



LINWOOD NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear,

Take care of what they see, take care of what they feel.

For how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa'. Dame Whina Cooper

Term 4 Parent Diary for all School Events – Please keep for future reference!

	Tomorrow	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
Next Week	Monday 22 October Tues 23 - Fri 26 October Wednesday 24 October Friday 26 October	School Closed for Labour Day Public Holiday Aquagym Swimming 8.30am Te Mapua Trust Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle Lunch - fortnightly, even weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8
Coming Up	Mon 29 Oct - Fri 2 Nov Monday 29 October November - dates TBC Monday 12 November Tuesday 13 November Wednesday 14 November Thursday 15 November Friday 16 November Monday 19 November Thursday 22 November Friday 23 November Monday 26 November Friday 30 November December - dates TBC Friday 7 December Monday 10 December Wednesday 12 December Thursday 13 December Monday 29 January 2019	Linwood North School 'Book Week' 5.30pm - 6.30pm Family Literacy Night. Please come along! Team Visits to our new Turanga Library City Centre. Term 4 \$10 Activity Fee to be paid. Dates still to be confirmed by CCC Heritage School Photos - CLASS PHOTOS ONLY 9am Final Gold Awards Learning Celebration for the whole school. Proposed NZEI Teachers' Strike Day. School closed. KiwiCan 'Country Comes to School' Mufti Day. Gold Coin donation to Salvation Army for all their support of our school School Closed for Show Day SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS- ALL YEAR 4 - 6 STUDENTS Science Fair - Open Afternoon at LNS - come and visit classrooms Visit to see RNZB 'The Nutcracker' for 50 students. \$5.00 Bus Fare. 5.30pm - 6.30pm Music Soiree Concert in School Hall for all Recorder and Ukulele students with their families JUNIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS - ALL YEAR 0 - 3 STUDENTS EOTC Days to Willowbank and to the Ko Tane Experience. Dates to be confirmed by Willowbank. EOTC Fee of \$30.00 per child required Year 6 Leaver Day. 9am Assembly. Lunch at Woodham Park Reports, Student Assessments, Learning Journals and Class Placements for 2019 issued to all students Whole School Christmas Concert 5.30pm. All children required School Prizegiving . Last day of school for students. Staff Only Day. School closed for 2018. Whitau School opens for instruction for all students for Term 1

OUR WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER IS ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY. PLEASE READ IT!



Taha Maori Focus

Each week we have a Maori phrase aligning with our PB4L focus

Haere mai ki te kura- Welcome back to school



We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Linwood North School

Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Māiō e lelei! Greetings everyone!



We were treated to beautiful weather to enjoy for most of the school holidays!

I hope you found some time to relax and enjoy the outdoors with your family away from school routines. It was lovely to see our students so happy to be back at school on Monday and start their Aquagym Swimming lessons. Mr Russell has worked extremely hard to ensure our grounds and building are in great condition and the Board of Trustees have had the exterior of our lovely Centennial Library room repaired and painted.

Aquagym Swimming

We have two weeks of lessons for the next two weeks, nine in total with the Labour Monday holiday. All swimmers will have a day of water safety lessons and the swimmers in the big pool will participate in the Principal's Swim Challenge for 25 metres, 50 metres, 100 metres and the 200 metre distance swims. Next Thursday Room 8 will have a change in Aquagym time with Room 10 so they can then participate in their free class trip to Scape Public Art and Rutherford's Den in the Arts Centre. Our Senior Choir participate in the Christchurch Music Festival next Wednesday for their dress rehearsal so they will unfortunately miss their Aquagym lesson for that day. Many thanks to the majority of families who have supported their children to participate in Aquagym by ensuring their swimming fees have been paid. Please do go along to Aquagym and watch your children's progress. If you are taking photographs, please ensure you only take images of your own child alone, as we have several children who are not allowed to have their images published.

Staff News

The Board of Trustees have received a resignation from Mrs Teresa Geal informing them of her retirement from full time teaching at the end of this term. Mrs Geal has taught at Linwood North School over two periods, from 1993 - 1998 and more recently from 2006 - 2018. She has been a very valued and respected staff member by staff, students and families. Fortunately Teresa will return to Linwood North School next year in a part time teaching capacity. Well done and thank you!

Mrs Kate Walters has been appointed to a Scale A classroom teaching position at Christchurch South Intermediate School. We are grateful to have had Kate with us this year and pleased for her and her family that she has decided that her heart is in classroom teaching, rather than leadership so she will have more time and energy to spend with her family. The Board of Trustees have accepted a resignation from Mrs Ellie Cherry, who is resigning from her position as Associate Principal for personal health and family reasons to take a break from teaching. We have enjoyed having Ellie's bubbly personality on our team. Mrs Jessie Narbey is also leaving us after three and a half years to move into teaching in Early Childhood. We thank Kate, Ellie and Jessie for their valued contribution at Linwood North School and wish them well for their futures in Education.

The Board have already appointed five new exceptional teachers to join our teaching staff over all levels of the school and we currently have our Associate Principal's vacancy advertised nationally. We will warmly welcome Miss Laura Schulze, Miss Victoria Bernard, Mrs Bryony Bruce, Miss Tegan Hollis-Ristow and Miss Ruby Leonard as classroom teachers.

NZEI Proposed Teachers' Strike Day

This week all primary teachers and principals are being asked to vote by secret ballot on the proposed week of rolling strike action nationwide from Monday 12 - Friday 16 November, our Canterbury Anniversary Week. It is proposed that all schools in the wider Christchurch area will be forced to be closed by teacher strike action on **Wednesday 14 November**.

The ballot follows the rejection of the Ministry of Education's latest offers to teachers and principals in September, which NZEI Te Riu Roa members said failed to adequately address the crisis in education. NZEI Te Riu Roa President Lynda Stuart said the Government still has the ability to avert potential strike action if it comes back with an improved offer. "Strike action is always a last resort. If the Government comes back with an improved offer that our members feel genuinely addresses the education crisis, the disruption of a strike could be avoided," Ms Stuart said. "However, if teachers are forced to take strike action, it is clear that they continue to have the public's strong support. Parents understand that ultimately this is all about the future of their children's education."

Schools Performance of 'The Nutcracker' by Royal New Zealand Ballet

Our school has generously received 50 free seats to see 'The Nutcracker' in the Isaac Theatre Royal on Friday 23rd November. You will receive a notice home for you to choose if you would like your child to attend. Tickets will be allocated on a first in first served basis and the cost of \$5.00 for the bus fare must be paid with the permission slip.

NZPF Conference

Next week I will be attending the New Zealand Primary Principals Annual Conference in Wellington and Miss Amy Collins will be Acting Principal in my absence. The conference, ***Creative Leaders, Flourishing Futures***, aims to encourage and celebrate creative and courageous leadership in our schools, which allows children to flourish. Similarly, the conference whakatauki – ***Ko te ahurei, o te tamaiti, arahia o tatou mahi (Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work)***, expresses the desire to focus on the holistic nature of education and achieving success for every child, in his or her own way; listening to their voice and finding ways to be culturally and contextually responsive to them. The learning themes for the Conference centre around creativity in its broadest sense – creativity of thought, endeavour, spirit and leadership. We will explore the ways in which we can be creative, while acknowledging the ongoing tension between this and the need to be compliant with Ministry policy. It will be a very exciting and rewarding four days of learning for me.

A very warm welcome to Linwood North School.....

We warmly welcome the following students who have enrolled at our school recently. We trust you and your whānau will find our school an awesome, caring school where you will be 'learning to take us places...!'

Room 1: Adel Famie, Maia Gregory, Maia Hiku, Emelie VanEkeris-Howe and Lily Wilton

Stewart Kete Kakariki: Klara De Waal & Declan Hazeldine **Room 4:** Krystal Shaw & Tyla Watkins

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

Principal – Tumuaki

Mathletics Results from Week

At Linwood North School the Board of Trustees fund Mathletics for each child to access online in class and at home. This means that learning can be ubiquitous as learning can happen at home, at school or anywhere.

If your child does not have access to Mathletics, please see your child's teacher for their login details.

The top Mathletics Classes were:

Kākano: Room 1

Karawha: Room 5

Kōkari: Room 9

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Samuel Cave (R1)

Karawha: Jashil Chand (R4)

Kōrari: Govind Sharma (R9)

PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 1

This week our focus is: ***Be A Learner - Find and use experts to support your learning***

What does this look like at home?



⇒ Asking experts questions to learn more. E.g. At the shops

⇒ Teaching each other how to do things - Teina/Tuakana

⇒ Talking about how to learn new things and learning new things together

News from Kakano Team and Miss Collins

We have warmly welcomed our new learners to the Kākano Team, it has been exciting to see Room One growing. This term we have started our swimming lessons at Aquagym and the children have been enthusiastically talking about their Aquagym lessons with me as I walk through the school.

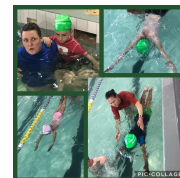
This term our Maths learning has started with Measurement and we are exploring length and how long and short things are. The students will be comparing different lengths of items and it would be wonderful if this language could also be used at home.

This term we continue our Science Experience which has provoked lots of thinking and questioning. We look forward to sharing this learning with whānau later in the term.



News from Stewart Kete Kakariki and Mrs Narbey

Kōhanga Kakariki have had a fantastic start back to school. We have welcomed two new children to the Kete, Klara and Declan, who have already made a lovely start and jumped straight into their learning. The highlight so far has been Aquagym. It is great to see the growth in confidence that the children have made since swimming back in term 2. We are looking forward to a fantastic term!



Staff Profile: Karen Berry, Learning Assistant

Kia Ora, Ko Karen taku ingoa, I have been an L.A. at Linwood North School for nearly 2 ½ years now and have thoroughly enjoyed working with our amazing Tamariki and my fabulous team of Teachers and Staff who I can call friends. Seeing our tamariki' progress grow in all areas of the school's curriculum makes my days so much brighter, especially when I see their confident smiling faces greet me. I live in a house that I brought with my daughter Jenna, son-in-law Matthew and my two adorable grandsons Mason and Beauden. My hobbies are walking, biking, spending time with Whanau and friends.



Variety Club Bicycles

On Tuesday, four lucky students went to Linwood Avenue to receive the gift of a bicycle. Each year Variety provides hundreds of deserving or disadvantaged children with the freedom and independence of their very own bike on our annual Bikes for Kids Tour.

Some children have overcome adverse circumstances, in some situations the family is simply not in a position to purchase a bike and in other cases the programme recognises and rewards children who are role models at their school or in their community.

This recognition not only benefits the child concerned, but provides an incentive for their peers to follow in their footsteps and become good school and community citizens. Congratulations to Filipo, Madeline, Davinia and Piripi.



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Please sign and ask your child to return this section to their class teacher. There will be a class weekly treat for the class who has the most returns. Your child will receive 5 house points and enter their slip in the class box for their class lucky book draw at our monthly Gold Awards Learning Celebration.

I have received and read the L.N.S. Newsletter 32

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____ Signed: _____

We welcome your comments and suggestions to the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Team: