

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

### ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone

Thank you parents for collecting your children from school at 2.00pm this week to support our teachers to attend professional development. We remind you that our teachers are attending a paid union meeting this Friday at 2.00pm. The school will remain open until 2.00pm with reduced cover. Myself and our Associate Principal Mr Kite will also be on-hand. If you wish to collect your child at 1.30pm you are welcome to. Otherwise please ensure your child is collected by 2.00pm prompt or alternatively contact SKIDS to arrange care from 2.00pm. We appreciate your cooperation.

Every two years we survey our school community for their input into the school's delivery of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. A launch date will be announced in the near future of when we will be sending out the 2018 Health and PE Survey using a variety of mediums that parents can access to have their say. Watch out for Facebook posts to advise the launch date and go to our website link to complete the survey, or you can send yours back in written form which will be sent out with a newsletter. The survey will close on Friday 24th August. We are hoping for lots of parent engagement for the survey that we know will assist us in addressing the future needs of children in our school.

Car parking. Please remember that our car parks are for authorised personnel *only* to ensure safety for our tamariki, particularly our tamariki with disabilities. Please be considerate and park on the road when dropping off/collecting your child from school and be aware of parking restrictions as they are there to ensure there is safe visibility at crossing areas. To avoid congestion at peak times we suggest having a conversation with your child about meeting them at a designated spot, or as we are a travelwise school, walking to meet them.

As a school we expect our children to demonstrate our REACH expectations; showing Respect, Engagement, Awareness, Celebrating and being Honest. As adults we sometimes forget our role in modeling these behaviours for our children. Please remember to show respect to each other on school grounds or on trips, be patient and understanding of difference and be aware of the important role you play in our school community. We appreciate your support in modelling the same expectations we are teaching to your children.

We have been made aware of an issue with our text messaging system this morning. The problem involved a group reminder text sent out to the parents of children in our senior school. This incident is being investigated to ensure that the problem doesn't reoccur. Thank you to the parents who alerted us to the problem and have attempted to be proactive in solving it. We have sent out a message to the parents involved and there is a message from the school on Facebook. Please keep in mind that all communication to your cell phone is controlled by you and at any time you can block unsolicited calls or messages. Please see your provider for tips if you are unsure how to do this.

There are 2 weeks left of term 2 and teachers are putting the finishing touches on reports. We know you will be looking forward to the opportunity to talk with your child about their learning and celebrating their progress and achievements. If you are unsure of anything in the report, please see your child's teacher.

If you haven't already got your team together for the PTA Quiz night, there are always spaces at tables. The Quiz night is a great way to support the school, meet the staff and catch up with other parents. There are great prizes, you can buy pizza and cakes and while not guaranteed, it is always fun. All proceeds are going to the redevelopment of our playgrounds.

Ka Kite

Leisha Byrnes  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

### CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to Koru (yellow) house who was the winning house for the highest number of REACH cards awarded (156). Well done Koru!!

A huge thank you to Mrs Lile who took a group of 8x Year 5-8 students to the West Auckland Barfoot & Thompson sponsored Book Battle held at Hobsonville Point School recently. Our Yr 5/6 team came 22nd out of 26 teams. Our Yr 7/8 team came 12th equal out of 23 teams. They scored 9/10 in one of their rounds showing their general literary



knowledge. Our special thanks to those students who proudly represented our school so well.

The school recently had its ESOL review. Congratulations to all our staff who support our ESOL children. You are doing an amazing job!

### 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.

#### June

18-22nd PD Week. **School closes 2pm daily**  
22nd School closes 2.00pm for Union meeting  
25-29th Matariki Art Week  
25th Yr 5/6 Boys Soccer, Starling Park  
29th PTA Quiz night, 7pm, hall

#### July

4th Boys Rugby 7's  
6th Last day of Term 2. School closes 3pm  
Mid year school reports go home  
Rain day boys Rugby 7's  
8-20 July School holidays. **School closed**  
23rd **Term 3 starts.** Classes start 8.50am  
25th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom  
26th Waitakere College open evening, 7pm, Yr 8's and their families are invited

### GENERAL NOTICES

- **PTA Quiz night**, Friday 29th June at 7.00pm in the hall. Tickets \$10 per person, available from the office. 'Blue Hawaii' is the theme, not compulsory but HIGHLY encouraged. Pizza, home baking and fizzy drinks available for sale on the night.
- **Waitakere College Open evening**, 7pm, Thursday 26th July. All year 8's and their families are invited to attend.
- **Choir practise.** A reminder that if your child is in the choir the group practice every Wednesday lunchtime in Rm 12.
- **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.
- **Website.** Do check out our website for school information and event dates on [www.lincolnheights.school.nz](http://www.lincolnheights.school.nz). Important dates have been included for your information.
- **Contact details.** It is important to advise the office 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.
- **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.

Current Coordinator Bex is sadly leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her well for the future and thank her for doing such a great job. Congratulations to Jordan Turner who has been appointed to replace Bex. Jordan is an ex LHS pupil and starts on Tuesday 10th July.

You can contact Jordan by emailing [lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz) or phoning the office during playgroup hours for more information.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



sKids Lincoln Heights NEW hours for the BEFORE SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME are 7am - 8.30am or 7.30am - 8.30am. sKids is also open from 2pm - 6pm during PD Week 18-22 June, and from 1.30pm-6pm on Friday 26th June for the Teachers to attend a NZEI meeting. We will be launching our JellyBeans Music from week 6 to week 10 this term EVERY THURSDAY!! For more information visit us at sKIDS Rm 31 or you can call us at 0800 187 000/021922521 or email us at [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz)