



## Newsletter Term 4 / Week 1 - 15th October 2020

### From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou,

Welcome to Term 4. Please keep an eye on the Public calendar and also the newsletters which your child/ren's pastoral care teachers or syndicates will be sending home. There are so many events scheduled, you will need to keep a record of them to ensure important dates are not overlooked.

Both of our swimming pools are full of water. Bart has been busy getting the chemicals balanced. We intend turning the heating plants on after Labour weekend, so it might be timely to check that swimming togs still fit, get the goggles, towels etc sorted and ready in the swimming bags. I will keep you fully informed of when the school swimming season commences. I'm sure the PTA will also be sharing information about when the school community keys distribution process will occur.

You will have received a very short survey question regarding the management of our school gates. It was decided last term that we should retain the COVID Level 2 procedures for entry and exit to the school site to ensure that changes are minimised should we see-saw between COVID alert levels.

This decision was founded on many factors, all which relate to student well being.

As a result of a couple of parents discussing their views with me, the survey was sent. At this stage there are approximately 75% of our parents wanting the gates open with parents free to enter the grounds both before and after school, should they wish to. The survey closes tomorrow, but it is highly likely that this will be the case from Monday.

It is essential that any parents entering our school site use the COVID tracking code before coming through any gates. If you do not have this on your phone, please enter the site via Reception and sign in manually. This is not an optional measure. We must know who has been onto our site to enable us to track and trace should the need arise.

It is my job to keep this site safe, which is a huge responsibility. I thank everyone for supporting me during these ever changing times which we now live.

I have noticed that a significant number of students are waiting for the gates to open at 8.30 a.m. I suggest arriving at school a little after this time. It is a school policy, (not related to COVID in any way) that students are not to be onsite prior to 8.30am, as teachers are undertaking preparations for the learning day. If for any reason parents need to be onsite prior to 8.30am, please enter via the Reception area which is open from 8am.

Ngā mihi  
Viv Butcher  
**Principal**



## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS [Click here to read more](#)

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
12	Term 4 Commences	3	School Photos	2	Canterbury Primary School Athletics
19	Canterbury Primary Schools Duathlon	5	Syndicate 2 Athletics Day	10	BOT Meeting
20	PTA Meeting	6	Zone Athletics	14	End of Year Assembly
22	Syndicate 3 Athletics Day	7	Jump Jam Regionals	16	Term 4 Finishes
22	BOT Meeting	10	Mufti Day		
26	Labour Day ( <b>school closed</b> )	11	Grandparents Day		
28	Syndicate 4 Athletics Day	12	Teacher Only ( <b>school closed</b> )		
30	Pets Day	13	Show Day ( <b>school closed</b> )		
		20	School Disco		
		25	Canterbury Primary Schools Triathlon		
		26	BOT Meeting		
		27	Picnic in the Park		
		27	Children's University graduation		
		27	Recycled Runway Show		

## 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

Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day Observed

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





# 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.

## School Photos

Due to COVID-19 upsetting our original photo date, and our photographers having to manage a number of schools rescheduling, they have made the difficult decision to not take sibling photos this year. This is to ensure that they can still deliver a class and individual photo by the end of Term 4. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. School photos are being taken on Tuesday 3rd November. Please ensure the uniform is correct and tidy.

## Pets Day

Pets day will be held on Friday 30th October. Can any previous winners please return your trophy to the school office? Please click on the following link for more information. [Pets Day Information](#)

## Senior Jackets

If you are interested in purchasing a Senior Jacket (Year 7 & 8 2021 students only) please [click here](#) to complete the order form.

## Sunhats and Sunscreen for Term 4

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 the school office, online at [Argyle Online](#) or from our second hand uniform shop.

## Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due in by 3pm on Friday 30th October

# 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](mailto: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.



## Other Notices

- 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.
- The lost property bin is on the Te Horoekea 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 do check and rename if they are faded.
- 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](http://lunchonline.co.nz) to place your order.
- 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.
- New school uniforms can be purchased from [Argyle Schoolwear](http://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. Argyle are now offering pay with ZIP. 4 equal fortnightly payments, interest free!

## 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.



### Enviro Fact of the week:

NZ is home to the world's heaviest insect, the giant weta.

### Te Reo Maori Phrase of the Week:

Kei runga noa atu koe!

You're the best!





**Lincoln Primary School**  
**Healthy lunches delivered**  
**Subway delivers on Wednesday**  
**Sushi delivers on Friday**



It's simple; all you need to do is register at  
<https://orders.lunchonline.co.nz/home/RegisterAccount>  
and follow 4 easy steps to get started



1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

*For more school & community notices please click on the following links to our website, these notices are updated weekly:*

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School Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8am-3:30pm



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