, 3.30pm-4.30pm
Week 4	Monday, 26 th February Wednesday, 28 th February	Whole school assembly, 2pm-2.45pm, parents welcome Siva dance classes (free), 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall Board meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm Newsletter published on Skool Loop, LHS website and Facebook
Week 5	Monday, 4 th March Wednesday, 6 th March	Life Education caravan in school for Yrs 0-6 Siva dance classes (free), 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall School closes 1pm for Parent Teacher meetings from 1.30pm-7.30pm
Week 6	Monday, 11 th March Tuesday, 12 th March Wednesday, 13 th March Friday, 15 th March	Life Education caravan in school for Yrs 0-6 Whole school assembly, 2pm - 2.45pm, parents welcome Siva dance classes (free), 3.30pm-4.30pm, hall Leadership Academy GRIP trip to Rotorua, returning Friday 15 th March School closed 1.00pm for teacher professional development Newsletter published on Skool Loop, LHS website and Facebook Life Education for Yrs 7/8

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 for more information.
- ❖ **YEAR 7/8 vaccinations will be happening in March**, please complete any permission slips. Catch up dates will be provided. If your child misses these dates, you will need to access vaccinations through your GP.
- ❖ 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 or phoning 021 922 521.
- ❖ **Free Siva dance classes** are held in the hall on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All LHS children are welcome.
- ❖ **Ranui Swanson Football Club registrations** for male and female players for the 2024 season are open. They are based at Starling Park, Ranui. Contact can be made via their Facebook page RanuiSwanson FC to register or click on the link to register Youth Registrations - 4 years - 19 years <https://form.jotform.com/233449192106859>

EVENTS

If you are a parent on the sole parent benefit and would like to find work as a Teacher Aide, the **Waitakere Learning Support/teacher aide or Enviroschools Learning Support programmes** may be for you.

Notes for applicants

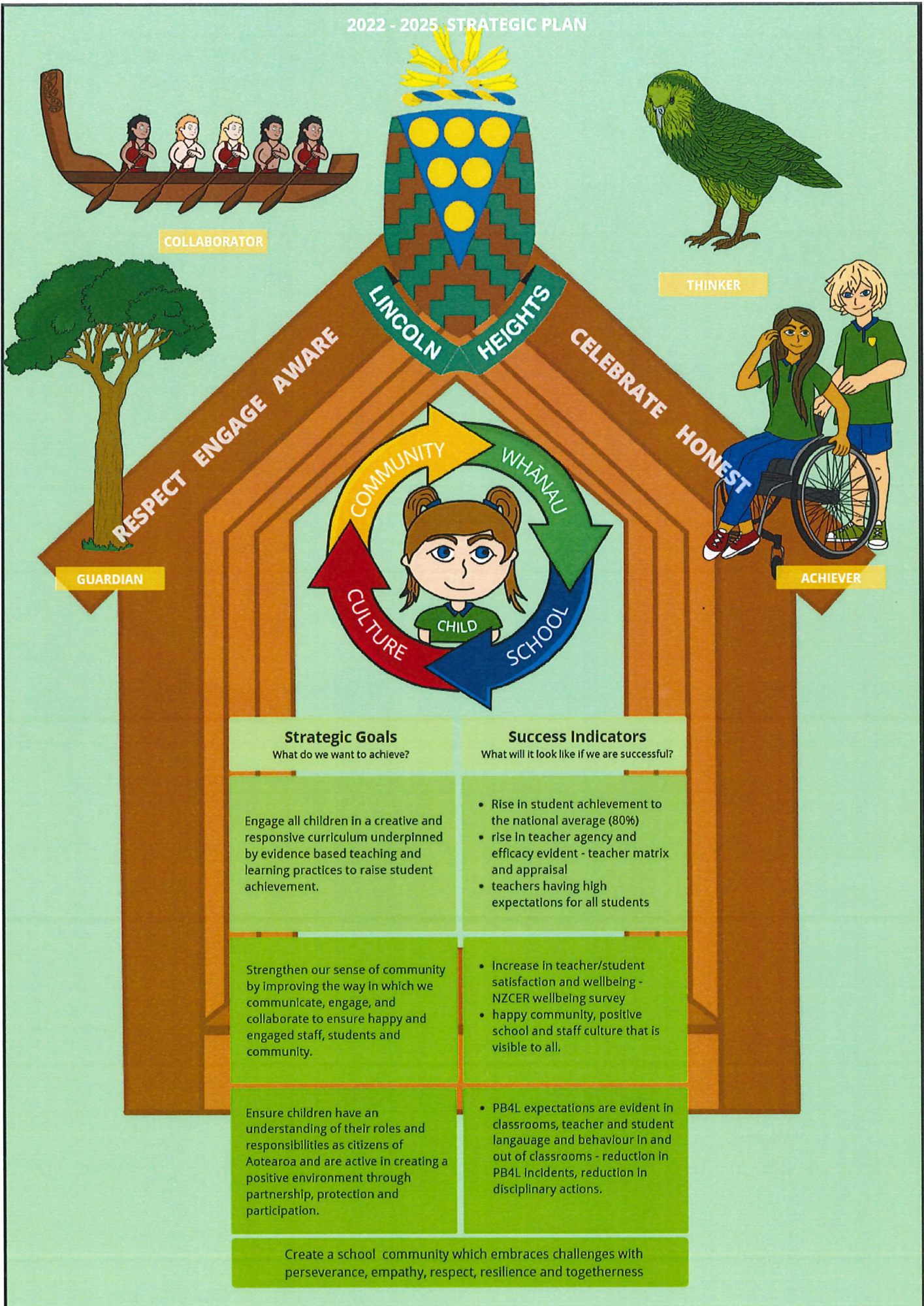
N.B. The positions on these programmes are only for those on the sole parent benefit.

If you are eligible and interested in applying for one of the **Learning Support/Teacher Aide** positions **OR** the **Enviroschools Learning Support Aide** positions, please complete the **Application for Appointment** form **and** provide the following information:

1. **Letter of application and CV** which includes the following information:
 - Which **school/schools** you would like to work in (Learning Support at Birdwood Primary; Freyberg Community School; Glen Eden Primary; Glendene Primary; Henderson Int; Henderson South Primary; Lincoln Heights Primary; Rutherford Primary; Te Atatu Int; Tirimoana Primary; or Waitakere College or/and Enviroschools Learning Support at Arohanui Special School; Flanshaw Road School; or Rutherford Primary).
 - Any **previous experience** you have had working with children and/or gardening experience and interest (for Enviroschools position).
 - What general **skills** you can bring to the position.

2. **Work and Income Number**
As these positions are partially funded by Work and Income through the Flexi-Wage Project in the Community subsidy, we need to ensure each applicant is eligible for funding assistance.

2022 - 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN



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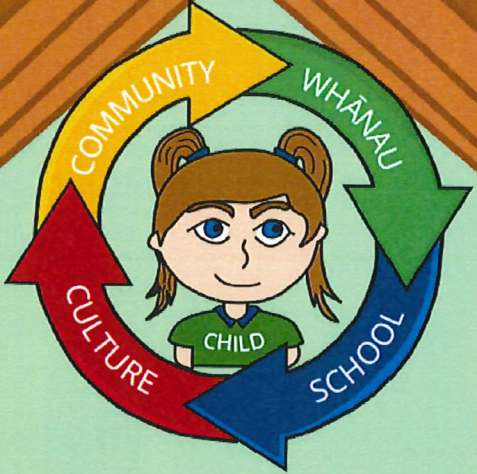
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Strategic Goals What do we want to achieve?	Success Indicators What will it look like if we are successful?
Engage all children in a creative and responsive curriculum underpinned by evidence based teaching and learning practices to raise student achievement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise in student achievement to the national average (80%) rise in teacher agency and efficacy evident - teacher matrix and appraisal teachers having high expectations for all students
Strengthen our sense of community by improving the way in which we communicate, engage, and collaborate to ensure happy and engaged staff, students and community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in teacher/student satisfaction and wellbeing - NZCER wellbeing survey happy community, positive school and staff culture that is visible to all.
Ensure children have an understanding of their roles and responsibilities as citizens of Aotearoa and are active in creating a positive environment through partnership, protection and participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PB4L expectations are evident in classrooms, teacher and student language and behaviour in and out of classrooms - reduction in PB4L incidents, reduction in disciplinary actions.
Create a school community which embraces challenges with perseverance, empathy, respect, resilience and togetherness	

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