



FROM THE PRINCIPAL & DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are having discussions at many levels presently relating to buildings, movements of teams, the Fair, the 150th Reunion, Koru Games, Techfest, Kapa Haka demonstrations and now our union, NZEI, have scheduled a combined primary and secondary school union meeting during school contact time. All of these events will be happening in the next four weeks. It could be a period when children become a little unsettled due to the usual routines being interrupted. We will all be doing our very best to minimise the impact of this very busy period on children and families.

Buildings

Please refer to the weekly up dates on the website for full details on developments in relation to our complex building projects. It has been frustrating to have our modular buildings completed internally, however be unable to occupy them. The Ministry of Education along with the Project manager are meeting at the Selwyn District Council offices today to endeavour to find a set of understandings which will allow us to complete any tasks on the site or building which have been identified as barriers to our occupation. Hopefully we will have good news in the very near future with regards to an occupation date.

Updates on other projects will be on the website tomorrow as usual.

Landscaping

Just when you think you have a project ready to commence, we seem to find a new set of complications. I will not go into the details of these, however I wish to confirm that we have engaged a new team of landscapers who will commence work on the site the first day of our holiday break. We are hoping that a significant amount of site work will be completed surrounding the modular buildings while children are off site. The modified plans will be placed on the website for you to view as soon as they are completed and agreed to by the Board of Trustees.

Learning Around the School

This week has been another busy week of learning across the school. A wide range of classes are putting the finishing touches on the entries for the Canterbury DigiAwards. It has been very pleasing to see groups of students utilising the digital resources we have within our school environment to create and showcase their current learning for this competition. Last year Lincoln Primary won a number of awards at this event, so we are looking forward to seeing if we can build further on these successes again this year.

Science Alive has visited our school this week and has been working with our Syndicate 1 children. It is always beneficial to bring specialists into our school to enhance the learning we provide for children - in this case to provide deeper understanding of Astronomy for some of the youngest students in our school.

Over the last two weeks Syndicate 3 have travelled to Ferrymead to enrich their understanding of the past as part of their Inquiry learning this term. These trips have enabled children to experience first hand what it would have been like to live in the past and



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Aug	29	Fair Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Info Centre
	30	PP CPSSA Winter Tournament
Sept	5	Kids for Kids Choir Rehearsal, Horncastle Arena
	6-7	Class and Individual Photos
	7-8	Year 7-8 Techfest
	7	Most Likely to Succeed Screening (TBC)
	8	Year 7-8 Chess Competition
	10	Canterbury Regional Science Fair
	12	Canterbury Music Festival Rehearsal
	12	Fair Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Info Centre
	13-14	Koru Games
	18	10am-2pm Spring Fair (Sunday)
	23	150th Assembly 1:30pm LHS Hall
	23	Last day of Term 3. School closes 3:00pm
	23-25	150th Anniversary celebrations
Oct	10	Term 4 commences 8:50am
Dec	15	Term 4 Ends
Jan	30	Term 1 Commences for all students



we look forward to this new knowledge being shared in the learning artifacts they create in response to this experience.

One of beliefs at Lincoln Primary is that to be an effective teacher you must first be a learner. We learn everyday from our interactions with students, colleagues and the wider school community. Late last week one of our senior students shared a piece of his writing in which he reflected on National Standards from his perspective as a learner. The piece of writing was very powerful and was shared with all teachers at school. It has helped us reflect on our Assessment practices and to always keep the students at the forefront of our thinking. This piece of writing is included in the overleaf of this Newsletter. Thank you Kobe for making us reflect - we have learnt from you.

Union Meeting

NZEI, have scheduled combined meetings with PPTA (Secondary Teachers' union) which all teachers are being encouraged and are entitled to attend. Our district was not consulted with regarding the choice of dates. As a result of this lack of communication, the date set for the Ellesmere branch meeting is Thursday 15 September. This is exceptionally inconvenient for us due to Koru Games and Kapa Haka being on the same day. As all teachers are entitled to attend, we need to make provision for this to occur. We have decided to allow some of our teachers to attend the meeting scheduled in Christchurch the week prior to our branch meeting. This will enable us to have a skeleton staff on site on 15 September to provide supervision for those children who need to remain onsite. It is essential that you inform us if you are unable to collect your child between 12.30 and 1.00 p.m. on Thursday 15 September. As the Kapa Haka competitions are on the afternoon of 15 September, Mrs Wesley has asked that these children either remain at school or are brought back to school at 2.30pm. Mrs Wesley and Whaea Bridget will be onsite to supervise these children and prepare them for their bus ride to Ellesmere College at 3.00 p.m. Year 7 and 8 students will remain at Koru Games events. These teachers will have the opportunity to attend the meeting on 7 September.

Kind regards,
Viv Butcher, **Principal** and Cade Englefield, **Deputy Principal**

KORU GAMES

KORU GAMES HELP NEEDED



Many thanks to the seven parents who have offered to help with the 110 LPS students attending the Year 7 & 8 South Island Koru Games tournament on Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th September this year.

Unfortunately we are very short of team managers as each team needs one parent/adult with them from **11am Tuesday 13th to 1pm Thursday 15th September.**

We urgently need team managers for the following teams:

- Badminton x6 students
- Basketball x10 students
- Touch x12 students (Thursday morning only)
- Rugby 7's x8 students (All day Wednesday and Thurs morning)
- Lawn Bowls x12 students (Tuesday 11am onwards & Thurs morning)
- Table Tennis x8 students
- Tennis x6 students



As a team manager you do not need to coach or referee the team. Your main role would be to stay with the team, make sure they have read their draw correctly so that they are ready to play on the right court at the right time. A teacher will be roving between two or three sports very close to where you will be stationed.

On the Tuesday morning and the Thursday afternoon the students will be involved in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the Lincoln Netball courts. Parents/helpers are not required to attend this part unless they would like to.

If you have any questions or can help out in ANY way, please let us know asap.
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For more information check out the website: <http://selwynsportstrust.org.nz/sporting-calendar/koru-games/>

SPRING FAIR

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

We are still collecting your JUNK!

All donations of good quality items such as Toys, Books, Baby Gear, Clothing, Sports Gear/Equipment, Homewares, Linen, Small Appliances, Tools etc.

(Please note: we will not be accepting large furniture, VHS tapes, computers or cellphones).

Drop off point is at the School Hall (on Boundary Road) at the following dates/times:



DATE	TIME
Friday 26 th August	8.30am – 9am
Sunday 28 th August	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday 31 st August	2pm – 3pm
Friday 2 nd September	8.30am – 9am
Saturday 3 rd September	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday 7 th September	2pm – 3pm
Friday 9 th September	8.30am – 9am
Sunday 11 th September	3pm – 4pm

If you are unable to drop the items off yourself, please feel free to email us on fair@lincolnprimary.ac.nz and we will arrange to collect them from you.

We are relying on you to help make this stall a success, so dig deep and offload as much of your junk as possible!

KOBE'S SPEECH

You don't always get what you want in life.

You don't always get what you want in life. Have you ever heard this before? Sure you have. I am here to try tell you that the National Standards should disappear or at least be lowered so kids like me could make it to them.

Everyone wants their child to do good but sometimes this can be a struggle. Learning doesn't necessarily come naturally to some kids and this can make life difficult for them. From my personal experience I like sport, in fact I like get out and play sport but in the classroom or at home no matter how hard I try I just can't keep up with it all. For me this feels like I spend an eternity doing work.

That's why I am here to tell you that we should not have to met the curriculum. For example some parents who want their kids to do good could have their 18 year old just starting Year Nine or a child who has been held back and this is there 3rd time doing Year 8 because they can't get to the curriculum. Personally I am having a little bit of trouble at school and with a little bit of help I am getting better at my school work.

I think that their either should be no National Standards or at least lower them because most kids these days can't meet those standards. It just doesn't come easy to kids like me. I know that when I don't make it I feel like I haven't even tried to do it when deep down inside I know I have. This makes life so hard cause you feel like you let your family and others down.

Another reason that the National Standards should not be around is because some kids can be bullied because they are seen as a different person but that doesn't mean that you can't get better at school and be a better person. You go and look at Justin Timberlake and Eminem they both got bullied at school and they are doing so well in life now. Don't get down on yourself cause you are getting bullied. I don't like how the standards make you feel like you have a label that says you will not make it to the standards. That is like giving bully's a free pass that allows them to bully you.

But then again just because you have trouble in school doesn't mean that it would be hard when you are older. Just look at Tom Cruise and he is doing amazingly well and he had trouble at school because he had dyslexia. That just goes to show that it might be hard now but later in life you can still be successful.

Kobe

SCHOOL NOTICES