



# TO K O T O K O

Our **REACH** values stand for **R**espect. **E**ngage. **A**ware. **C**elebrate. **H**onest.

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

It is hard to believe we are already over half way through Term One. Camp Tupare ended last week and our students and staff came away with many wonderful experiences that they will have for a long time to come. Thank you to the teachers, (their families) support staff, and parents who gave their time to make this camp memorable. Huge thanks to Gordon and to Toby Kite for the work they did behind the scenes to make this such a memorable camp.

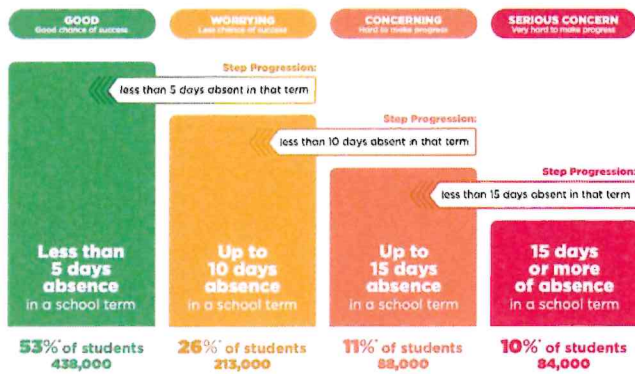




## Stepped Attendance Response – STAR

### Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.



Source: Ministry of Education

If your child has more than 5 absences in a 5 week period, we will be getting in touch to say hey, how are things? Can we help? Is everything ok at school? We can sometimes help with Public Health Nurse appointments or other supports. We know that sometimes school attendance is for reasons outside of your control or sometimes there might be an issue at school that we don't know about. This is our first opportunity to talk about strategies that might help.

Hopefully we will see some improvement over the next 5 weeks, but if there is no improvement and the absences continue, to 10 or more absences, we will give you a call to make a time for a meeting. This meeting could be at school or at home. At the meeting we will develop an attendance plan with you for your child. This plan will have goals to help get your child back on track and attending regularly.

The Ministry of Education recommends that we refer to the attendance service when a child has 3 unexplained absences. It is essential that you text or call us when your child is away. If you prefer, you can send a note with them on their return. If your child is away for an extended period, for example a serious illness or for a trip away, please let the office know by texting **022 0433 026**, phoning the office on **09 833 74480** or emailing [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz). This will ensure that we put a note on your child's attendance and you won't get the daily text. If you change phone numbers, please advise us. Not only is it important that we keep our attendance records accurate, but this is our first alert that a child could be missing.

The first parent teacher interviews are happening this week. If you have not booked on the free Skool Loop app, please contact our helpful front office staff who will assist you. If you haven't had a chance to meet with your child's teacher, please make a time to meet with them as we know that a strong connection with whanau is vital to the learning success of our children.

Kahukura are holding a **parent evening** tonight (Wednesday 12 March) in Rm 1 from 4pm to 5pm. All Kahukura parents are welcome.

Moemoe Fou are holding a **bake sale on 19 March**. Please support the team as they fundraise for their Samoa 2026 trip. Bring along your gold coins and enjoy some delicious cookies and cakes – these are always amazing!!!



**Save the Date Working Bee – On Saturday 22 March** from 10am to 2pm we are holding a working bee to construct a deck for the new environment area, and setting up an irrigation system, amongst other things. If you know of anyone who is a carpenter or builder or handy person and can assist on the day or even get decking materials at a cheap price, we would gratefully accept their help. We will be providing a sausage sizzle for our volunteer workers.

Last year we almost reached our learning goal of 70% of our learners At or Above expectation. This year we are looking to shift our achievement to 75% of our learners At or Above. This is a little bit of a bigger challenge because the bench marks have changed, meaning the skills and knowledge needed at the end of each year is a little bit more, but we think we are up for the challenge and with your support we can do it. We will be having some parent meetings in term 2 to talk about the new curriculum! Have a great week!

I will be posting a link to a Google Survey on Facebook and through Skool Loop. This Survey will help the Board to identify projects important to our school community. Would you like to see us build a fale, a whare, a medicinal garden? Would you like to see outdoor musical instruments or new rugby goal posts? Have you dreamed of a school pool the community could use over the holidays or do you wish the dental clinic could be here for 2 terms so you didn't have to take your toddlers to Westgate? Here is your chance to have your say and help us plan some big and small projects for the next couple of years.

Leisha Byrnes

**PRINCIPAL**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** As you know attendance is one of the governments priority areas and data collection has already begun. While there have been many things that have happened this year that I have disagreed with, attendance is one I support. Nationally, only 50% of students attend school regularly, that means they are at school 90% of the time. Sadly, our data as a school isn't any better, it sits at around that average. With the change in curriculum and delivery, children need to be at school to access learning, each piece of learning builds on the last, creating a strong foundation of knowledge.

One of our school targets this year is to increase our 'regular' attendance to 60% each term. The Ministry of Education has released a STAR system to support schools to get children to school. This guide has a series of steps from texts, calls, and hui all the way through to prosecution.



## YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

### Meet our Board:

Raewyn Clark – Presiding Member – contact [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz)

Ken Tuoti – Deputy Presiding Member

Rob Walker – Member

Sarah Pope – Member

Kiri McCabe - Member



Maria Sydney – Member

Gordon Irving – Staff Trustee

Leisha Byrnes - Principal



Board meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month in the staffroom from 5.30pm. If you would like to attend a meeting to see what the Board does, and you may be interested in standing for nomination onto the Board later this year, please email Raewyn at [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz)

## WHAT'S COMING UP

| <b>TERM ONE, 2025</b> |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Week 6                | Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                         | Parent Teacher Interviews 3.150pm-7.30pm<br>Kahukura whanau evening, 4pm to 5pm<br>Newsletter published Facebook, Skool Loop app, website                                                                                                            |
| Week 7                | Wednesday, 19 March<br>Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March<br>Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                 | Moemoe Fou bake sale, goods from .50c<br>Yrs 0-4 junior athletics<br>Working Bee, 10am to 2pm                                                                                                                                                        |
| Week 8                | Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March<br><br>Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March                                   | Nikau team Community Planting @ Zita Maria Park<br>Samoan Parent Network meeting, Potu 19, 3.30pm-4.30pm<br>Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom<br>Newsletter published Facebook, Skool Loop app, website<br>Enviro Group to Lowtherhurst Park          |
| Week 9                | <b>BOOKWEEK - Read to Reel</b><br>theme<br>Mon 31 March - Fri 4 April<br>Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | Book Fair, Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April,<br>Reo Rua whanui hui, Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 3.15pm, Ruma 27<br>Bookweek Character Parade, Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April, Kahukura team trip to Auckland Zoo |
| Week 10               | Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April      | Nikau team trip to Auckland Zoo<br>Moemoe Fou Sapasui (chop suey) fundraiser<br><b>End Term 1, Teacher Only Day, SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                                                                                                   |
| <b>TERM TWO</b>       |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Week 1                | Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April                                       | Term 2 starts, 8.50am<br>Board meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom                                                                                                                                                                                            |



## GENERAL NOTICES

SKiDS provide daily on-site supervision from 3pm to 6pm in the hall for LHS students. Please contact SKiDS directly for more information on 027 293 8895, or check out their website

<https://www.skids.co.nz/locations/lincoln-heights/>

**Moemoe Fou bake sale 19 March.** Items from 0.50c. Thanks for your support to raise funds for Samoa 2026 trip.

## SPORTS

Our seniors recently competed in the first Tag tournament of 2025 at Moire Park. Our Yr 7/8 girls were placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 12 and our boys placed 9<sup>th</sup> in a field of 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to Gareth for coaching our girls and Elijah for coaching our boys with pre-match training done by Jordon and Renae. Well done team!





## Junior Registration

Massey Rugby Club is calling all boys and girls keen to join a team for the 2025 season to come along to muster at Massey Rugby Club on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm, all players must attend this.

More information and how to create your new Rugby Xplorer Profile, visit our website

[www.masseyrfc.co.nz](http://www.masseyrfc.co.nz)



# Child and Family Services

Waitematā - Northern Regional Public Health

Newsletter 2025

Kia ora koutou,

The Child & Family Service, part of the National Public Health Service, is a free, community-based primary health service dedicated to supporting children, young people, and their families. Our multidisciplinary health team works to provide care that benefits both the wider school community and individual children and their whānau. Our services include individual health assessments, health promotion, addressing identified health needs and inquiries, immunisation, hearing and vision screening, paediatric ear nursing, collaboration with school and community multidisciplinary teams, and helping to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We are available to all schools and focus our resources in the areas of highest need. Ngā mihi, Community Nurse Managers and team

## Public health nurses

Public health nurses (PHNs) are registered nurses who work with children aged 4 – 18, and their whānau, in school, home and community environments. They visit schools regularly, liaise between home and school, and work in partnership with families to improve, protect, and promote the health of children and young people. Schools commonly refer for:

- Absenteeism (health related)
- Access to Health / Social Services
- Allergy / Anaphylaxis
- Asthma / Bronchiectasis
- Child Health Assessment
- Dental services
- Eczema, Skin Sores, Headlice
- Growth and Development
- Hearing / Vision
- Rheumatic Fever Management
- Sore throats
- Supporting health needs in schools
- Wetting / Soiling
- Youth Health

## School Immunisation Programme

Immunisation is offered to all Year 7 & Year 8 students. Year 7 Boostrix vaccinations help boost immunity to diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough). Year 8 Gardasil vaccinations protect against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) infection. PHNs also offer catch-up immunisations for other vaccine-preventable diseases such as Measles. In 2024, PHN's administered over 14,300 vaccines in schools across the Waitematā region. This programme continues in 2025. More details about SBIP can be found [here](#).





# OUR ANNUAL PLAN

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL ANNUAL PLAN 2025

Raise student achievement to 75% 'At' or 'Above' in core curriculum areas ~ Increase 'regular' student attendance to 60%

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| <b>Domain 1 – STEWARDSHIP</b><br>Through increased engagement and strengthened learning focused relationships | <b>Domain 2 – LEADERSHIP</b><br>Through transparent leadership (with children at the heart of decision making) and a focus on the development of our Middle Leaders | <b>Domain 3 – RELATIONSHIPS</b><br>Through authentic relevant and engaging opportunities for ALL learners across ALL contexts – within school, with whanau and within our community | <b>Domain 4 – TEACHING</b><br>Through differentiated learning programmes based on current student data – including Kahukura and Moemoe Fou | <b>Domain 5 – CAPABILITY</b><br>Through responsive Professional Learning Programmes and individual accountability | <b>Domain 6 – EVALUATION</b><br>Through established systems to monitor and review progress towards achievements of schoolwide and individual goals |
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| <b>LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE</b><br>Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education | <b>BARRIER FREE ACCESS</b><br>Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner | <b>QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP</b><br>Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau | <b>FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK</b><br>Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives | <b>WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION</b><br>New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable |
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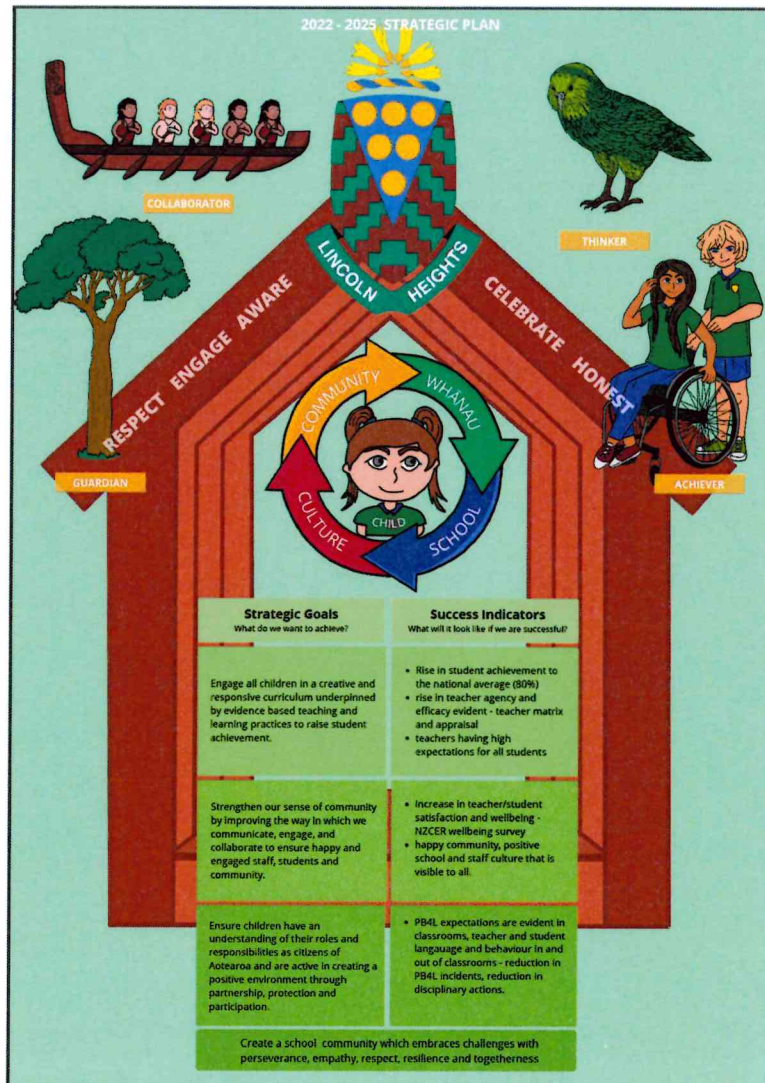
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| <b>Strengthen our sense of community by improving the ways in which we communicate, engage and collaborate to ensure happy and engaged staff, students and the wider community.</b><br>Goal 1.1<br>Increase opportunities to build our learning community with whanau and wider – at least 1 event per term<br>Post event Whanau surveys/Voice show 85% satisfaction<br>Goal 1.2<br>Establish a Whānau Network to help our Reo Rua build whanaungatanga through the development of its tikanga and kawa<br>Goal 1.3<br>Refresh our communication systems – newsletter, website, school loop and socials to increase engagement and attendance | <b>Engage all children in a creative and responsive curriculum underpinned by evidence based teaching and learning practises to raise student achievement.</b><br>Goal 2.1<br>Increase Maori achievement and engagement by 15% across all core curriculum areas<br>Establish Te Reo class and monitor student progress<br>Goal 2.2<br>Mainstream IEPs reviewed bi-annually and used to inform Learning Support Staff role in class – students show 85% of goal achievement<br>Goal 2.3<br>Reading data (both summative and formative) will show a minimum 10% increase in years 4-8 and 15% increase in years 0-3 | <b>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</b><br>Goal 3.1<br>60% of students are present 90% or more each term<br>Goal 3.2<br>Students (particularly in year 6-8) have opportunities to demonstrate leadership and have roles of responsibility across the school<br>All LA students expected to participate in service to the school<br>Goal 3.3<br>Staff and students will have opportunities to share their skills and knowledge in cultural / sporting / environmental groups. All teaching staff to lead/support a cultural group and/or sporting group |
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**MEASURES – All staff are responsible for ensuring we reach these goals**

- 75% of children 'at' or 'above' in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- 15% increased engagement of all Learners – demonstrated through engagement observations
- Average rates of regular attendance increase across the school to 60% average each term
- 60% of students are able to say where they are at in their learning
- 75% of children achieving 'Well/Below' will make accelerated progress
- 80% of Focus/Target students will make accelerated progress
- Moderation is consistent and regular across the school – every term

**How will we know? / What tools can we use?**

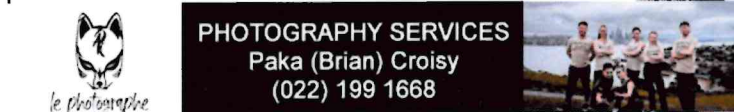
- PAT, AsTTe, Teacher OTI
- Termly school attendance report, classroom, school monitoring fortnightly
- All BOT members are confident of their understanding of the school targets
- Team Leader discussions show children know what they are learning
- Sprint cycles show improvement
- Focus student report to Board show 80% of students making accelerated progress





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