

LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week is Maori language week. There are lots of exciting things happening across the school so ask your tamariki what they have been learning. The theme this year is: 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'

'Kia Kaha' is well known in New Zealand English with its correct Māori meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation.

So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

There is much debate around Te Reo and its relevance in today's world. Regardless of your personal beliefs, it is one of our official languages, and a taonga to New Zealand. It is something that is unique to Aotearoa and to be cherished and celebrated. We are excited to be strengthening our personal use of Te Reo as well as building more authentic opportunities into our daily programmes.

We are still collecting the donations for our spell-athon. So far we have collected more than \$1000 with one student collecting more than \$500. Remember that all money raised goes towards our new playground. We are very excited and can't wait for the work to begin. Mrs Lile tells me that it will be completed over the holidays, so if you are up at school over the break, please be aware of the construction and make sure you stay safe. Students should always be accompanied by an adult after hours.

Thank you whanau for supporting our teachers to participate in professional development this week. A reminder that school closes at 2.00pm every day.

We are still pursuing the repair of our shade structure, which is of major concern for us as we head into summer. Our Board have discussed our dissatisfaction over the time it has taken and the lack of action from the consultants involved and like many of you we are feeling the frustration with the situation. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any updates.

Our Kahui ako (Community of Learning) is going well and there have been 3 'Across School Teachers' appointed. We are very lucky to have Theresa Telefou from our school appointed to one of them. We are very proud of her appointment and know she will do an awesome job supporting our Kahui schools to be more successful.

I will be away from school for the rest of the term and Toby Kite will be stepping up in my absence. I will be touring the Middle East and hope to get insights into the life and culture. While I am there I will be visiting schools and looking at opportunities for our children to share our culture and authentically learn about the daily lives of others. I will be posting on the LHS Facebook page as Ellen the arewhana from Ruma tekau ma toru has decided to come along. Room 13 have given me some key places they would like Ellen to visit and assure me that he will be well behaved.

Ka Kite

Leisha Byrnes
ACTING PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATIONS

This fortnight our school is focusing on the Reach value of RESPECT. Our students are learning to respect one another's views, differences, beliefs and space. Talk to them about what Respect should look like.

You're invited to a kōrero about the future of Māori education

The Ministry of Education is inviting all whānau, hapu, iwi - tamariki, mātua and kaumātua - to help build the future of Māori education in Aotearoa.

The government wants our education system to focus on success for all students, including all Māori. As part of this, we invite you to share your views about education with us and each other.

You can be involved in early learning or kōhanga reo. You can be a student or a teacher in a school or in a kura. At a wānanga or another tertiary institution. You can be a parent or a grandparent. Or an employer. It doesn't matter. What matters is we want to hear from you.

We want to know what's important to whānau Māori in education; what you value about what we have; what you want to change and how we would change it to ensure even greater success for all Māori in education, life and employment.



- Wednesday 19 September, **Waitakere College - 5:00pm to 7:00pm**

Wānanga-ā-rohe (Regional Wānanga). Spaces are limited, so please register if you will be attending to: koreromatauranga.tamaki@education.govt.nz or Mere.Snowden@education.govt.nz

TERM THREE/FOUR 2018 DATES

Whole school assemblies are held in the hall on Fridays at 11.30am on even weeks of the term. All whanau are welcome to attend.

September

10-14th PD Week, **School closes 2pm Monday to Friday**
Maori Language week
17-21st Science Week - Monday to Friday
26th BOT meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm
All school library books must be returned to Library
28th Last day of term two. School closes 3.00pm
Whole school assembly, 11.30am. Parents welcome

October

15th School re-opens for Term 4. 8.50am sharp
PTA meeting, 6.00pm, staffroom
17th Yr 7 / 8 Boys & Girls Volleyball comp, Massey HS
19th Yr 8 Massey High School testing
22nd **LABOUR DAY - School closed for today**
31st Student Led conferences, 3.15pm - 7pm
BOT meeting, 5.30pm

TERM FOUR BEGINS FOR ALL STUDENTS MONDAY, 15TH OCTOBER AT 8.50AM PROMPT

GENERAL NOTICES

- This newsletter will contain 3 separate notices to whanau regarding: 1) 2019 Student Placement form, 2) Give Me Five community volunteer form, and 3) Student Image permission form. Please read these notices and return them to the office with your child.
- Thanks to everyone who supported the Kahukura Cupcake fundraiser for hydro therapy swimming last week. Over \$400 was raised, special thanks to everyone involved.
- **Art Calendar orders** are now being taken for calendars, diaries, greeting cards, mouse and sketch pads displaying your child's artwork. They are reasonably priced and make great gifts for your families and friends. PLEASE NOTE change to deadline for orders. [Calendar Art orders now close on Friday 21st September.](#)
- **Scholastic bookclub** offer #6 closes TOMORROW 13th September.
- **Thursday Zumba classes** with Magda start in the hall from this week, 13th September from 7pm to 8pm. \$5.00 per person, children under 13 years free. Concession card available. Contact Magda James, Licensed Instructor on 021 048 0456 or email magdajkiwi@gmail.com for more information.
- **Reminder that PD week is THIS WEEK.** School closes at 2.00pm each day. sKIDS is available from 2.00pm this week. Contact details can be found at the bottom of the page.
- **Entertainment books.** Last chance to purchase an Entertainment book from the school office for \$70.00. Surplus stock will be returned at the end of August. These books are full of discount vouchers for activities, dining and are valid outside of Auckland as well. Don't miss out, great savings to be made.
- **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 please let the office know the child's name and date of birth.
- **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.
- **Facebook.** Don't forget to Like Us on Facebook: Lincoln Heights School Official and watch for alerts that are regularly posted.

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. sKIDS will be available during PD week 10th-14th September from 2.00pm. Contact Manel or Sam by phone 0800 187 000/021 922 521 or email at lincolnheights@skids.co.nz

Term Three Planner:

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