



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

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Kia ora whānau

Thank you to our whanau for visiting the Art Exhibition in the hall to view your child's fantastic artwork. A huge thanks to our teaching staff, in particular Miss Astrella, her team and Dee for the organisation. Much work goes on behind the scenes for these events. Congratulations to our Art Battle winners, 1st Javannah, 2nd Devvon and Freedom, 3rd Riley and Highly Commended Ennita and Kierah. Well done to everyone who participated in the battle and thank you to everyone who voted!



We are always looking for students to 'CELEBRATE' as it is one of our core school values and this week we have 3 amazing young women who have achieved well above expectation.

Millar from Potu 18 competed in the NZBJJF Jiu-jitsu competition over the weekend and achieved First place. Congratulations Millar! Millar has another competition this weekend and I am sure she will do well. Go Millar!

Congratulations to Violet - Potu 18 and Sene Potu 19. Both these girls represented Auckland in the recent National Speech finals. Violet came 3rd in the year 5 category and Sene came 1st in the Year 7 category. This is an exceptional achievement especially as this was the first time a student from Lincoln Heights/Moemoe Fou has entered. Huge thanks to the families and teachers of Moemoe Fou who all supported these girls to get their speeches to such a high standard!

If your child has done well in an event outside of school and you would like to see them celebrated in the school newsletter, please send a photo and some information about their achievement and we will include it in the next newsletter!

Well done Millar, Violet and Sene! You are all

amazing!



Thank you to the parents that have been attending our **Rumaki 2025** hui. We are planning to open a Rumaki or Rua Reo class next year where students will have a higher content of te reo and tikanga daily in class. The last meeting was to discuss values. To make this class a reality we need more support. So if you are interested please come along to the **next hui on 18 September at 5.30pm** in the staffroom.

On Friday we say **farewell to Mr Zain Thompson** who leaves us to take up a teaching position at another school in Auckland. While we are disappointed Zain is leaving us, we are excited to welcome Sabrina Cairney to our school. She will be team teaching with Wendy Peterson-Fry in room 20 for the remainder of the year.

Next week we will also welcome Amy Randell who will be joining the Pohutukawa team, teaching in Rm 16 with Mrs King for the remainder of the term before we start another NE class. Amy is an experienced teacher from the UK and will be a welcome addition to the junior team.

Week 7 is **National Conservation Week** 2nd - 6th September, the first week of Spring. Our fabulous Enviro team led by Mrs Harris, will be organising a fun week. Our tamariki will be engaged in lessons around nature across the curriculum, and getting out enjoying nature. Every class will be participating in the **Plastic Free Wednesday on 4th September**. Ask your child what their class will be doing. Why don't you set a family goal and recycle more over the week!

Thank you to those that have been supporting Kauri teams' \$2 per slice of pizza on Friday's **fundraiser**. Thanks to you this fundraiser has been well received with pizza slices flying out the window of Rm 10!

FATHER'S DAY

BREAKFAST

AUGUST 30TH, 2024
7.30 AM

LINCOLN HEIGHTS
SCHOOL, STAFFROOM

YOU'RE WARMLY INVITED TO A SPECIAL BREAKFAST IN OUR STAFFROOM TO CELEBRATE THE AMAZING DADS, UNCLES, GRANDDADS, POPS, AND ALL THE INCREDIBLE MALE ROLE MODELS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR TAMARIKI, BOTH AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL.

LET'S COME TOGETHER AS WHĀNAU TO ENJOY A MORNING OF CONNECTION AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP OUR CHILDREN THRIVE.

Friday is our Fathers' Day Breakfast. If you are a Poppa, Grandad, Dad, Daddy, Uncle or just an altogether cool guy in a child's life, please come and share a yummy breakfast with some other cool guys!

It's our way to thank you for all the support you provide our learners to be the best they can be!

Let's see if we can make this the best first Lincoln Heights School Fathers' Day Breakfast!

Our final fundraiser to support the new playgrounds development is underway!

This year we are holding a **Decathlon a-thon**. Information will be sent out this week, so keep an eye out for the sponsorship forms!

Sponsorship forms must be completed and returned to your child's teacher or the office by **Thursday 19th September**.

The decathlon a-thon test will be on **Friday 20th September**.

Students will have 2 weeks to collect sponsorship money. Last day to have money in is **Wednesday 25th September**.

Donations can be paid in cash, through the website or online to bank account 12-3085-0141737-00 Ref your child's name/Rm number and Decathlon.



Our Log Jam playground situated on the hillside by the bottom courts is under construction and this should be complete in the next week. We will open this play area as soon as we can. We are very excited by the long hill slide!



Totara, Kauri, Moemoe Fou and Kahukura Team Leaders along with Gordon and our Senior Leadership Team continue to meet frequently to plan for the **Camp Tupare 2025 for Yrs 5-8 students**. We will be having an **Information Hui on 13 November** and will be asking for registrations of interest from parents who want to attend as parent helpers. In the past we have had Aunties, Uncles, cousins and siblings come along as parent helpers. Please be aware that helpers, must be over 18.

Camp is an amazing experience for children and can be extremely memorable for adult family members who are able to attend with their children. At the 13 Nov meeting we will also give out Police Vet forms. It is a school policy that any adult attending an overnight camp has a current police vet. This helps us to ensure that our children are kept as safe as possible at camp. There are options for Parents who are unable to come for the full time. You can attend for a day, few days or longer. More information on that to come.

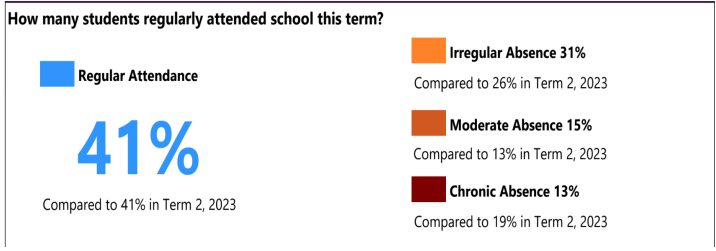
Please put the camp dates in your diary if you are the parent of a child who will be in Yr 5-8 in 2025. Camp dates are Yr 5-6 Tuesday 25 February to Friday 28 February, and Yr 7-8 Monday 3 March to Friday 7 March.

While camp isn't compulsory, we do encourage all children to attend as it is an important time to build friendships and display leadership.



Remember to enrol your children before they turn 5. Knowing how many ‘in zone’ 5 year olds we have coming helps us to plan more efficiently in terms of staffing and property. It also helps the Board to decide how many ‘out of zone’ places we can offer in the coming year!

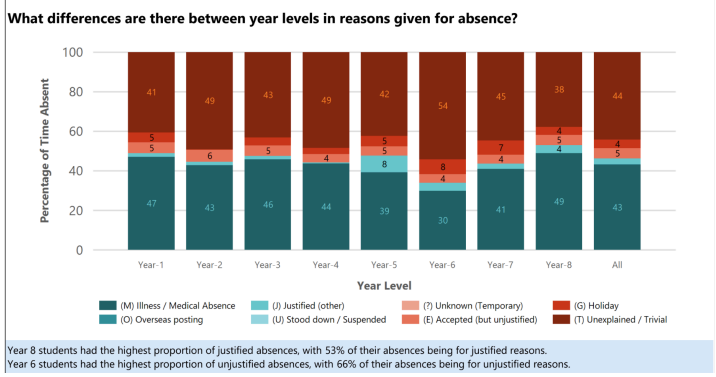
If you have **recently changed address or phone number**, please let the office know. From time to time we need to get in touch with whanau urgently and this can be difficult when none of the contact numbers work.



A **‘Justified Absence’** is an absence defined within a school’s policy as an acceptable reason for a student to be away from school.

An **‘Unjustified Absence’** is recorded when a student is away from school and:

- There is no information or there is a throw-away excuse
- Explained but not within school policy, such as absence due to birthdays
- Absence due to holiday in term-time
- Extracurricular activities not organised by schools like sports, dance, music, or hobbies.



Attendance continues to be at the forefront of discussions from the Ministry of Education. The national goal is that 80% of students are at school ‘Regularly’. We are well below that goal with only 41% of our students attending regularly in term 2.

There is a clear link between student achievement and school attendance. While we recognise that there are times that students need to be absent, our attendance data is very low and we need to improve it.

We also have a higher than expected number of ‘unjustified’ or ‘unexplained’ absences. These codes occur when a family does not advise the school of the reason for their child’s absence or the reason can’t be ‘justified’ as per the Ministry of Education’s guidelines. Please let the school know if your child is away and a reason why they are absent. This can be done by calling the school office 09 8337480 or **021 022 69879**, emailing lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz or texting **022 0433 026**.

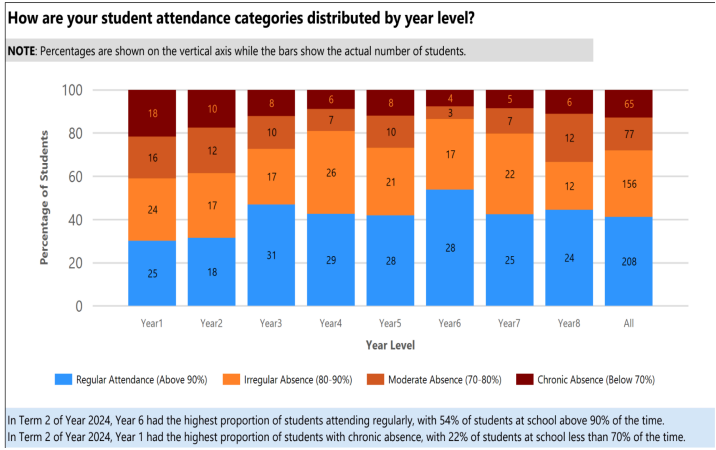
We are especially concerned with the low attendance rate in the junior school. This is where we need to ensure that we are developing good routines for school and foundational learning is happening. With the shift to a structured approach to learning, regular attendance is even more important to ensure that key learning isn’t missed. It is also in these junior years that we have the greatest opportunities to develop our friendships and social skills.

It can be tempting to keep children home when it is raining, but learning doesn’t stop in winter and we want to see your child reaching their potential!

I also want to remind you that school starts at 8.50am and that is when learning starts with welcomes, attendance and notices. Please make sure you are getting your children to school on time so that they can start learning straight away. When a child arrives at school late, they are often unsettled and it takes time to catch them up on what has been missed. Remember *‘In the gate at half past eight, guarantees you won’t be late!’*

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please talk to us as we may be able to help.

Please help us to improve attendance! We can only do it together!



Please remember to be kind when dropping off and picking up your children. It is getting increasingly unsafe at the school gate with many parents parking illegally and obscuring visibility. Please follow the road rules, don’t park on the yellow lines and use respectful language in front of our children. We are talking with Waka Kotahi and NZ Police to investigate ways we can make it safer at the gate. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Leisha Byrnes
PRINCIPAL

Our new navy **senior hoodie** will be replacing the fleecy jacket for Yr 7-8’s in 2025 and will be available for purchase from our website soon. The cost will be \$65 and we will let you know when our samples are available soon to try on at the office.



BOARD

Our trustees are:

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

Monthly Board meetings are held in the staffroom, commencing at 5.30pm. If you would like to attend a meeting please email bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

The Board are beginning to look ahead to 2025 planning. We invite fathers, uncles, grandfathers and caregivers or any significant male to our tamariki to the Fathers' Day breakfast this Friday 30th August in the staffroom from 7.30am to 8.30am. We hope to see you there.

WHAT'S COMING UP

TERM THREE		
Week 6	Monday, 26 th August Wednesday, 28 th August Friday, 30 th August	Free Siva dance classes, 3.15pm, all welcome Speech Comp permission slips return deadline Newsletter published Facebook, Skool Loop app, website Totara team to Speech Comp, Royal Rd School Kawahaka classes, 3.30pm to 4.30pm Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom Fathers Day Breakfast, staffroom, 7.30am-8.30am, fathers welcome! Daffodil Day fundraiser, wear yellow for a gold coin donation Literacy student workshop permission slips due back
Week 7	Mon-Fri Conservation Week Monday, 2 nd September Wednesday, 4 th September Friday, 6 th September	Free Siva dance classes, 3.15pm, all welcome Kawahaka classes, 3.30pm to 4.30pm Plastic Free Wednesday Totara team trip to Stardome Literacy workshop, Ponsonby Intermediate Chess Comp permission slips due back
Week 8	Monday, 9 th September Tuesday, 10 th September Wednesday, 11 th September Thursday, 12 th September	Free Siva dance classes, 3.15pm, all welcome Totara team chess comp, Royal Rd School Leeatata Preschool visit, Potu 17, 9.30am to 11am Newsletter published Facebook, Skool Loop app, website Kawahaka classes, 3.30pm to 4.30pm Totara Team trip to Stardome
Week 9	Monday, 16 th September Tuesday, 17 th September Wednesday, 18 th September Thursday 19 th September Friday, 20 th September	Life Education for Yrs 7/8 Free Siva dance classes, 3.15pm, all welcome Samoan Parent Network Bake sale Kawahaka classes, 3.30pm to 4.30pm Rumaki 2025 hui, staffroom, 5.30pm – 7pm Pohutukawa team to Stardome Decathlon a-thon Olympics of Learning Challenge sponsorship forms due back A-thon Olympics of Learning Challenge testing school-wide
Week 10	Monday, 23 rd September Wednesday, 25 th September Friday, 27 th September	Free Siva dance classes, 3.15pm, all welcome Yr 7/8 NorWest Volleyball comp, Trusts Stadium Last day for Decathlon a-thon sponsorship collection Newsletter published Facebook, Skool Loop app, website Top 10 Decathlon a-thon prizewinners announced Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom LAST DAY TERM 3, SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.00PM

GENERAL NOTICES

- ❖ Kia Ora whanau – **Stacey is our Public Health Nurse** for our area. She is available to discuss any concerns about your child's health, growth and development. Her work includes health assessments, health promotion, immunisation and home visiting. She is also able to help with skin and ear infections, asthma and eczema, bedwetting and soiling, hearing and vision concerns, linking to health and social services and advice about any other health concerns. Her hours of work are Monday to Thursday and she can be contacted on at stacey.walters@waitematadhb.govt.nz, 021 241 2471 or please leave a message at school for her to contact you.
- ❖ **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.

❖ **SKIDS after school care** operates from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday providing quality care for our students. If you would like to know more about their programme including costs and if you qualify for a WINZ subsidy, email lincolnheights@skids.co.nz or phone 021 922 521/0800 274 172, or go to their website - www.skids.co.nz

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

CONSERVATION WEEK 2024

Next week it is **Conservation Week**. There will be a range of activities on offer to get students out enjoying nature and learning about ways we can be kaitiaki of our environment. We are running two competitions to raise awareness about important issues affecting the natural world. We hope you will support us with making **plastic-free choices** for your child's lunchbox on Wednesday 4th September. Check out our upcoming Facebook posts for ideas and recipes! Also, we are **collecting old t-shirts** for making bags! If you have an old, clean t-shirt without holes, please drop off to Room 5 this week. THANK YOU

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

	Who	What	When
<p>'Waste Free Wednesday'</p> <p>Plastic Free Lunchboxes</p>	Every class	Each class will tally up the number of pieces of plastic in their lunchboxes. The winning class will be the one with the fewest pieces of plastic!	<p>Wednesday, 4th September 2024</p>
<p>Take Action for Nature Poster competition</p>	<p>Open to everyone</p> <p><u>3 categories</u></p> <p>Years 1-3</p> <p>Years 4-6</p> <p>Years 7-8</p>	<p>Create a poster to raise awareness about an environmental issue.</p> <p>Can you share some positive ways people can 'take action for nature?'</p>	<p>Posters are due to:</p> <p><u>Whaea Jen in Room 5</u> by the end of Friday, 6th September.</p> <p>Competition winners will be announced on Monday 9th September.</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPOOKS & SPARKS

AUCKLAND'S LARGEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

FEATURING:

- > An epic fireworks and laser display
- > Carnival rides and bouncy castles
- > Food trucks and live performances
- > Sky divers and motocross displays
- > Face painting and balloon twisting

...and there's more to be announced!

Early Bird Ticket Prices:
(available until 29.11.24)
www.thetrustsarena.co.nz

Infants (under 3) FREE
Children (15 & under) \$12.50
Adults (16+) \$27
Family (2 Adults & 3 children) \$62

Don't miss your chance to make unforgettable memories with your friends and family, secure your tickets with our early bird pricing and SAVE!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

OUR ANNUAL PLAN

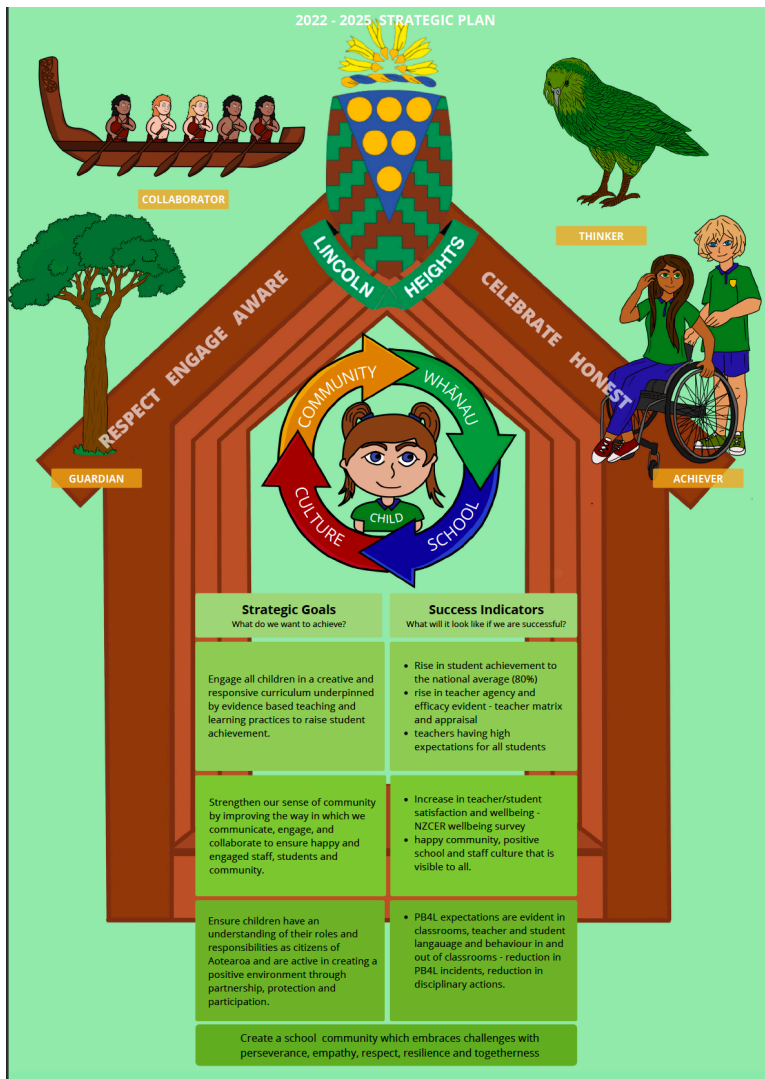
LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL ANNUAL PLAN 2024

To raise student achievement to 70% 'At' or 'Above' in core curriculum areas and increase student engagement (to 80% in every class) for ALL learners.

Domain 1 – STEWARDSHIP Through increased engagement and strengthened learning focused relationships	Domain 2 – LEADERSHIP Through transparent leadership (with children at the heart of decision making) and a focus on the development of our Middle Leaders	Domain 3 – RELATIONSHIPS Through authentic relevant and engaging opportunities for ALL learners across ALL contexts – within school, with whanau and within our community	Domain 4 – TEACHING Through differentiated learning programmes based on current student data – including Kahukura and Moemoe Fou	Domain 5 – CAPABILITY Through responsive Professional Learning Programmes and individual accountability	Domain 6 – EVALUATION Through established systems to monitor and review progress towards achievements of schoolwide and individual goals
LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education	BARRIER FREE ACCESS Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner	QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau .	FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives	WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable	
					
Strengthen our sense of community by improving the ways in which we communicate, engage and collaborate to ensure happy and engaged staff, students and the wider community.		Engage all children in a creative and responsive curriculum underpinned by evidence based teaching and learning practises to raise student achievement.		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	
Strategy 1 Use M-unit roles to increase opportunities to build learning community with whanau and wider		Strategy 1 Use GAP analysis to inform teacher needs as well as student next steps and to monitor progress Use IEP process for Kahukura and vulnerable learners		Strategy 1 Use Check and Connect roles to increase engagement for Maori and Pacific students and their families – raise attendance and engagement to 80% in 2024 and 90% in 2025	
Strategy 2 Regular monitoring by PB4L team within school to measure success of PB4L PLD and implementation of plans		Strategy 2 Increase teacher confidence in using data to inform planning and evaluate their own effectiveness Middle Leadership PLD and support		Strategy 2 Use in class support to ensure equitable outcomes for all students including Maori, Pacific, ESOL and those students identified 'at risk'	
Strategy 3 Increase capability in teaching writing to ensure teachers feel confident in their teaching of written language		Strategy 3 Use of school wide planning and clear demonstration of DAT, TA role and differentiation to achieve accelerated learning across all school settings: Moemoe Fou, Kahukura and Mainstream		Strategy 3 Use the skills and knowledge within Kahukura, Moemoe Fou and wider staff, to increase teacher capability around inclusion, culturally responsive practise and equity	
Strategy 4 Acknowledge and celebrate staff, student and community success and promote them through the newsletter, Facebook and Skoool Loop to continue to raise our positive school profile		Strategy 4 Provide opportunities for teachers to access PLD in implementing Te Mātaiahua		Strategy 4 Provide opportunities for students to demonstrate their leadership and service within our community (school and wider) to make a positive difference	

MEASURES – All staff are responsible for ensuring we reach these goals

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% of children 'at' or 'above' in Reading, Writing and Mathematics • 15% increased engagement of all learners – demonstrated through engagement observations • 60% of students are able to say where they are at in their learning • 70% of children achieving 'Well/Below' will make accelerated progress • All teachers are confident using PAL to determine levels of achievement • Moderation is consistent and regular across the school – every term • Increased teacher confidence in teaching writing - teacher survey shows 20% improvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average rates of attendance increase across the school to 80% daily • All BoT members are confident of their understanding of the school targets • There is increased visibility of the BoT in a range of media – online, newsletter, events • 95% of parents attend parent interviews • All teachers show improvement against the teacher matrix - • There is a reduction (-15%) in PB4L incidents and improved school wide results in NZCER 'Well-Being' survey (+20%) • 100% of Focus/Target students will make accelerated progress |
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