

LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone

It is great to see our tamariki returned rested and ready to start their learning for another term. What a great start we have had with amazing weather!

The REACH expectation our children are focusing on for the next two weeks until 3rd August is being **ENGAGED**. We will be working with the children on ways they can be engaged in their learning, their school and their community. Talk to your child about how they can be ENGAGED at school and how you as parents are engaged in school and community.

As you may have noticed, our shade structure has been fenced off for Health and Safety reasons since the big storm in April. This is of huge concern to the school leadership team, staff and our Board of Trustees. We are actively working with the Ministry of Education to resolve building works to remedy the damage, however, as with most things involving money and responsibility it is taking longer than we would have hoped. Please be assured that there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to remedy this situation.

Our Board has been working on a Strategic Plan which will inform future decision making. As members of our school community, your feedback is valued and appreciated. We will be sharing this work on the website and there will be a link on Facebook to it. Please look out for upcoming notices about how and when to provide feedback. At this time we will be posting a flyer of our strategic plan in the foyer for parents to comment so will have all mediums of communication covered.

As previously mentioned, Teachers are preparing to take action in response to the offer made by the Ministry of Education and it was confirmed this morning that the stop work action will be for a full day on Wednesday 15th August. The teachers collective agreement includes not just pay, but also the conditions that teachers work under. These conditions directly impact on our children. Please support our staff to get a better deal for the future of New Zealand by supporting the action of our teachers. The stop work action will mean that the school is **closed** for instruction on the 15th. sKiDS will be open (7am-6pm if needed) to provide assistance for parents who will need care for their children on that day. Please see bottom of next page for contact details.

We are gearing up for our big -ATHON. Our -athon this year will be a spell-athon and we are raising funds for our awesome new playground. We are nearly there with the PTA and BoT collectively securing funding from The Trusts Charitable Foundation. Our goal is \$6500. Last year we raised just over \$5000. The aim is to have the playground built ready for term 4 this year so please support us to provide this great addition for our community to use.

Year 8 students - If you haven't already made a decision about where to send your graduating year 8, Waitakere College is having a open day for daytime visits on 9 August at 9am and 10am. Bookings are essential - phone the office on 836 7890 to book a time.

Principal update - please read the enclosed letter regarding Debbie Waikato. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Board of Trustees on bot@lincolnheights.school.nz

This year like all others we are committed to ensuring that all children attend and participate in all school learning outside of the classroom. The PTA supports us with this by providing us with monthly donations which we use to sponsor children whose parents have contacted us to say they are unable to pay for a trip. Our other strategy has been to partially charge the cost and to have 'fundraising' events to cover the remainder of the cost. We appreciate all the support we have had from families. If you are having difficulty paying for any trips please see your child's teacher.

Congratulations to Mrs Lisa Venturi of Rm 10 who gave birth to a son, Benjamin on Monday 30th July. Benjamin weighed 8lb 2oz (3.77kg). Mother and baby are settling in.

Ka Kite

Leisha Byrnes
ACTING PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATIONS



In the last week of last term our Pohutukawa team welcomed Feathers Early Childhood Centre students to share in Matariki celebrations.

Congratulations to Paua house for getting the highest score of 122 REACH points accumulated in the last 2 weeks of last term. Excellent work!!

TERM THREE 2018 DATES

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

August

1st	Pohutukawa team trip to Stardome
3rd	Nikau/Kahukura teams trip to Stardome
7th	Yr 8 Boys & Girls NW Netball tournament, Te Pai Courts
8th	Yr 7/8 Boys Rugby 15 Aside Comp against Papatoetoe Int
15th	NZEI Union Stop Work action for all teaching staff School is closed. sKIDS will be open
16th	Yr 6 Girls NW Netball tournament, Te Pai Courts
18th	BOT Strategic Planning 1.30pm, staffroom
23rd	Girls & Boys Rippa Rugby at Moira Park
29th	Choir group practise, lunchtime Rm 12 BOT meeting, 5pm, staffroom
31st	Daffodil Day

September

7th	Spell-athon test day
10th	Maori Language week PD Week, School closes 2pm Monday to Friday PTA meeting, 6.30pm, staffroom
17th	Science Week Monday to Friday
28th	Last day of term two. School closes 3pm Whole school assembly, 2pm All Library books must be returned to school by today

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Choir practise.** A reminder that if your child is in the choir the group practice every Wednesday lunchtime in Rm 12.
- **Scholastic Bookclub offer #5** closes Wednesday 8th August. Orders and payments to the office please. Thank you
- **Medication to the office.** If your child uses medication (for example asthma inhaler) please bring in a spare for the office if you haven't already done so this year. Winter is the time a spare is most needed.
- **Do you have an under 5 child at home that will be starting school soon?** We are planning our New Entrant classes. If you have a pre-schooler that will be starting with us either later this year or next just please let the office know the child's name and date of birth.
- **Daffodil Day Friday 31st August.** For a gold coin donation the office will have Daffodils for sale to pin on lapels.
- **Website.** Do check out our website for school information and event dates on 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 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.** A black scarf is now an optional part of our school uniform that students can wear in the winter. Remember that 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. You can contact Coordinator Jordan by emailing lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz or phoning the office during playgroup hours for more information.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

sKids Lincoln Heights in Rm 31 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME from 7.00am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. For more information phone 0800 187 000/021 922 521 or email Manel and her team at lincolnheights@skids.co.nz

SKIDS will be open on 15th August for the NZEI Stop Work Action day. Check out their website or contact Manel or Sam direct.

Term Three Planner:

Week 1	Welcome Back
Week 2	Lego Challenge
Week 3	Colourful Unicorn
Week 4	Pompom Pets
Week 5	Marshmallow Names
Week 6	I Love You Dad!!
Week 7	Nature Inspired Crafts
Week 8	Maori Language Week
Week 9	Sports Week
Week 10	Kids Choice & Prize Giving

TERM THREE DAILY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS	Technology
TUESDAYS	sKids Active
WEDNESDAYS	FoodStorm cooking
THURSDAYS	Zumba
FRIDAYS	Fun Fridays