

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone

An official welcome to the 2018 school year to you all, especially to all of our new students: Aamil, Cole, Faith, Gabriel, Italia, Leah, Levi, Lolita, Lucas, Maryanne, Noah, Ofa, Saraiah-Bella, Taisei, Xtyrling, Paku, Cora, Jade, Le-Toya, Mahani, Navya, Oceania, Tiyaarna, Willow, Ziah, Chloe, Deijsha-Lee, Venn, Zara, Ingrid, Leo, Leon and Lydiah. Nau mai haere mai to your children and your whanau. This is your school and we hope that the aspirations you have for your child's education are realised during their time at Lincoln Heights.

We have three new teachers to our school in 2018: Mrs Aloiai, Mr Herbert, and Miss Parker. If you see them in the playground do say hi and introduce yourself.

Our senior leadership team has also grown this year with Mr Toby Kite and Mrs Amanda Gardner joining our team. This has freed Mrs Leisha Byrnes (Deputy Principal) up to focus more on mentoring team leaders with a view particularly to raising achievement especially in Maths, with Mrs Gardner stepping into the role of Associate Principal with responsibility for special needs, special education, library links & oversight of bilingual education. Mr Kite now oversees education outside the classroom (trips & camps), connections with local schools, as well as positive behaviour for learning. Welcome back to Mrs Kite and Whaea Kim also who have returned from maternity leave, and congratulations Kim on your recent nuptials!

On Thursday evening the Nikau team have a parent meeting starting at 5:30pm and will finishing at 6:30pm. Please do come along if your child's kaitiaki is Miss Irwin, Ms Heynen, Mrs Aloiai or Miss Treadwell. The meeting will be held in the nikau space by the main gate and children are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to find out what you need to know about how your child is taught in this shared space.

Next week we have a whole school whanau sports night. It's an informal way for you to meet the staff and for our staff to meet you. Our children need a strong home/school partnership to do well in their schooling, so if you are not working pop up to school and join us! Look out on facebook for more details.

Finally, thank you to families whose children are travelling to Samoa in June who have returned all permissions. All outstanding forms should be completed by the end of this week at the latest.

Do look at [www.lincolnheights.school.nz](http://www.lincolnheights.school.nz) to connect more closely to what we do and are about- there are lots of pages of information there for you to have a look at, and the site changes regularly as well, so be sure to bookmark it as a favourite.

Keep shining whanau  
Debbie Waikato

### TEACHER AIDE PROGRAMME - 26 WEEKS FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT- 20 HOURS PER WEEK

Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme is continuing our "Return to the Workforce" programme for parents who currently receive the Sole Parent Support benefit. We are able to employ 12 Teacher Aides to work in one of the following schools: Edmonton Primary; Flanshaw Road Primary; Henderson Intermediate; Kelston Girls' College; Liston College; Te Atatu Intermediate; and Waitakere College. The work is during normal school hours.

The positions are for a 26 week fixed term period *commencing Monday 19th March 2018*. The project is partially funded by Work and Income through the Ministry of Development Flexi-Wage Project in the Community. The rate of pay will be \$16.50 per hour. There is no guarantee that the teacher aide positions will continue after the end of the project.

Successful applicants will develop teacher aide skills through working with teachers and students in a classroom, supporting literacy, numeracy and general learning needs; and preparing teaching resources and other duties as requested by the school. A job description and training will be provided by each school.

All successful applicants will be required to complete a satisfactory police vet and to be available for *interviews during the week Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February*.

If you are interested in applying for one of these please collect an information pack from the school offices listed above.

If you would like to learn more about these positions, we are holding short information meetings on: Thursday 8th February, 9.15 a.m. at Kelston Girls' College, Thursday 8th February, 10.30 a.m. at Edmonton Primary School, Friday 9th February, 9.15 a.m. at Henderson Intermediate, Friday 9th February, 10.30 a.m. at Te Atatu Intermediate

Please deliver the completed application to any one of the above seven schools' offices.

**Applications close Friday 16th February at 12 noon.**

All enquiries to: Margaret Campbell, Manager, Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme.  
Phone: 027 437 612



## TERM ONE 2018 DATES

Whole school assemblies are held under the covered court on Fridays at 2.00pm on odd weeks of the term. All whanau are welcome to attend.

### February

7 <sup>th</sup>	Nikau night, , 5.30pm - 6.30pm, -Nikau space
10 <sup>th</sup>	LHS Music School enrolments, 9am-10.30am, office
12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA mtg, 6pm-8pm, staffroom
15 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher BBQ, 5pm - 6.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school assembly, 2pm, covered court
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Music School classes begin
20 <sup>th</sup> - 23rd	Yr 5/6 Camp Tupare, Kaipara Heads
26th -2 Mar	Yr 7/8 Camp Tupare, Kaipara Heads
24 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Music School classes begin
28 <sup>th</sup>	BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

### March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whole School assembly, 2pm, covered court
16 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School assembly, 2pm, covered court
19-23rd	PD week, <b>school closes 2pm Monday - Friday</b>
16 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school assembly, 2pm, covered court
28 <sup>th</sup>	BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday, school closed</b>
2nd Apr	<b>Easter Monday, school closed</b>
3rd Apr	<b>School closed</b>
4th Apr	School re-opens, 8.50am classes begin

## GENERAL NOTICES

- **Website.** Do check out our website for school information. [www.lincolnheights.school.nz](http://www.lincolnheights.school.nz)
- **Contact details.** Remember to advise us if *any* of your contact details change. You can email [lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz) or send a note to the office via your child at any time.
- **Facebook.** Don't forget to Like Us on Facebook: Lincoln Heights School Official and watch for alerts that are regularly posted.
- **Sunhats** are compulsory in Term One. A sunhat should be kept in your child's bag. Please talk to them about the need to wear a hat when leaving the classroom for play. Children not wearing sunhats are asked to play under the shade structure at break times.
- **The front carpark** is only available for official visitors, staff and the pick up and drop off of disability carpark holders only. These vehicles have pin code access. We respectfully ask that you abide by these rules for the safety of our children and for the security of the cars in the carpark. Please park on the road or use the Doone Place entrance to drop off/pick up your children.
- Our **Lincoln Music School** has been in operation on school grounds for decades. Prices are super cheap! Refer to dates above and pop into school to register. Classes are open to children and adults.

## YOUR COMMUNITY HUB

The Hub operates in the decommissioned dental clinic near the front carpark playground. Melissa is there three days per week; Monday and Wednesdays 9am to 11am, and Thursdays 9am to 11am. We encourage our community to drop in and see what community courses are coming up or you may have a suggestion for any future courses.

You can also check out the Facebook page Lincoln Heights Community Hub. Contact Melissa on 021 075 2292 anytime or email [thehub@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:thehub@lincolnheights.school.nz).

## PLAYGROUP

The Auckland Kindergarten Association operates a Playgroup in Room 7 (on the top field) for under 5s. Parents must be present to supervise their children. Playgroup operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact Rebecca by emailing [lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz) or phoning the office during playgroup hours for more information.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees are:

Jeanette Murphy-Stewart - Chairperson  
Debbie Waikato- Principal  
Simon Auva'a- Elected parent trustee  
Raewyn Clark- Elected parent trustee  
Lillian Hansell- Elected parent trustee  
Tania Irwin - Staff Trustee  
Andrew Lile- Elected parent trustee

The Board meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 5.30pm in the staffroom. Their role is to set the strategic direction and governance policies for the school. The Board can be contacted by emailing [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz).