



LINCOLN PRIMARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL FOR HEROES



TERM 3 / WEEK 1 NEWSLETTER - 27 July 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora Kautoa

Welcome to Term 3. I hope the snow and heavy rain didn't interfere with your holiday plans too much. A special welcome to all the new families which joined our learning community on Monday. I'm sure your children will soon feel comfortable and happy in their new environments and feel confident in how our days and weeks run.

John Parsons visit

We are very fortunate to have secured John for another day to spend with our students and families. John is a very experienced advocate for safe digital practices. His presentations to children are geared to the year levels and also the access these children are likely to have both within the home and in our school environment. We have been very concerned at some ways our students have been using chatrooms, etc recently. This has been the trigger for contacting John to come specifically to our school. It had been our intention to work with John every second year, however we felt the level of at risk use within the digital world of our senior students warranted getting John here to reinforce his very powerful message. PLEASE do come along to the parent session, which will be held in the hall from 6:00-7:30pm on Monday 31 July.

John will share some great tips for managing digital tools in the home environment and also share some information regarding the content of the sessions he has presented to the children.

Open Mornings

I have had a number of meetings with parents recently where they have stated that they don't know a lot about what is happening at school, modern learning environments are not understood, FIE is like a foreign language, etc. As we work within the environment, our days evolve with changes being incorporated and becoming business as usual. However I can certainly understand that from a parent's perspective, a great deal has changed over quite a short period of time.

To ensure you feel reassured, we are going to have regular open mornings. In week three of each term, Thursday this time, you are able to visit any of the learning spaces at a time that suits you. In Term 4, we will identify a different day, so those who work part time can join us sometimes. I wish to extend an invitation to everyone to come along on Thursday 10 August, share some learning alongside your child, or just watch what is happening.

Connecting Minds

We have many of our students working very successfully in the Connecting Minds programme. These pupils attend the programme one day each week and work alongside other children who have been identified as having gifts and talents and who will be advantaged by working in this environment. We are once again asking parents if they would like their children workshopped by professionals in the field, to ascertain whether this programme may support their child. Workshopping will take place in Term 4. Prior to the workshops, parents and teachers complete a questionnaire about the child. This information, along with the workshop outcome information, is carefully scrutinised and a decision about inclusion is made, with an offer of place if appropriate. Please do not hesitate to check with your child's pastoral care teacher if you would like more information or a parent questionnaire.

It is a well known fact that parents are the best people to initially identify these children. We are happy to support any child who the parents would like considered. There are limited spaces for

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

July	27	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
	31	John Parsons' Parent Evening 6:00pm School Hall
	31	Year 7-8 St John Training
Aug	1	ICAS English
	1	Scout Scarf Day—Wear your scout scarf today!
	2	Strum, Strike, Blow Festival, Horncastle Arena, 7:00pm
	3	Year 5-8 Rugby and Netball Tournament
	4	The Ned Show
	10	Open Morning (all parents welcome)
	15	ICAS Mathematics
Sept	22	3-Way conferences (TBC)
	23	3-Way conferences (TBC)
	5	Year 7 & 8 Ski Trip to Porter Heights
	6-7	'The World Beneath the Trees' performances
	9	Canty/Westland Science Fair
Oct	29	Last Day of Term 3
	16	Term 4 Commences
	23	Labour Day - School Closed
	31	HPV Vaccination dose 2
Nov	17	Canterbury Anniversary - School Closed



workshopping, but we have managed to get all of our children accepted in the past. There is a cost for attendance, but if this is the only barrier to your family, please make contact with me personally to discuss how we can support you.

Holiday Works and the New Relocatable

You may have noticed a frenzy of activity here during the holiday break. So many contractors were here. We had the roof of the technology block replaced, the floor of the hall resurfaced, the vinyl in the upstairs toilet block replaced, the testing done of all electrical equipment as well as trenching and delivery of the new relocatable building. This project has been running in turbo time. It was only delivered to our site on Tuesday 18 July and has been fully commissioned. Children will begin working in there next Monday, 31 July. I have never seen a project run so quickly, but do appreciate that everyone has tried really hard to get this organised for us.

The other two building projects are also progressing. The six-studio modular building has been signed off. We now have a five week period where Interlink work on consents, etc. The 200 block is also nearly ready to have consents submitted, with final design meeting scheduled for next Wednesday.

If both these projects run to time, we will have a six-teacher space ready for occupation Easter 2018 and the 200 block ready for occupation at the beginning of Term 3. This will see all of our school community once again on one site and we could even have some surplus space. There is finally a glimmer of light at the end of our very long journey.

Viv Butcher
Principal



Reminder that school commences at 8:50am every day and we finish at the earlier time of 2:30pm every Wednesday.



The NED Show will be visiting Lincoln Primary on Friday 4th August, from 9.15am -10.00am. This *Character Education Assembly* will be centred around three important messages that have lifelong relevance:

We are getting the NED Show for free because we are hosting a pay-it-forward yoyo sale. When a NED item is purchased, it helps to send the show on to the next school for free. An order form will be sent home with your child at the beginning of next week. **If you choose to purchase a yoyo**, they will be available from **8.20am-8.50am (Mon-Fri : Week 3)** from the reading nook - beside the Management Office. A completed order form and correct change will be needed. If your child is at the Junior Campus yoyos can be purchased directly from the Office between 8.20-8.50am (**Mon-Thurs : Week 3**). Once again a completed order form and correct change will be needed.

For more information about the NED Show please access the following web address: www.thenedshow.co.nz



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.

Sports Uniforms

Please return all sports uniforms cleaned and folded to Miss Tobeck ASAP as they are needed for upcoming school events.

PTA NOTICES

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the Lincoln Primary School PTA will be held in the staffroom at the Main Campus from **7.30pm** on **Monday 31 July**.

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

For further information, please email pta@lincolnprimary.ac.nz or phone Andrew on 021 592 135



Second Hand Uniforms

Donations of any second hand uniforms would be gratefully accepted so we can begin supporting families who need these. Alternatively the PTA can sell your second hand uniform items on your behalf with 20% of the proceeds going back to the PTA.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open in the School Hall (entry from field beside Senior Playground) from 2.45pm to 3.15pm every Friday.



Wear your scout scarf to school and meet under the big tree by Reception at 10:30am (beginning of Morning Tea time) for a quick photo!



Canterbury District Health Board Community Dental Service

Free Dental Care for Children

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon. We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there.

To do this we will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required. If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required. When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.

Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre.

If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our Call Centre to make an appointment.

Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz.



Student Absences

Please ensure you notify the **school office** should your child be absent from school for any reason. You can do this in several ways:

- ⇒ **Ultraset** - Log in, go to my dashboard, click the "Email School" tab, check the attendance button, type in the absence information and hit "Send"
- ⇒ **Email** admin@lincolnprimary.ac.nz stating your child's name, reason and length of absence
- ⇒ **Phone** - 325 2571 and press 1. Leave a message stating child's name, reason and length for the absence.

Failure to give this information may result in a truancy code on your child's file for the absence concerned.