



# LINCOLN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## A SCHOOL FOR HEROES



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### FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' DESK

Kia Ora Koutou,

We have had a wonderful start to our school year. Four new teachers joined our team. They are Toya Woodgate (Year 2), Samara Brown (Year 2), Bronwyn Maddox (year 1) and Leonie Pengelly (Year 5/6).

Sixty six new students joined our learning community. Welcome to them and their families. Everyone safely found their learning spaces and settled quickly on Monday 29 January.

Our teaching staff had been very busy the previous week with two Teacher only days. On Tuesday afternoon, we were welcomed onto the Taumutu Marae, where we stayed until the dash back to school for our open afternoon on Wednesday. The time we spent together on the marae was a great way to get to know our new team members, have a chat with collaborative partners, engage with our Board members who joined us on Tuesday evening, some stayed, others needed to return home. We had a lovely walk along the beach, went to see the lake and saw a spectacular sunset. Some also saw the sunrise on Wednesday morning, others had a more leisurely start to their day.

The focus for this trip was to ensure all teachers had the opportunity to visit the marae before they take their classes either in Term 1 or Term 2. Taumutu is a very special place, being peaceful and relaxed in such a unique environment. Our Living Waters project with Yarrs Flat is directly related to the health of Lake Ellesmere, so strong connections already exist.

We had our introductory conversation regarding the naming of spaces and teams within our school. This was a highlight for me as Corban was able to really provoke our thinking. All parties will be consulted as we enter into deeper conversations regarding this very important legacy we are creating for future generations of Lincoln Primary School community members.

Our swimming pools were a huge asset as we struggled through soaring temperatures last week. All children are timetabled to access the pool. Hopefully the season will be a long and productive one. We need to ensure all of our children know how to be safe when swimming both within a pool area and at beaches and rivers.

#### 3 Way Learning Conferences

These have been scheduled for 27th and 28th February. You will be invited to book your interview. Please be mindful that school is officially open for instruction, but children only attend during their conference time.

Our building projects on the main sites are progressing. The first modules are due for delivery on site this Saturday. Others will be delivered in the days/weeks following. The completion date is still the end of this term, which is very exciting.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

<b>Feb</b>	20-23	Year 8 Camp
<b>March</b>	1	Syndicate 3 & 4 Swimming Sports
	11-16	Syndicate 3 Camp
	30	Good Friday—School Closed
<b>April</b>	2	Easter Monday—School Closed
	3	Easter Tuesday—School Closed
	13	Last day of Term 1
	30	Teacher Only Day—School Closed
<b>May</b>	1	Term 2 commences
<b>June</b>	4	Queens Birthday
<b>July</b>	6	Last day of Term 2
<b>July</b>	23	Term 3 commences
<b>Sept</b>	28	Last day of Term 3
<b>Oct</b>	15	Term 4 commences
	22	Labour Day—School Closed
<b>Nov</b>	16	Canterbury Anniversary—School Closed



#### Reminder:

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

Year 8 camp fees due by 13th February  
Year 7 camp fees due by 6th March

The 200 Block tenders are with us. Ministry of Education and Board of Trustees members are meeting on Monday at 4.30pm to go over the documents and award the tender. Work on this site is due to commence in March. This is going to present many challenges such as pedestrian entry to the site, where to site bike/scooter stands during the construction phase etc. We will work through each challenge and find solutions to them as best we can.

We wish to welcome Emma Thorpe to our team. Emma is managing the reception area, which is a very busy and important role within our school.

If you have any worries or concerns relating to school, please let us know. Ensuring all children feel safe and happy, which is essential to achieving the best possible results in all activities at school is very important to us. Also remember the Brag book is available in the reception area. We would love to celebrate your child's success which occur outside of the school day. This book enables us to acknowledge these successes in an appropriate way.

Vivienne Butcher  
**Principal**

## PTA NOTICES

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

The PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open every Friday 2.45 -3.15pm on the side of the hall beside the Senior Playground.

Any uniform no longer needed would be gratefully received by the PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop. Items can be sold on behalf of or donated to the PTA to sell. Alternatively contact Levana Jackson [stephenandlevana@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:stephenandlevana@yahoo.co.nz) or 021 045 5601



### Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic orders for Issue 1, 2018 are due in by 3.00 pm on Friday 16th February.

Orders can be returned to the Junior Campus Office or the Main School Office.

Please make sure that the forms are filled out fully and the money is correct (no change will be given). All cheques should be made payable to "Scholastic New Zealand".

Orders can also be made with Scholastic's Linked Online Ordering and Payment for Parents (LOOP). Please refer to the order form for details on how to order online. Orders made via the LOOP will be electronically linked and delivered with the rest of the school order. The final date for this is also Friday 16th February. Any orders made after this date will incur a delivery charge from Scholastic.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent for any reason we would appreciate a phone call to the office to advise the name, room number and reason for absence.

A message can be left on our answer phone. Alternatively you can fill in the online absence form on our website using your logon and password. Click on email school from your dashboard screen. We also prefer that a parent/caregiver advise us of the absence (not a sibling). This is a 'Safety' issue to ensure your child has arrived at school safely.

### Camp Fees Reminder

Camp fees are due prior to camp to ensure participation for your child. Should you wish to discuss payment options, please contact Sharon in the school office.

### 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 North-West windy days) to ensure your child does not suffer the effects of their hay fever while at school

### Lost Property

Please check the lost property box on the Syndicate 2 verandah (Modular Building) for any lost property. All remaining un-named items at the end of each term will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or to charity.

### Online Lunches

Parents, caregivers and students can order school lunches for Wednesdays (Subway) and Fridays (I-Sushi) using Luncheonline via the internet. Subway and I Sushi will provide your student's food choices fresh to the school in time for lunch. It is simple all you need to do is visit [www.luncheonline.co.nz](http://www.luncheonline.co.nz)

### School Assemblies

Full school assemblies will be held every second Friday this term at 9:15am in the school hall starting Friday 9th February. Please check with your child's teacher/s for information

### School Finish

A reminder that school finishes for students at 3:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 2:30pm on Wednesday. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child from school. This is especially important for all junior students who are bussed to the Main Campus for collection.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

### Student Safety

In the interests of our students' safety, please **DO NOT** use the staff carparks to drop-off or collect children from school. Likewise please only use the paraplegic parks outside the office if you or your child has a mobility issue.

We appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe.

Please note the bus area on the road outside the school may be used as a drop off area only before school - pull in, drop off, **drive away only**. **Please do not park in this area near the end of the school day as it is used by the high school buses at these times.**