



Newsletter Term 4 / Week 2 - 22nd October 2020

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou,

I delayed this newsletter to enable me to discuss the school site management regarding entry and exits procedures relating to COVID-19 levels. The discussion was very reassuring.

The Board of Trustees are comfortable to call all of our families "The Lincoln Primary School bubble" should the Ministry of Health have a need to make contact with us.

Use of the COVID-19 Tracing app is strongly recommended by both the Ministries of Education and Health, and Lincoln Primary School. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us by taking this action.

We will use similar procedures for identifying visitors on days such as Pets day, and Grandparents day as we have in the past, so please let Grandparents know that they will need to enter the site via Reception, sign in and get a visitor sticky label. This may take a wee while, so allow extra time for us to undertake this visitor procedure, thank you.

The biennial visit of John Parsons is happening next week. John will be at our school all day. He will be working with the Year 3 and 4 students in the first block, the Year 5 and 6 students in the middle block and the senior students in the afternoon block. Tai Tapu and Springston schools will be joining our students for this presentation. A staff meeting is being held at 3.15pm followed by a parent information evening starting at 7 pm in the hall. John will share tips for keeping your children safe in the digital world they are living in as well as answering any questions you may have about how to manage devices in your home. This is a small investment of your time which could have a significant impact on your family now and into the future.

Bring your Own Device programme

The BYOD programme is currently under review. The Board of Trustees have made the decision to provide all devices for our students who are entering Year 5 in 2021. A 1:2 ratio will be maintained. Teachers have been consulted and feel the way we deliver the curriculum, using digital tools to enhance learning will not be negatively impacted by this change. We are currently investigating the possibility of offering families the opportunity to sell the devices they currently own to the school and have their child access a school owned device during learning time. It is our aim to either 'phase in' the school owned device programme over time, or do a bulk offer to families, to purchase their suitable devices and top up the 1:2 ratios. This step is being taken for a number of reasons. Firstly, we feel a responsibility for devices being in the home when families may have chosen not to have them if we had not requested them. Secondly, the digital world we are now living in is a much different place from how it was six years ago. Ensuring the on-going safety of our students is a very high priority for us. We know that we can manage our own devices in a far more secure manner than the devices which are travelling between home and school, where apps and programmes which are counter productive in terms of safety can be loaded or accessed, which effectively bypasses our security systems. More information will follow.



Our swimming pool is almost ready for us to use. The expected day of opening is Thursday 29 October. I'm sure you will receive information from your child's pastoral care teacher regarding the days and time your child will be swimming.

It was interesting to see the difference in how our outdoor environments managed on Wednesday and Thursday when we had break times with all students outdoors at the same time. It felt very crowded and many students voiced their opinions about how much they didn't like having so many people around. This combined outdoor time was scheduled to give students with siblings time when they can play together, and also give one day when all of our staff can enjoy a morning tea break with everyone in the staffroom at the same time. We will continue to have a shared break on Wednesdays for the rest of this term and closely monitor the situation as it evolves.

I hope you and your families have a lovely long weekend, it looks like the sun will be out for the majority of it.

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 (school closed)	11	Grandparents Day		
28	Syndicate 4 Athletics Day	12	Teacher Only (school closed)		
30	Pets Day	13	Show Day (school closed)		
		20	School Disco		
		25	Canterbury Primary Schools Triathlon		
		26	BOT Meeting		
		26	Children's University graduation		
		27	Picnic in the Park		
		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

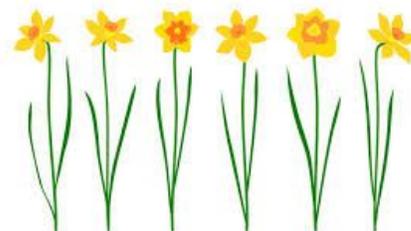
Tuesday 8th June - Teacher only day

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

School photos are being taken on Tuesday 3rd November. Please ensure school uniforms are correct and tidy.

Pets Day

Pets day will be held on Friday 30th October. 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

Scholastic orders for Issue 7 2020 are due by 3:00pm on Friday 30th October. 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).

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.

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 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 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.
- 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](#). 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:

The world's oldest tree is more than 4600 years old.

Te Reo Maori Phrase of the Week:

He tino pai to mahi

You've done a good job



Lincoln Primary School

Healthy lunches delivered

Subway delivers on Wednesday

Sushi delivers on Friday



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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