



LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone

Welcome to the new families who have joined our school. We are off to a great start this term with Student Led conferences being held last week. It was great to see the number of parents engaging in the conferences to hear about your child's learning. We would love to hear your feedback on ways we could improve the experience for you.

Remember that the school will be **closed tomorrow** for all staff to attend a Staff Only Day. Ministry of Education staff will be working with all staff to further develop their skills and strategies in dealing with children's behaviour. SKIDS will be open and available for care. Contact Manel on 0800 187 000 to book if you haven't already done so.

We have now got the results for the children who actively participated in our summer reading programme, which show their reading levels were increased over the summer break. This is an amazing achievement for those students, when the 'norm' is to decrease reading levels over the summer holiday period, otherwise known as the 'summer slide'. We are so proud of the efforts of those students who participated and their whanau who encouraged and supported to ensure their child's ongoing reading success. We hope to see more whanau signing for next year's summer reading programme. Special thanks and acknowledgement needs to go to our phenomenal librarian Trena who ensured this programme ran seamlessly and was there to actively champion the programme. Thanks also to the teachers who were able to come in and support as well. With such great outcomes for the students who participated, we know that the programme will be hoping to run it again - there will be limited places available, so make sure to register your children later in the year so they don't miss out.

There is lots happening in the library. On Tuesday 22nd May come along for the evening Library event 'Book Night 2018'. Come and read with us and register online to be in to win bookseller's vouchers. Plus The Paper Plus Book Fair is happening for the week 21st to 25th May so do pop in to see Trena before or after school that week.

Term 2 is historically a term with poor attendance due to seasonal change and increased sickness. Remember if your child is away, please let the office know and send your child to school with a signed note when they return. With numbers of children away, phoning each family takes a long time. We are also noticing increased numbers of children arriving late to school. Remember our school motto 'In the gate at half past eight!' Being in school by 8:30am gives the children time to settle and for the teacher to touch base and check in to set learners up for a successful day. Over term 2 and 3 we often have parents who say their children are away because of the weather - as we are a KidsCan school we have shoes and jackets available. Please see Maria our SWiS if you would like a jacket or shoes for your child. The weather, while inconvenient and often painful, is not a reason for children to be kept home.

Have a great week!

Ka Kite

Leisha Byrnes

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CELEBRATIONS

This season LHS has registered 7 netball teams for competition and its great to see so many enthusiastic players coming along each Saturday with parents on the sidelines cheering them on.



TERM TWO 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.

May

9th Staff Only Day. **School closed**
7-11th Road Safety Week
14th PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
15th Yr 7 / 8 trip to Writers Festival, Aotea Centre
18th Mufti Day - wear Pink for Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying
21st Whole school class & individual photos
22nd Yr 7 / 8 Boys Norwest Football Tournament
Whole school cross country
Evening library event, 5pm
24th Yr 7 / 8 Girls Norwest Football Tournament
25th Cross country rain date
28th Moemoe Fou Samoa trip
30th BOT May meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

June

4th QUEENS BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE. School closed
11th PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
18-22nd PD Week. School closes 2pm daily
25-29th Matariki Art Week
29th PTA Quiz night, 7pm, hall

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Staff Only Day tomorrow 9th May.**
- Scholastic books offer #4 closes Thursday 17th May. Orders and payment to the office please.
- **Year 7 & 8 students** will be attending the Writers Festival on 15th May. A notice has gone home detailing this event. Payment to the office please.
- **Mufti Day & Pink Shirt Day** for National Anti-Bullying on Friday 18th May. Gold coin donation. Prizes up for grabs for best pink outfits.
- Whole school and individual **class photos** Monday 21st May. Envelopes and order forms have gone home. Pre-payment to the office by Friday 18th May please.
- **Paper Plus Book Fair**, week 4, Monday 21st to Friday 25th May, in the LHS Library. Everyone welcome to come along and see what is on offer.
- May 22nd, **evening Library event**, starts 5pm. Come along and read a book and register for World Book Discussion prizes. Open to everyone.
- Save the Date - PTA is holding a **Quiz Night**, Friday 29th June starting at 7pm in the hall. tickets \$10 per person.
- 2018 **Entertainment books** are now available from the office. \$70 to purchase online. Help the PTA to raise funds towards a new playground by purchasing a book now which contains lots of discount vouchers for entertainment and activities.
- **Website.** Do check out our website for school information and event dates on www.lincolnheights.school.nz.
- **Contact details.** Remember to advise us if *any* of your contact details change. You can email 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.
- **Uniforms.** If your child is not wearing their uniform they must have a note to excuse them from their parent/caregiver. Students should wear their uniform with pride so please ensure uniforms are clean and worn appropriately.

YOUR COMMUNITY HUB

The Hub in the decommissioned dental clinic near the front carpark playground is currently closed. Watch this space for new initiatives.

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 or phoning the office during playgroup hours for more information.