



## Newsletter Term 1 / Week 2 - 11th February 2021

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### From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou,

Welcome to our new academic year. We had the privilege of sharing a Mihi Whakatau which welcomed our new whānau into our learning community.

The next event where our families join us is the first full school assembly this Friday 12th, in the School Hall at 9.15am. Syndicate 1 is presenting.

I feel very fortunate that I have been awarded a Sabbatical Study Award which entitles me to be released from my Principal duties during Term 2 of this year. Lara Taylor and Tracy Landrebe will lead the school during this period of my absence.

I have made the significant decision that the time is right for me to resign from my position as Principal of Lincoln Primary School. I have tendered my resignation to the Board of Trustees at the last meeting. My resignation is not effective until 27 January 2022. I felt it was really important to give the Board time to ensure they are able to manage this process without undue time pressure. They will be able to consult widely to ascertain the qualities you value in the leadership of your school. After gathering the information required, the Board will be able to recruit widely to ensure the strongest candidate which is the best fit for Lincoln Primary and their whānau is appointed. I'm not sure what the next steps will be in my professional life, but I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family, friends, horse and dog.

We are very proud of the end of year student achievement data. Please click on [Student Achievement Reports 2020](#) if you wish to view this data.

I have seen all the excited students arriving for school during the last week. Please be mindful that the gates are closed until 8.30 a.m. Teachers use this time to prepare resources etc for their school day. From 8.30 am onwards, teachers are present in classes to ensure they connect with students as they arrive at school. This helps to ensure positive relationships are built and strengthened between students and their teachers. You are very welcome to go into learning spaces during this time to share the learning of your tamariki, or to chat with teachers, however we do ask that you are mindful of the precious nature of this time for students. If you want to have a discussion relating to your child's needs, please make an appointment with the pastoral care teacher.

You will have read in the Syndicate newsletters that there is a School Picnic on 26th February. The picnic is being held at Yarrs Flat which is a very significant area for our school. Our tamariki have been very involved in the planting and monitoring of this area for approximately eight years. It will be wonderful for them to experience such a beautiful environment, which is being returned



to its natural state. The very powerful message to our students is that they really can make a difference and have a huge impact on the environment.

We warmly invite you to join us for this picnic, however must insist that individual cars cannot drive out there, as the road is predominantly one way and the very limited roadside spaces will be needed for buses.

You are invited to join us for our monthly Board of Trustees meeting which is being held on Thursday 18 February at 7 p.m. in the Staffroom in Kahikatea.

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 Kotuku Beach Ed Trip 24 Parera Beach Ed Trip 25 Whio Beach Ed Trip 26 Yarrs Flat Trip	15 Lake Rua Year 8 Trip 16 Lake Rua Year 7 Trip	1 Teacher Only Day 2 Good Friday 5 Easter Monday (school closed) 6 Easter Tuesday (school closed)

## 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

## Weekly School Notices

### 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](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) or paper orders can be handed to the school office (exact cash payment only please).

### 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](https://www.argyleonline.co.nz) or from our second hand uniform shop, which is open on Friday's 2.45pm-3.15pm.

### 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.

### 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](https://lunchonline.co.nz) to place your order.

### School Uniforms

New school uniforms can be purchased from [Argyle Schoolwear](https://www.argyleschoolwear.co.nz). 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!



## 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.

## New Students

We would like to welcome over 40 new students and their families to Lincoln Primary School so far this Term.

## 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.

## 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:

Approximately 5 million tonnes of oil produced in the world ends up in the ocean each year.

## Te Reo Maori Phrase of the Week:

Kei te pehea koe I tenei ata?

How are you this morning?





**Lincoln Primary School**

**Healthy lunches delivered**

**Subway delivers on Wednesday**

**Sushi delivers on Friday**



**Isushi has added some additional Sushi items to their menu. Check them out!**

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

[Community Notices](#) [Holiday Programmes](#) [Local Groups & Sports Clubs](#) [School News](#)

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



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