

LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student Led conferences were held last week - thank you to all the parents that came along to celebrate their children's learning. We hope you managed to get a sausage.

We received some excellent feedback during the consultation in the hall - we are using this in our strategic plan. We are committed to getting more feedback on ways we can improve and how you would like to shape the school curriculum. Your voice is important and can help to influence how Lincoln Heights looks in the future.

As you are aware we were on strike Monday 12 November - thanks to sKids and our parents for your support. Although the media has portrayed this as an attempt for teachers to get a higher pay rise, this is insignificant when compared to the other concerns raised by the teaching profession. Class sizes, release and support for our vulnerable learners have yet to be addressed by the Ministry of Education and while the announcement of 600 SENCo positions for 2020 is a start, there is no plan for how they will be funded, where they will come from or how they will be deployed across the 2500 schools nationwide. Our biggest frustration is that nothing has been done to support the learners we have in our classes now - your children, our children, some who have been on waitlists for more than 20 weeks or who are slipping between the cracks because they don't fit a narrow definition of special needs or who can't access the right assessment. If you want to know more please ask your child's teacher why they are continuing to fight and thank you for the many words of support and encouragement we have received.

I-Moko

If you haven't filled in and returned your I-Moko form there is still time and it is a great opportunity to support the Health and Well being of our students.

WORKING BEE 6 December 3pm - 6pm

Come along and join us in a fabulous working bee event.. As a school we have committed to providing a sustainable garden and learning opportunities for our students as well as strengthening our community. If you can spare an hour or two, come along and help. Any time you can spare is appreciated.



These fabulous learners from Room 11 Taalia and Parker came up to share their amazing lunch boxes they had designed and the healthy lunches they had planned.

This is part of a bigger project across the school and we are building great connections with organisations outside the school.

Ka Kite

Leisha Byrnes
ACTING PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATIONS

This article featured in the November Update from *Sustainable Schools*, Cheeeeeeeehoo Whaea Aissha!



Teacher of the Month: Aissha Woodcock

Our November Teacher of the Month is **Whaea Aissha** (Aissha Woodcock) from Lincoln Heights School in Massey. Aissha is acknowledged for her work supporting tamariki to get excited about teaching and learning in the school's gardens, which has had a positive impact on the environment of her school.

Through weekly senior school rotations involving 130 students from Y5-Y8, she inspires her students through

inquiring about sustainability in the school's environment and how the students can make positive changes to what we do. The environment that she has used is six previously unused garden beds that are now thriving.

She has also facilitated learning with the school's tamariki about traditional uses for plants such as Maori and Pacific medicinal plants.

Teno pai Aissha and keep up the great mahi! An Ecostore gift pack is on its way to you.

TERM FOUR 2018 DATES

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

November

19-21	ERO team visiting
22nd	Playgroup Bake Sale, morning tea Rainbows End trip for 2018 Patrollers
23rd	NorWest Athletics, Yr 7/8, Moire Park
26th	Parent Helpers morning tea, by invitation, hall
27th	Yr 7/8 Sports participants shared lunch, hall Chop suey pre-orders & payments due to Rm 20
28th	Library closed for the year for software upgrade & EOY stocktake Chop Suey fundraiser (see general notices)
30th	Yr 0-6 Christmas Disco, 5.30pm - 7pm, hall, \$3 entry

December

5th	Fiafia night, 5.30pm - 7.30pm Chop Suey for sale, \$5
7th	Seniors graduation, dinner & dance
8th	Music School EOY concert, 9am, hall
10th	Big Day In fun day, 9am - 3pm PTA meeting, 6pm, staffroom
11th	Moemoe Fou EOY prizegiving, hall, 10.30am Milo & Marshmallows, Library 3-6.30pm,
14th	Last day 2018. School closes 1pm

2019 TERMS: ONE 29 January-12 April; TWO 29 April-5 July; THREE 22 July-27 September; FOUR 14 October-17 December

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Playgroup Bake Sale TOMORROW**, Thursday 22 November, 10.50am - 11.30am, Room 3. Cakes, cookies, lollie cake, cupcakes and other treats available for purchase, 50c up to \$3.00 per item.
- Moemoe Fou **Chop Suey lunch fundraiser** Wednesday 28 November & Wednesday 5 December. \$5 per container. Pre-orders and payments to Rm 20 by Tuesday 27th and Tuesday 4th respectively.
- **LHS Music School** operates at school on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings. Tuition is available for Guitar, Recorder, Flute and Violin at all levels. Enrolments for 2019 classes are open. Please contact Music School Coordinator by email nellie.shaw@gmail.com.
- **Save the Date.** Come along to the Library for Milo and Marshmallows while you register your child for the Summer Reading Programme from 3pm to 6.30pm on Tuesday 11th December.
- **Scholastic book offer #8.** Closes Thursday 29th November. Orders and payment to the office please.
- **Grand Grocery raffle** to be drawn on Fiafia night. Non-perishable food item donations to the office please. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00
- Don't forget to check out our **Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page** where alerts are posted to our community on a regular basis.
- **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.

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. Last day for 2018 will be Thursday 13th December. Playgroup will resume on Tuesday 29th January 2019. 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. Contact Manel or Sam by phone 0800 187 000/021 922 521 or email at lincolnheights@skids.co.nz

To register your child for the school holiday programme starting on Monday 5th December. Contact Manel or her team.