



LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone

I can't believe it is week 4 already! Remember this term has notoriously bad weather with lots of mud around so make sure you are sending your children to school with a change of clothes in their bag. Unfortunately we have very few spare items in the office, so if your child gets really wet and dirty we may need to call you to bring them a change!

We are still collecting money for the Footsteps Dance opportunity. All children are participating in dance classes and we are still collecting money to cover the cost. Remember we are subsidising this with fundraising. If you haven't sent your \$7 per child to school, please remember to do so.

Well done to Nikau and their fundraiser 'Movie and Popcorn' event and thank you to everyone who supported it. The team made over \$400 to help subsidise our Footsteps dance this term. The next fundraiser happened today with a delicious bake sale! A huge thank you to all the bakers and buyers that supported Pohutukawa, and the parents who assisted with the sale.

A huge thank you also to everyone in the Lincoln Heights School community for the tremendous ongoing support of our fundraisers throughout the past year. As you may be aware the Moemoe Fou Samoan Bilingual unit have been fundraising for the past five terms. Your generous contributions have enabled the senior class of Moemoe Fou unit to experience an overseas educational programme.

On Monday 28th our group of excited students, parents and three teaching staff will depart from school at 7.00am for a short bus ride to the airport before they fly to Samoa, returning on Wednesday 6th June. Our best wishes go with them for a safe, fun and educational trip.

Please make sure that you are speaking to your child's teacher if you have any concerns about their learning or behaviour. The best outcomes for children happen when there is a strong partnership between the school and whanau. If you do have a concern or feel the problem isn't being addressed, there is a copy of the process on the website; click the 'Kawa' tab then scroll down to 'Our School Protocols' and then select 'complaints and concerns'.

We are pleased to welcome Creative Souls back into the school this term to work with a group of year 5 and 6 students on a mural and also to work with a group of year 7 and 8 girls on a programme called Mighty Girls. We are very excited for the opportunity these programmes provide our students. I can't wait to see the Year 3 and 4 mural up on the wall of the Nikau space.

There will be a paid union meeting coming up in June to discuss the NZEI collective negotiations and potential action. We are facing a crisis in Auckland with insufficient teacher numbers to staff classes and is resulting in increasingly bigger class numbers. While we appreciate the disruption this may have to our community, please support us as better outcomes for teachers equals better outcomes for our learners. Keep an eye out for more details about when and how this will affect you.

Ka Kite

Leisha Byrnes
ACTING PRINCIPAL

From Mrs Wong and the Samoan Parents Network

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CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the two entrants of the sKids Kiwi Kids Can Cook Auckland heats happening on 26th May at Ignite College, 10am start for seniors, midday start for juniors. All the best Taylim and Bella, we wish you well for the cook off.

Some amazing writing from 2 of our boys in Room 25 about dealing with bullying.

Room 25 about dealing with

Well done Jeremiah and Dios



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

21-25 Bookfair in Library Mon-Fri this week
24th Yr 7 / 8 Girls Norwest Football Tournament
25th Cross Country rain date
28th Moemoe Fou Samoa trip departs school
30th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

June

1st Lunchtime Pizza fundraiser
4th QUEENS BIRTHDAY observance. School closed
6th Moemoe Fou Samoa trip returns
11th PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
18-22nd PD Week. School closes 2pm daily
25-29th Matariki Art Week
26th School closes 1.30pm for Union meeting
29th PTA Quiz night, 7pm, hall

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Pedestrian gates.** We would appreciate closing the pedestrian gates behind you when entering and exiting our grounds. This request is important to ensure our students are kept safe.
- **Paper Plus Book Fair**, happening this week until Friday in our Library. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what is on offer.
- **Choir group** is starting for **Yrs 5-8**. If your child would like to join a Choir group working towards representing our school at the Bruce Mason Theatre in Takapuna on 6th November please see Mrs King to register your interest. No previous experience required, just a love of singing in a group. Students come along to Rm 12 at morning tea tomorrow to hear more about Choir group. Weekly Choir practise starts Wednesday lunchtime 30th May.
- **Pizza fundraiser** Friday 1st June at lunchtime. Pre-orders open from 23rd May to your child's classroom teacher. \$2 per slice, \$3 for 2 slices, or \$10 whole pizza.
- Save the Date - PTA is holding a **Quiz Night**, Friday 29th June starting at 7pm in the hall. tickets \$10 per person.
- A reminder that the **lunchroom is now closed**.
- 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.** It is important to advise the office 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.

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.