

LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone



Well done to the team involved in the Year 5-8 camps- whether young and old, great fun and learning was had by all. See below for some photos. Special thanks to our super staff and parents who sacrificed family time for their wider school family. We value and appreciate you!

Maths

Did you know that staff are working with two internationally renowned facilitators to raise Maths student achievement? Viviane Robinson & Roberta Hunter have been working in tandem with school leaders and teachers to improve student engagement and learning especially in Maths. I would be interested in any feedback about your child's experiences this year in Maths lessons, and also whether the Maths homework being provided is meeting family's expectations. Please email lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz to share your thoughts and our receptionist Geneva will forward your messages on to me.

Lunchroom closure - The lunchroom will be closing this Friday 9th March. Robyn Hall - we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful job you have done providing quality lunches to our students, and for the many connections you have made with families and staff. We wish you well for the future.

School closing early Week 8 - In Week 8 we have Staff Professional Development Week. On this week Mon - Fri 19th to 23rd March school closes at 2pm. Each Week 8 of the first three terms school closes early. All families need to make plans for where their children will go when the bell goes at 2pm. Students will not be supervised after this time. If your whanau is unable to provide care after 2pm, please contact SkiDs to arrange for casual care during this week on 0800 187 000.

Samoa Trip - A group of Y5-8 students in Moemoe Fou are visiting Samoa from 28 May - 6 June. There are lots of fundraisers coming up - the next being chop suey and rice every Tuesday! Please support where you can.

Tiriwa Kahui Ako Whakatauki - Our Massey Kahui invited Whaea Awa Hudson (QSO) to gift a whakatauki to tautoko our mahi. On 15th February 2018 Whaea Awa, supported by Whaea Shirley Cranston visited our ropu at Learning Network. We are humbled by the gift Whaea Awa has given us, and believe that honouring this whakatauki will serve our kahui ako well. "*Tui tui tui tuia. Tuia te here tangata*" bind human relationships/unite the strands of humanity/weaving people together"

Keep shining whanau
Debbie Waikato

CELEBRATIONS

Below Left - Honetiaki Placed 2nd in Auckland Boccia Competition

Below Right - mastering kayaking during Y5-6 Camp Tupare



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

8th Nor West Yr 7/8 Softball at Rosedale
9th Lunchroom closes
13th Nor West Yr 7/8 softball & Yr 5 / 6 TBall at Rosedale
15th Kahukura Cupcake Fundraiser
16th Whole School assembly, 2pm, covered court
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**
Student Led conferences
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

- **Cupcakes fundraising sale Thursday 15th March.** \$2 each from Kahukura during morning tea time and lunch. First in first served. Be quick, cupcakes are too yummy to last!
- Heads up - Mrs King is organising a LHS **Choir years 4-8**. If your child would be interested in participating in the choir which will involve a lunchtime practise and end of year performance at the Bruce Mason Theatre, North Shore. Information coming your way soon.
- **Advance notice of PD week** Monday to Friday 19th to 23rd March. **School will close at 2:00pm** Monday to Friday to allow our teachers to attend valuable professional development.
- If your child **suffers from Asthma** and you have received a letter requesting a new inhaler, please arrange for a named one to come to the office as soon as possible. It is important that we have the appropriate medication for your child at all times. Thank you.
- The **front carpark** is only available for official visitors, staff and the pick up and drop off of disability carpark holders only. These vehicles have pin code access. We respectfully ask that you abide by these rules for the safety of our children and for the security of the cars in the carpark. Please park on the road or use the Doone Place entrance to drop off/pick up your children.
- **Using the carpark via security code.** A reminder to parents of disabled students that your access is for drop off and pick up only at the start and end of the school day. Please keep your time to a minimum for drop off/pick up. Car parking for extended periods means the carpark becomes congested and vehicles get blocked. We appreciate your cooperation.
- **Lunchroom** closes Friday 9th March. Alternative student lunch order availability will be announced for Term Two soon.
- **Website.** Do check out our website for school information www.lincolnheights.school.nz
- **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.
- **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.

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 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