



Newsletter Term 1 / Week 3 - 18th February 2021

Principal's message

Kia Ora Koutou,

Welcome to Week 3. It has been quite a complex week at the Management level. Hopefully we have ensured that these complexities were not noticed by our tamariki or families to any great degree. We attempted to minimise the changes to our routines between Levels One and Two of our COVID response plans, and have organised the school day to operate in a very similar manner in either Level One or Two. I wish to thank you all for your cooperation and support when our entry and exit procedures needed to change with little or no warning. It is very reassuring to see so many of our whānau using the QR codes at the gates.

One area which was concerning was to see how many cars were entering the staff car park area at drop off and pick up times. This area has been identified as a significant hazard, which will be remedied when the area is reconfigured during the next holiday break.

We ask that no-one brings their car into this area between 8.20 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. and 2.50 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. (2.20p.m. and 2.40 pm Wednesdays). We have started closing the gates at these times to try and ensure our students are safer as they enter and leave school.

Planned Teacher Only Days

As part of the Governments award package to address teacher workload, they agreed to a number of teacher only days as entitlement for all schools. We were gifted 8 days, which do not need to be made up at the end of each academic year. COVID related closures and our reluctance to have students away from school any more days than absolutely necessary meant we cancelled two of our planned days last year. As these days must be used before May 2022, we have rescheduled two of these days into 2021. We have set dates which tie into long weekends. The dates for this year are as follows:

Thursday 1 April (directly before Good Friday)

Friday 4 June (directly before Queens birthday weekend)

Tuesday 8 June (directly after Queen's Birthday)

Thursday 11 November (directly before Canterbury show day)

We will ensure Kelly Club is aware of these dates to support families who have work commitments.

School Picnic

We are watching the weather for next week. The rain which is predicted has been bought forward to Wednesday, which is great. We are really pleased that a large number of parents are able to join us for this day. Buses have been organised and will take our senior classes out first, then return to school and collect the junior classes. Juniors will return to school first, followed by our senior students once the buses return. Teachers have planned activities for the students whilst they enjoy this beautiful environment which our students have created over the last 8 years. Please be mindful that this area borders Lake Ellesmere and the coast areas, so there is often a cool wind blowing. The grass is very coarse, so long trousers are recommended. All students will be sitting in a mown area for their lunch and Porta-loos will be available for those who need them. Hopefully the weather will be fine and alert Level remains at one!

Ngā mihi,

Viv Butcher

Principal

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS [Click here to read more](#)



February	March	April
3 Open afternoon 1pm-3pm 4 First day of Term 1 8 Waitangi Day observed 12 Assembly 18 BOT Meeting 23 PTA AGM Meeting 23 Kotuku Beach Ed Trip 24 Parera Beach Ed Trip 25 Whio Beach Ed Trip 26 Yarrs Flat Trip	1 Year 7/8 Swimming Sports 2 Year 5/6 Swimming Sports 15 Lake Rua Year 8 Sailing Trip 16 Lake Rua Year 7 Sailing Trip 18 BOT Meeting 30 PTA Meeting	1 Teacher Only Day 2 Good Friday 5 Easter Monday (school closed) 6 Easter Tuesday (school closed) 15 BOT Meeting 16 Last Day of Term 1

Term Dates for 2021

Term 1: Thursday 4th February - Friday 16th April

Term 2: Monday 3rd May - Friday 9th July

Term 3: Monday 26th July - Friday 1st October

Term 4: Monday 18th October - Friday 17th December

Teacher only days & Public holidays 2021

Thursday 1st April - Teacher only day

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

Monday 5th April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 6th April - Easter Tuesday

Friday 4th June - Teacher only day

Monday 7th June - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 8th June - Teacher only day

Monday 23rd August - Teacher only day

Monday 25th October - Labour day

Thursday 11th November - Teacher only day

Friday 12th November - Canterbury Anniversary day

Wednesday Early Finish

Every Wednesday school finishes at **2.30pm**. Please be prompt for pickup so teachers can get to their meetings on time. Students will be sent to the office if they have not been collected by 2.35pm.



Weekly School Notices

Police Vetting/Parent Help

We love having parents and caregivers come along to help on school trips. We couldn't do these trips without you. If you would like to parent help on any of your children's trips you must be police vetted first. It is our policy to do our own independent police vetting. Please bring a completed Lincoln Primary Police vetting form and two forms of ID, one being photo, into our school office where a member of our Senior Leadership Team will sight your ID and sign the form. It can take up to 3 weeks for the result of your Police vetting to come back. Please see your child's pastoral care teacher or the office for an LPS Police Vetting form.

Sunhats and Sunscreen for Term 1

It is compulsory for all students to wear a sunhat during break times during our summer terms. Please ensure your child comes to school each day with their clearly NAMED sunhat. We also encourage you to apply sunblock at home before coming to school, however we do have school sunblock available. Sunhats can be purchased from online at [Argyle Online](#) or from our second hand uniform shop, which is open on Friday's 2.45pm-3.15pm.

Lost Property

The lost property bin is on the Te Horoeka verandah (old modular building by the junior playground) for anyone looking for lost property. Please do ensure that ALL your child's school clothing is named. We often have unnamed uniform items that we have no obvious owner for. Also, if your child is wearing second-hand uniform items, do cross out prior owners' names and scribe your child's name. Names sometimes wear or wash out over time, so please check and rename if they are faded.

Lunch Online

Lunch online orders must be placed **before** 9am. Subway can be ordered on Wednesday's and Sushi on Friday's. Please visit lunchonline.co.nz to place your order.

School Uniforms

New school uniforms can be purchased from [Argyle Schoolwear](#). We have a selection of uniforms that can be tried on at the office. Our LPS cardigans can be purchased directly from the school office for \$75.

Sickness/Medication

If your child is unwell at all please keep them home to slow the spread of germs. We may call you to collect your child if they appear unwell at school. Please remember there is a 48 hour stand down for vomiting.

Please note students must not keep any medication including inhalers on their person or in their bags. All medication must be checked into the office and a Medication Authorization Form signed by parents.

Student absences or appointments

The office must be notified if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason. A message can be left on our absence phone, 03 3252571 extension 1. Alternatively you can fill in the online absence form on our website (contact us page), OR email us at admin@lincolnprimary.ac.nz. You are welcome to let your child's teacher know of their absence but please ensure the office is notified. We also prefer that a parent/caregiver advise us of the absence (not a sibling). This is to ensure your child has arrived at school safely. If you don't inform the office of an absence before 9.15am and your child is not in class for the morning roll, you may be sent a text message to confirm their whereabouts and the reason for their absence. Please inform the office if you intend to collect your child during the school day for an appointment, you will also need to sign your child out.



New Students

We would like to welcome Ben, who has joined our Tarawhatu Reception class this week.

From the Board of Trustees

This Term there is 1 policy for parent/caregiver review. This is the Home Learning policy. Could you please follow the instructions below to review by Friday 12th March?

1. Visit the website www.lincolnprimary.ac.nz.
2. Enter the username (lincolnprimary) and password (heroes).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

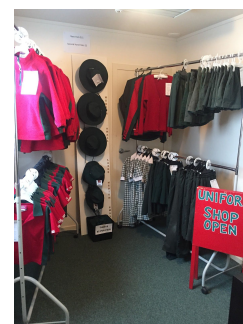
PTA Notices

PTA AGM Meeting

The PTA AGM Meeting is being held on Tuesday 23rd February in our LPS staffroom from 7pm. All parents are invited to attend.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The PTA Second Hand uniform shop is open every Friday from 2.45pm-3.15pm. The shop is located on the side of the hall beside the senior playground. Any uniform no longer needed would be gratefully accepted by the shop.



Scholastic Lucky Book Club Orders

Scholastic orders for Issue 1 2021 are due by 3:00pm on Friday 19th February. Orders can be made online via Scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or paper orders can be handed to the school office (exact cash payment only please).

Other Notices

Hay fever

It's hay fever time again! If your child suffers from hay fever, please ensure appropriate medication is administered prior to leaving home in the morning (especially on the Nor-West windy days) to ensure your child does not suffer the effects of their hay fever while at school. If you wish to have medication kept at school for your student please sign this in at reception with Emma or Kate.





Do you have a disabled child or child with a health impairment at school? Learn how to get the best outcomes for your child with an Individualised Education Plan (IEP).

As a parent or caregiver of a student with learning support needs you have an important role to play in your child's education. A partnership between you, the school and other professionals will enable your child to progress at their own pace towards customised goals, and to make the most out of their time at school.

This informative workshop will lead you through the IEP process, how to have productive IEP meetings, how to foster inclusion in the classroom, and the types of funding available to you. Don't miss this chance to ensure your child reaches their full potential at school.

Monday 22 February, 2021

Workshop 1: 10am—12pm | Join us remotely on Zoom

OR Workshop 2: 7pm—9pm | Join us remotely on Zoom

Cost: These workshops are free thanks to funding from Care Matters.

Your family must be eligible for disability support services to attend this workshop.

Please contact us if you are unsure of your eligibility.

[Click here to register now.](#)

Or contact Jo for more information:

gtrcanterbury@parent2parent.org.nz | 022 088 0327

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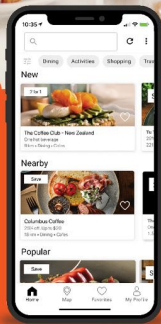
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