

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone

Thank you to all the whanau that came out in the sunshine last week to meet the teachers and join with them in some 'non contact' fun sports. It was a great evening and for once the weather was on our side. The PTA did a great job selling sausages and ice-blocks which went down a treat after some sweaty sports. Our PTA do an amazing job of rallying the troops and supporting the school and students to access opportunities such as camp and trips. While they will continue to do this, their major fundraising focus for this year is the playgrounds - if you can support the PTA in any way, please get in touch with Trena our PTA Chair. I am looking forward to seeing an amazing playground in the near future!

Week 4 has brought a mixed bag of weather as our intrepid year 5 and 6 campers head off to Camp Tupare at South Head. The supervisory team of Gordon, Mr Kite, Mrs Auva'a, Miss Parker and Mr Haley-Herbert are well prepared for whatever the weather and we know the children are already having a great time. Camp is something we value as a school, it provides safe opportunities for our children to push themselves and do things they wouldn't normally do and try things in a supported way. Thank you to all the parents who got their children kitted out, did their baking or biscuit buying and got to school ready for the trip - even in the face of terrible weather. A special thanks to all the parents who set off yesterday and who will be up over the rest of the week - without your support we wouldn't be able to provide this great experience for our tamariki.

Looking towards next week, our year 7/8's are gearing up for their camp and I know they will be waiting to hear how our year 5 and 6 campers went. Thank you to those parents who have taken time off work for next week as well. If your child is going next week, remember to send them along with some baking or biscuits - these are a great addition to the menu as a supper time treat.

A special thank you to Sarah Preston and the Girl Guides Association who have once again supported the school by providing the tents and cooking kits. Last year the Guides donated a number of tents to the school and this year they are continuing to support us by supplying the additional tents we need. We appreciate Sarah's support as the gear is invaluable and know the staff and children will appreciate her baking as well.

Starting next week some of our children in Nikau will be working with an artist to create a mural to run along the ILE. This artwork will be based on our first unit of learning for the year Turangawaewae and the *Whakatauki: Taku rekereke, taku turangawaewae. Where I plant my heels is where I make my stand.* The piece will be installed before the end of the term, so keep an eye out for it.

Pohutukawa learners have been working with Dave Curtis from Activ8 developing their confidence and leadership skills. It's never too early to develop the skills of resilience and problem solving. Dave is a great facilitator and we are pleased to have him working with our juniors and some of our Year 4-6 students this term.

Moemoe Fou are continuing to fundraise for their trip to Samoa in May. If you see any fundraising notices, please support them where you can.

Keep shining whanau  
Debbie Waikato

### CELEBRATIONS

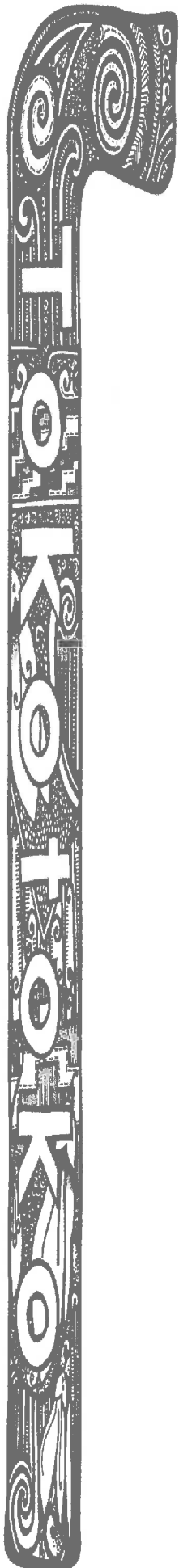
REACH House AWARDS Week 2:

1st: Paua 142

2nd: Pounamu 141

3rd: Umurangi

4th: Koru



## 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.

### February

20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Yr 5/6 Camp Tupare, Kaipara Heads  
26<sup>th</sup> -2 Mar Yr 7/8 Camp Tupare, Kaipara Heads  
24<sup>th</sup> Saturday Music School classes begin  
28<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> Whole School assembly, 2pm, covered court  
8<sup>th</sup> Nor West Softball Yr 7/8 at Rosedale  
16<sup>th</sup> Whole School assembly, 2pm, covered court  
19-23<sup>rd</sup> PD week, **school closes 2pm Monday - Friday**  
29<sup>th</sup> Yr 1-8 netball registration fees due  
30<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday, school closed**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Apr **Easter Monday, school closed**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Apr **School closed**  
4<sup>th</sup> Apr School re-opens, 8.50am classes begin

## GENERAL NOTICES

- **Scholastic book offer #1** closes on 1st March. All orders and payments to the office please.
- 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. Carparking for extended periods means the carpark becomes congested and vehicles get blocked. We appreciate your cooperation.
- **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.
- **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 are asked to play under the shade structure at break times.
- Our **Lincoln Music School** has been in operation on our school site for decades and offers professional tuition. Prices are super cheap! Classes are open to children and adults. To enrol or make an enquiry contact Music School Coordinator Nellie Shaw by phoning 027 612 9537 or email [nellie.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:nellie.shaw@gmail.com)

## YOUR COMMUNITY HUB

The Hub operates in the decommissioned dental clinic near the front carpark playground. Melissa is there three days per week; Monday and Wednesdays 9am to 11am, and Thursdays 9am to 11am. We encourage our community to drop in and see what community courses are coming up or you may have a suggestion for any future courses.

You can also check out the Facebook page Lincoln Heights Community Hub. Contact Melissa on 021 075 2292 anytime or email [thehub@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:thehub@lincolnheights.school.nz).

## 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

Our Board of Trustees are:

**Jeanette Murphy-Stewart** was elected Chairperson by our trustees at the first 2018 board meeting. Jeanette has been an elected member since 2013 and brings experience with a Maori lens to the group of Trustees. Jeanette can be contacted by emailing [bot@lincolnheights.school.nz](mailto:bot@lincolnheights.school.nz)

**Lillian Hansell** was elected as a Trustee in June 2016 and brings a Samoan lens to the group of Trustees.

**Tania Irwin** was elected as a Staff Trustee May 2016. Tania is a Team Leader of the Nikau Yrs 3-5 team and has sound knowledge of the New Zealand curriculum and brings a teaching lens to the group.

**Raewyn Clark** and **Andrew Lile** were elected as Trustees in December 2017. Raewyn has a legal background and Andrew has a Defense Force background. Both have children at the school and are looking forward to collectively shaping the future direction of the school. Welcome Raewyn and Andrew.