

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

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Kia ora everyone

With the pace at which education reform is underway nationally, I thought it prudent to provide you the most current news regarding the reviews underway, and the potential and planned changes ahead of us all in schooling. Parents, these changes will affect your children during their schooling. I've included a link here which outlines the new Minister's portfolio work programme. It includes: a review of "tomorrow's schools" (how Board of Trustees operate), special education, and property reform, to name a few.

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/information-releases/education-portfolio-work-programme>

On another note, you ought to have received a notice about our teachers' paid union meeting this Thursday. The timing of which will not affect school closing at 2pm as usual. Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

There will be opportunities for you to contribute to the consultation process, about both the education portfolio work programme as well as while teachers enter into negotiations for their collective agreements. Be sure to have your say.

This week we farewell Melissa George who has been hub coordinator for the past 4 years. We thank her for her work in the hub since it opened, and know she will continue to do great things in the local community.

***Student Led Conferences will now be held on Thursday 3rd May. Please note change from original date of 11th April.***

Have you seen our new piano in the hall? Huawei generously donated a brand new piano as part of the 100 Piano's in School's project. We feel very lucky to have been included and feel this will truly benefit our tamariki! Thanks Huawei!!

Keep shining whanau  
Debbie Waikato

**CELEBRATIONS**

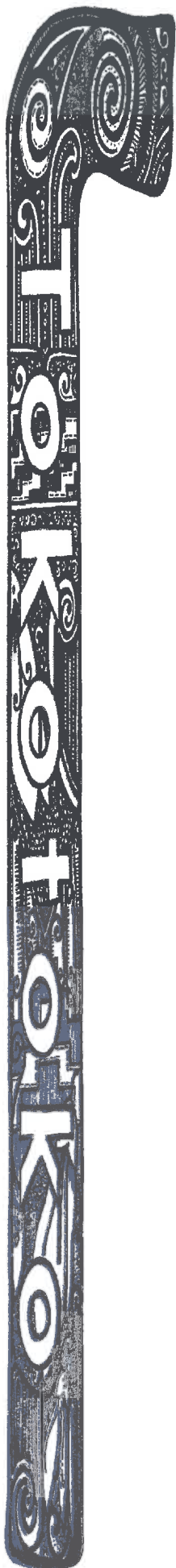
Congratulations to our victorious Yr 7/8 Boys Softball team for winning the Nor West Softball Zones at Rosedale Park last week. They won all five games against 13 other West Auckland schools. A huge thank you to Agnes for her effort in coaching, managing and umpiring.

Congratulations to the following Houses for getting REACH awards for HONESTY last week:

Pounamu - 1st - 130  
Koru - 125  
Paua - 102  
Umurangi - 84



Keep reaching for new heights everyone!



## TERM ONE 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.

### March

19-23rd PD week, school closes 2pm Monday - Friday  
28th BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom  
29th Yr 1-8 netball registration fees due  
30th **Easter Friday, SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

### April

1st Apr Daylight saving ends. Clocks back one hour  
2nd Apr **Easter Monday, SCHOOL IS CLOSED**  
3rd Apr **School closed, SCHOOL IS CLOSED**  
4th Apr School re-opens, 8.50am classes begin  
4-6th Apr BOOK WEEK  
9-12th Apr BOOK WEEK - **Parade Weds 11th April - 11.30am**  
13th Whole school assembly, 2pm, covered court  
13th Last day Term 2.  
**School re-opens for instruction - Monday 30th April at 8.50am.**

## GENERAL NOTICES

- Scholastic Book Order # 2 closes on 29th March. Order books have been sent home. Orders to the office please.
- \$5 Chop Suey and \$2 each pork buns are available every Thursday. Money and orders to classroom teachers the day before at the latest.
- We remind parents and caregivers that school is closed for Easter from Friday 30th March and re-opens for instruction on Wednesday 4th April.
- Parents are invited to attend the Bookweek parade on Wednesday 11th April at 11.30am.
- Student Led conferences are in week 1 of Term 2, Thursday 3rd May from 3.15pm with the last booking at 7.00pm. To book your time with your child's teacher go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). Event code: cynfy then follow the prompts.
- Save the date. Whole school and individual **class photos** Monday 21st May. Envelopes and order forms will be coming home next term.
- **Website.** Do check out our website for school information [www.lincolnheights.school.nz](http://www.lincolnheights.school.nz)
- **Contact details.** Remember to advise us 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.
- **Sunhats** are compulsory in Term One. A sunhat should be kept in your child's bag. Please talk to them about the need to wear a hat when leaving the classroom for play. Children *not* wearing sunhats will be directed to play under the shade structure at break times.

## YOUR COMMUNITY HUB

The Hub in the decommissioned dental clinic near the front carpark playground is currently closed. Watch this space for new initiatives.

## 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. Contact Rebecca by emailing [lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz) or phoning the office during playgroup hours for more information.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meet at 5.30pm on the last Wednesday of every month in the staffroom. If you would like to attend please email the Board Chairperson at [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz)