



# LINCOLN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## A SCHOOL FOR HEROES



TERM 1 / WEEK 3 NEWSLETTER - 15 FEBRUARY 2018

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora Koutou,

We are nearing the end of Week Three, which has been the settling in period for students and teachers. I am delighted to share with you that the start of this year has run very smoothly. Our new students and teachers are very settled and working productively in their new environments. The term is now in full swing with our first team heading away on camp next week. All programmes are now up and running, including swimming and enrichment. Everyone is enjoying the refreshing experience of a swim during these very hot days.

If you dropped your children off at the main site this morning, and are collecting them this afternoon, you will notice that another three sections of our modular building has arrived today. Luckily this time the building is on the boundary, so very little disruption has been experienced. We now have six sections on site, there are twelve more to arrive yet. I will be looking very carefully at the number of children in Syndicate 3 compared with the numbers of children in Year 2. The group which will move into these new modular learning spaces will be decided according to these numbers within the next week.

On Monday Richard Wise (BoT Property representative) and I met at the Ministry of Education buildings to discuss tender documents and agree on the contractor for our 200 Block. This exercise was very robust and equitable. The decision has been made, however I cannot share the outcome at this stage. Work on the 200 Block (replacing the old administration block) is scheduled to commence in March with completion before the end of this academic year.

All is tracking for us to be back on the main site at the beginning of 2019.

Our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) have submitted our achievement challenges to the local Ministry office this week. We are hoping that this important document which sets learning goals across the seven schools who are members, and the preschools who belong to our community will have Ministry sign-off within the next month. These joint goals have been framed around Writing, Science and Second Language learning. Our Charter will align this document with a target around Science.

As we have moved to a new student management system, you will have noticed that emails and accounts look quite different from what you have previously received. We have had some very positive feedback regarding the email format. A huge amount of work is currently being done around the parent portal which will give you very up to date information regarding your child's progress and achievement against the New Zealand Curriculum bands. The removal of National Standards has very little effect on what we do at Lincoln as we already used the NZC to formulate bands of achievement. It is great that we can modify some of the National Standards Language. I hope never to again have to report to families using the "Well Below" language. This does nothing to support our learners or their families. Every child we have who finds learning very challenging has an individual programme, and parents are fully aware of what supports are in place. Whilst moving to a new system is a significant transition for a school of this size, the value added outweighs the workload created. We look forward to rolling out the Linc-Ed site capabilities in a sequential way as the term and year progress.

#### 3-Way Learning Conference - 27 & 28 February

We aim to have the booking site for the 3-Way Learning conferences live today. The purpose of this exercise is to revisit the learning goals set last year, create new ones for our new pupils, connect with our families and share ways in which parents/caregivers can support their children at home. School is open while the conferences are being held - we do have a wonderful team of Technology teachers who supervise activities for those children who need to remain at school on Tuesday afternoon. I wish to thank all those parents who make adjustments to their schedules to enable children to go home while these conferences are being held on Tuesday. Children can be collected from school from 12.30pm. Class times for children on Wednesday are unaffected.

Can I please stress to everyone using the driveway at the Junior Campus to drive very carefully. We ask that a 20 km/h speed limit is respected. Our wee people are not supposed to use this as a walkway to school. If all motorists respect the speed limit and all parents ensure their children do not use the road as an entry point, we will avoid the distress of an accident.

Vivienne Butcher  
Principal

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<http://lincolnprimary.ultranet.school.nz/WebSpace/148/>

<b>Feb</b>	20-23	Year 8 Camp
	22	Board of Trustees Meeting—7:30pm
	23	Assembly —9.15am
	27-28	3-Way Conferences
<b>March</b>	1-2	Syndicate 3 & 4 Swimming Sports
	2	PTA Disco
	5	PTA Meeting
	7	Zone Duathlon
	9	Zone Swimming Sports
	11-16	Syndicate 3 Camp
	13-16	Year 7 Camp
	22	Syndicate 1 Athletics Day
	30	Good Friday—School Closed
<b>April</b>	2	Easter Monday—School Closed
	3	Easter Tuesday—School Closed
	13	Last day of Term 1
	30	Teacher Only Day—School Closed
<b>May</b>	1	Term 2 commences
<b>June</b>	4	Queens Birthday
<b>July</b>	6	Last day of Term 2



### OTHER NOTICES

#### ESOL

We would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our students from overseas and also to our new member of staff Janette Graham.

#### ESOL Teachers:

Tania Donoso  
Janette Graham

#### ESOL Co-ordinator

Marie Keely

#### Reminders:

- ◇ School commences at 8:50am every day and we finish at the earlier time of 2:30pm every Wednesday.
- ◇ Term 1 Accounts were emailed on Tuesday evening using the new LincEd SMS. Statements have been emailed to the 1st Caregiver.
- ◇ Year 8 camp fees due by this Friday please
- ◇ Year 7 camp fees due by 6th March

#### Head Health

There have been some cases of headlice in the community. Please ensure you check your children's hair weekly and treat when headlice are detected.  
Thank you.



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## PTA NOTICES

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

The PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open every Friday 2.45 -3.15pm on the side of the hall beside the Senior Playground.

**Please note: we can only accept cash :)**

Any uniform no longer needed would be gratefully received by the PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop. Items can be sold on behalf of or donated to the PTA to sell. Alternatively contact Levana Jackson on 021 045 5601 or [stephenandlevana@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:stephenandlevana@yahoo.co.nz)



### Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic orders for Issue 1, 2018 are due in by 3.00 pm on Friday 16th February.

Orders can be returned to the Junior Campus Office or the Main School Office.

Please make sure that the forms are filled out fully and the money is correct (no change will be given). All cheques should be made payable to "Scholastic New Zealand".

Orders can also be made with Scholastic's Linked Online Ordering and Payment for Parents (LOOP). Please refer to the order form for details on how to order online. Orders made via the LOOP will be electronically linked and delivered with the rest of the school order. The final date for this is also Friday 16th February. Any orders made after this date will incur a delivery charge from Scholastic.

### PTA AGM

The PTA's 2017 AGM will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 5 March 2018, in the staff room . All parents and staff are welcome to attend. The AGM will be followed by the PTA committee's February meeting.

### School Disco

The PTA will be hosting a school disco for all students on 2nd March 2018. Further details will follow next week.



## OTHER NOTICES



Road Safety At Lincoln Primary

**Here is an adaptation of the report written by Harrison James after he did the training.**

Every day at Lincoln Primary School, Road Patrollers keep children safe when crossing the road. Road patrollers have many calls. They call on patrol to start and off patrol at the end. They put their arms out to stop pedestrians and control the signs being put out and brought in. They always check to see if everything is clear and tell the pedestrians when they can cross.

#### The Sign

A Road Patrollers sign is like their barrier to the road. We call them lollipops because they have a big circle on the end that says STOP. These are quite heavy and it can be difficult inserting the sign but we get used to it.

#### How Road patrolling works

Road Patrollers can't operate by themselves, they have to have a trained teacher to keep an eye on them. Sometimes the teachers help us with decision making (especially when we are new at the beginning of a term) but ultimately it is up to us (the Road Patrollers) to gauge when to put the signs out. We have to concentrate very hard in order to make the right decision. However, we have had great training from Constable Rick.

#### Weather conditions

Road Patrollers operate in any weather except for snow, lightning and any dangerous storms. If it's too windy the Road Patrollers will not use the signs but they will still patrol with a teacher by waiting for a safe break in the traffic and letting the pedestrians know that it's safe to cross.

As a Road Patroller, we realise our job is extremely responsible. We do our best to keep our children safe and try to keep the traffic flowing. Thank you to the teachers and parents who understand and help us with our role.

NZTA have updated their "Hike it, Bike it, Scoot it, Skate it" booklet. Here is the link below in case any staff/parents might be interested.

[https://education.nzta.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/66449/Hike-it-bike-it-2017.pdf](https://education.nzta.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/66449/Hike-it-bike-it-2017.pdf)