

STEP BY STEP, TOGETHER WE REACH NEW HEIGHTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone

Wasn't Book Week last week fabulous? So much on offer as we collectively shared and inspired a love of the world of books for our next generation. Thank you to the families that supported this kaupapa by talking to children about the theme, and participating in our book parade and other school events and activities on offer.

Tonight as I write, we are nearing the start of our Tweens to Teens Parents evening. This is a high quality event run by Parents Inc and funded by our Board of Trustees. Please keep 14 Nov free for the next evening which focuses in on tackling technology and the place of social media in our children's lives.

A few weeks back Cam Calhoen visited our school and spoke to some of our children about dreaming big. Here is his reflection from his visit: *"I had such a special time at Lincoln Heights School and have enjoyed hearing from so many students about their dreams and aspirations for the future. It may seem for them that they are so young and their dreams so far away but every moment of everyday is building them into who they will ultimately become and even the dreams they have each day at school are so important. I invite them ALL (I really do), to keep me posted on their individual journeys and if they have questions at any point please feel free to make contact. SKIDS... thank you so much for creating this special opportunity and it is this sort of stuff that changes the world, enjoy your awesomeness. A special thank you from us at Lincoln Heights also SKiDs, and a big thanks for the sports balls that you donated late last week for our sports shed. You are amazing!*

This week you should have received a student placement form regarding 2018 as well as a copy of your details on file for checking. Students in our Maori cohort will also have received another letter with attendance information and info about upcoming hui. Please families contact the school office if any of what is written is unclear. **We need all forms back by this Friday 29th September** as we will be working with them over the holidays.

Thanks for your support - have a wonderful holiday break with your tamariki.

Debbie Waikato

CELEBRATIONS

A big thank you to Emily and Trena for the organisation of a fantastic BOOK WEEK! This giant block of chocolate was displayed in the foyer. Great work Mrs Byrnes.



Tweens to Teens evening in action.



TERM THREE and FOUR DATES

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

September

- 27th NorWest Yr 7/8 Volleyball comp
Totara team Performing Arts EOTC to Town Hall
BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
- 29th LHS Talent Show finals, 2pm-3pm in the hall
Last day Term 3 - School closes 3pm

October

- 16th **Term 4 begins. School starts 8.50am**
PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
- 18th Whanau hui, 6pm, staffroom
- 19th Samoan Parents Network fono, 6.30, staffroom
- 23rd **LABOUR DAY. School closed**
- 25th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom
- 28th Samoan trip Supper fundraiser

November

- 3rd Board of Trustees nomination forms posted out
- 7th NorWest Yr 7/8 Touch Comp
- 8th Whanau hui, 6pm, staffroom
- 13th PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
- 14th New Entrant class and individual photos
Free Parents evening 'Tackling Tech', 7pm, hall
- 17th Board of Trustees election nominations close
- 20th Samoan Parents Network fono, 6.30pm, staffroom
- 27th Parent Helpers morning tea by invitation, 11am, hall
- 29th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

Term Three & Four Newsletter dates: September 27th, October 25th, November 8th & 22nd, December 6th

GENERAL NOTICES

- The **lunchroom** will be closed **this Friday 29th September** the last day of term, due to a bereavement.
- Last day for **Calendar Art orders** is Thursday 28th September at the office. Calendars, diaries, greeting cards, mouse pads and sketch pads showing off your child's artwork all make great gifts.
- **The SKIDS Holiday Programme** has an action packed fortnight of fun during the October school holidays that includes: Lego Ninjago Party, Transformers, Fuse Drumming, a trip to Skateland and the Trampoline Park to name a few. Don't delay, book your children in now by going to www.skids.co.nz and click on Parent Login (choose Lincoln Heights School). For more information call 021 922 521 or 0800 187 000. And for every Wednesday of Term 4 the 'Cook Up A Storm' programme is operating.
- **Ambury Farm Day** is on at Ambury Regional Park, Mangere Bridge on Sunday 8th October 10am – 4pm. Check out <http://www.ourackland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/events/2017/10/ambury-farm-day-2017> for more information.
- **Facebook.** Like Us on Facebook and watch for alerts that are regularly posted.
- **Website.** Check out our new look website which goes Live in week one of term four.
- **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.

PLAYGROUP AND THE COMMUNITY HUB

The Hub operates three mornings a week; Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 11am, and Thursdays 9am to midday *during term time*. Contact Melissa on 021 075 2292 anytime or email thehub@lincolnheights.school.nz to ask about hours during the holiday period.

The Auckland Kindergarten **Playgroup** operates out of Rm 7 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact Coordinator Rebecca during playgroup hours on extension 807.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Remember that mid-term elections are coming. Nomination forms are being posted out on 3rd November. Watch for yours in the post. Nomination forms must be received by the Returning Officer by 17th November, along with a brief statement about yourself and your experience/vision you would bring to the Board. Candidate statements are optional.

Who is our current Board?

- Julie Dent, Chairperson – Julie has been on our Board for more than seven years. Julie took up the Chairperson's role in 2016
- Sarah Preston, Deputy Chairperson – Elected to the Board in 2014
- Simon Auva'a – Elected in 2016
- Lillian Hansell – Elected in 2016
- Tania Irwin – Elected as staff trustee in 2016
- Jeanette Murphy-Stewart – Elected in 2016
- Corina Shields – Corina joined the Board in August of this year.