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*'Learning to take us places...'
Mautaranga me te oranga*



We value 'Respect and Responsibility'.

NEWSLETTER

*'What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child,
that must be what the community wants for all its children.'*

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**2017 Schoolwide Focus: Resilience – Knowing our Learners, Growing our Learners
Implementation and Growth in our Innovative Collaborative Practice
School Inquiry Topic: Art Attack**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Linwood North School
Kia Ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Greetings everyone!

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to a happy school year of learning and fun at Linwood North School. We had an awesome start to 2017 on Monday with our Powhiri to welcome new staff, students and their families to our school. Our children happily returned to school looking so smart in their new school uniforms and are all really eager to commence their new learning. I know 2017 is going to be a successful year of learning where our focus is **Resilience: 'Know our Learners, grow Our Learners'**.

On a personal note, I am so excited and thrilled to be back at school after having been on medical leave since mid August with a knee injury and recovering from two operations. I am now the proud owner of a hemi (partial) knee replacement and back am to my old self! My sincere thanks to the Board and staff and especially to Tom Scollard our Board Chair, Meredith Devonald and Amy Collins for their incredible and loyal support to keep our school functioning so positively in my absence.

Come to our Family Night – Welcome Back to School!

Next Thursday 09 February from 5.00 – 6.30pm.

Pease bring takeaways for a family picnic tea at school. Tea and Coffee will be provided for the adults.

Class Meetings start promptly at 5.30pm!

Fun games, Meet the Board and Staff, Visit your child's class to learn about learning expectations and class blogs

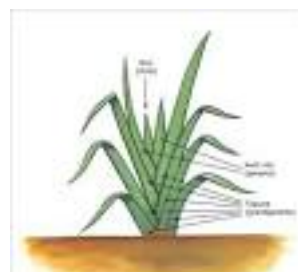
Resilience and Wellbeing

Our school continues to be an innovative leader in implementing resources and strategies to support our anxious and sometimes traumatised, post EQ children to be successful learners at school. This year our aim is to build resilience and wellbeing in our students so that they can be successful learners. The Board have employed A Learning Assistant to support the class teacher in each classroom and in the playground from 8.30 – 1.00pm. As last year we found that many of our students did not start their day in a calm space, organized and settled ready for learning; this term we are trialing our students organizing themselves for their day and then settling in to choose to participate in activity based Learning Action Stations with their class friends before school. Can you please help us by ensuring your child has a good sleep and a hearty breakfast before they come to school to learn. A tired, hungry, grumpy child is not in a great place to learn!

Teaching and Learning

The teachers are really enjoying their first week of teaching with their new classes and the children are loving their Art Attack discovering about 'Knowing our Learners, Growing Our Learners'; – starting with our school - what our **School Mission Statement F.L.A.X:** 'Focused Learning Achieving Excellence, our **School Vision:** 'Learning to take us places' and our **School Values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning** mean for them and their daily life at school. We look forward to seeing a display of their Art works in a School Art Exhibition and each class will plant three flax bushes in a new garden bed which will be fun for them to watch grow during the year.

The flax plant is the symbol of our learning model and our school buildings are named as parts of the flax plant. The incredible **harakeke** (flax) plant represents the **whānau** (family) and the circle of life in Māori thought. The **rito** (shoot) is the child and it is protectively



surrounded by the **awhi rito** (parents). The outside leaves represent the **tūpuna** (grandparents and ancestors). Our Maori names for our buildings are Administration – **Harakeke**, Junior Block: **Kokano** – the young flax plant; Middle Block: **Karawha** – the growing leaves and Senior Block: **Kokari** – the seed flowers.

We have welcomed around 30 new children who have enrolled at our great school to begin this year. Our School Roll continues to grow, with our starting roll at around 232. The distribution of student numbers evenly across the school at all year levels has settled nicely and class numbers are expected to increase to the normal Ministry of Education guidelines. We have opened with 10 classrooms, with one teacher funded by the Board of Trustees so we can open an extra classroom to reduce class numbers. We will open Room 2 for the room 1 students to transfer into as another New Entrant class opens in Room 1, probably during Term 2, which will then take us to a full 11 classes.

Staffing

I am extremely proud to lead an outstanding team of teaching staff and support staff this year. This year the teachers will be working in two learning teams, Years 0 – 2 led by Amy Collins and Years 3 – 6 led by Meredith Devonald.

We are thrilled to warmly welcome four new class teachers, Ellie Cherry the former Associate Principal from Wainoni School who will also be our SENCO (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator); Alice Gibb from Avondale School, Nikki Gosden from Wainoni School and Joyce Maria Soosai from Aranui School. We welcome back Jessie Narbey, Nicholas Shimasaki and Rosalie Sprosen who are now permanent teachers at Linwood North, and Darrin Mitchell to a fixed term position for 2017. We also warmly welcome our new Executive Office, Megan Palmer who comes to us from Aranui School, together with five new Learning Assistants to our Support Staff team who we have also appointed from the closing schools of Aranui, Avondale and Wainoni.

On the very last day of school we received a resignation from Mrs Ann Edmundson, who has accepted a fixed term appointment as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behavior, RTLB, in our cluster of schools. We are very sad indeed to lose Ann from our teaching team, however we are very fortunate to welcome back Catherine Moore to our teaching team for Term 1 at least, until a suitable replacement is appointed.

With the resignation of Deb Ogilvie, we are also seeking to appoint a part time teacher as our Arts Specialist Teacher for Music, Dance and Drama during this term. Currently we have our School Caretaker on ACC leave and we welcome Garry Dentice and Craig Youngman who are very busy working in our grounds and supporting our staff and children. Thank you guys!

Family Contact Information

It is essential that we have accurate, up to date family contact details and two emergency contacts for all children.

Please complete and return the Enrolment File Form you will receive next week to your child's class teacher, even if there are no changes. Your child will earn 5 house points for returning the form.

We are a PB4L-SW School

PB4L-SW stands for Positive Behaviour For Learning – School Wide. This year we will work together to have three consistent schoolwide expectations called 'The BIG THREE.'

The BIG THREE are

1. **Being Respectful** – Being in correct uniform. Using kind hands, kind feet and kind words.
2. **Being Responsible** – At school daily and always in class on time.
3. **Being a Learner** – Being 'As Good as Gold'. Focused Learning Achieving Excellence.

Your child will receive **3 DOJO and 3 HOUSE POINTS** each day for achieving the **BIG THREE**. These points add up to a weekly reward that your child can earn for earning the 15 points. We will also have a weekly House Treat for the winning School House. Children who have earned their weekly dojo consistently for three weeks in a row will receive a letter reward from the Principal and after four weekly dojo awards in a row, they will be nominated by their class teacher for a Principals Gold Award, which are awarded twice a term at our Learning Celebrations.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, TEXT OR RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THEIR ABSENCE AND THEY WILL STILL RECEIVE THEIR DOJO POINTS FOR THE DAY.

Property and Grounds

We are thrilled to announce that finally, our much long awaited new School Hall is set to be completed by the end of March. It is being constructed with a completely new prefabricated system and the roof is due to be erected next week. Meanwhile the Staff Carpark has finally been formed, something our staff have been waiting for, for five

years! Our Social Worker in Schools, Jesse Nelson, the Kidsfirst Niu Preschool and Kidsbase After School Care remain on site as well as our local Linwood Cluster of Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour in our Centennial Room, so we are a very busy, vibrant place of learning. Kidsfirst Niu Early Learning Centre welcome enrolment from all children in our community, regardless of ethnicity and Kidsbase welcome before school and after school care enrolments. Sincere thanks from the Board of Trustees and staff for supporting our school family, checking the school grounds and buildings during the holidays. Our school was fortunate not to suffer any further major vandalism or graffiti! Please do continue keep a watchful eye on our buildings and grounds and ring the Police or our Board of Trustees Property Person, Roger Munro on 981 0700 or 021 384 874 should you need to report any issues.

Friendly Reminders

- **PLEASE READ OUR WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER!** It comes home every Thursday with the youngest child in your family at our school and can also be found on our School Website. This is our main form of communication with our school family and contains very important information for you as parent/caregivers. The class, which has the highest number of student returns per class numbers, will receive extra free play before lunch on Fridays! Please see the end of this newsletter for the newsletter return Slip to fill in and return TOMORROW.
- **Student Stationery – All students are expected to have their school stationery packs paid for ready for them to start using in class next Tuesday. Please pay \$35.00 at the School office. The packs contain all their requirements for 2017.**
- **Parents Diary** – Important upcoming dates are included in every weekly School Newsletter. We have many opportunities for you and we encourage you to be involved at school.
- **Meet the Teacher Evening – Next Thursday** class teachers will be sharing their programmes and class blogs at 5.30pm, Please do come along!
- **Goals Setting Interviews in Week 3** – There is a separate notice in this newsletter about these meetings.
- **Student Safety After School** – We appreciate all parents/carers coming into school at 3.00pm to collect children from classrooms to minimise the risk in our congested school carpark. All Year 1 – 3 children MUST be collected from the classroom by an adult. All children who have not been collected by an adult will be in the School Office - Harakeke - which closes at 3.30pm when Mrs Palmer leaves for the day.
- **Sunhats** – School Sunhats are provided for all children to wear at school. This year some of our Year 5 and 6's are wearing green hats, as our supply of red hats is requiring a successful Charity funding application to replenish!
- **Student Council Sausage Sizzle Lunch** – Every fortnight the Student Council will cook a Sausage Sizzle for lunch. We would love some parents to volunteer to be on a roster to help them please! Please give your name to Mrs Hayman, our School Secretary.

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

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

Room 1: Aaliyah Benms-Upston, Amelia Campbell, Kiana Cormack-Moka, Nevaeh Elliott, Zaliyah McMillan, Sienna Tavake, Kayden Manawatu, Lincoln Mehalski, Rhys Nevard, Kaleb O'Brien and Lockie Twose, **Room 3:** Isobella Kingi, **Room 4:** Oscar Lawry, **Room 5:** Asra Jansen Van Vuuren, **Room 6:** Kera Miles, Sidney Kingi and Ethan Lau-Berger, **Room 7:** Lance Forrester, **Room 8:** Goeff Requinala and Elijah Williams, **Room 9:** Ava Yazdanpanah, Cassius Toluono and La-eeq Jansen Van Vuuren, **Room 10:** Naava Hopping and Jade Boby **Room 11:** Leah Simon and Lex Miles.

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

PRINCIPAL – TAUMUAKI

Parents Diary for School Events

This Week	Tomorrow	Newsletter returns to class teachers
Next Week	Thursday 9 February Friday 10 February	Family Night at School
Coming Up	14, 15, 16 February	Student Parent Teacher Goal Setting Interviews

Road Patrol

We are pleased to announce that the school is again able to offer a patrolled zebra crossing on Woodham Road.

The Road Patrollers will be present from 8.30am to 8.50am before school and 3.00pm to 3.10pm after school. Please remind your children about how to use the crossing safely and the importance of following the instructions of the Road Patroller.

Please use the crossing if you are parked on the dairy side of Woodham Road. We continue to have road works along Woodham Road. However once these are removed the road becomes very busy and hard to cross unless you use the zebra crossing.

Student-Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Meetings

Our Student-Parent-Teacher Goal Setting meetings are scheduled to take place on the following days and times:

Tuesday, 14 February, 3.15 – 7.00pm. Wednesday, 15 February, 3.15 – 5.00pm . Thursday, 16 February, 3.15 – 5.00pm

Included in today's newsletter is a form that we would like to be completed and returned to the Class teacher prior to the Goal Setting Meeting. Please book your interview times online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The event code is **6zazd**. If you are unable to book a time online your child's classroom teacher will be able to assist you before and after school.

School Staffing Organisation for 2017

Principal:	Ms Sandra Smith JP	
Deputy Principal/Senior Team Leader Years 3 - 6:	Mrs Meredith Devonald	
Associate Principal/Junior Team Leader Years 0 - 2:	Miss Amy Collins	
SENCO Leadership Teacher	Mrs Ellie Cherry	
Room 1: Reception Class	Miss Amy Collins and Mrs Ellie Cherry	
Room 3: Year 1	Mrs Jessie Narbey	
Room 4: Year 1/2	Mrs Catherine Moore	
Room 5: Year 2	Mr Nick Shimasaki	
Room 6: Year 3	Mrs Rosalie Sprosen	
Room 7: Year 3	Mrs Joyce Maria Soosai	
Room 8: Year 4	Miss Alice Gibb	
Room 9: Year 4/5	Mr Darrin Mitchell	
Room 10: Year 5/6	Miss Nikki Gosden	
Room 11: Year 5/6	Mrs Teresa Geal	
Literacy Intervention Teacher:	Mrs Kay Harris	
ESOL / ORS Release Teacher:	Mr Tim Betts	
Specialist Arts Teacher:	To be appointed	
Executive Officer:	Mrs Megan Palmer	
School Secretary:	Mrs Dayle Hayman	
School Caretaker:	Mr Kelvin Wood	
Learning Assistants:	Ms Karen Berry	Miss Joanne Bristowe
	Ms Sue Brown	Miss Nicki Cosgrove
	Ms Anne-Marie Fraser	Miss Erin Frisby
	Miss Lina Ioane	Ms Elizabeth Rayne
	Miss Christine Reitze	Mrs Melissa Snow
	Mrs Sharon Thorne	Ms Cheyann Whyte
Kapahaka Tutor:	Mr Anton McLean	
Pasifika Tutor:	Miss Lina Ioane	
Social Worker in Schools:	Mr Jesse Nelson	

School Activity Fee

Each term the school organises trips and exciting school activities for your child to participate in. In the past we have visited farms, parks, museums and ice skating rinks. School activities have been such things as Cultural Days, art activities, plays and concerts. The school require that each term \$10 is paid to ensure your child is able to attend these events and activities. Many parents requested to pay a one off cost each term rather than continually paying out small sums of money. Please note the activity fee is different to the Term Four EOTC fee – where students go to places like Quail Island, Orana Park or attend Beach Education.

The first activity this year is *Puss in Boots – Pet Detective*, Tuesday 21 February.

Please ensure your Term 1 Activity fee is paid before this event. If you have elected to pay weekly then the Activity fee is already being paid.

Taha Maori Focus

Each week we have a Maori phrase which we focus on learning.

This weeks phrase is:

Nau mai hoki ki te kura mō te 2017 = Welcome back to school for 2017.



Class News From Room One

Room One has opened with 11 new students and one new teacher.

We warmly welcome Mrs Cherry, Aaliyah, Amelia, Kaleb, Kayden, Kiana, Lincoln, Lockie, Nevaeh, Rhys, Sienna, Zaliyah and their whānau to Linwood North School.

This week we have been learning how to make sure we are ready to start the day. Our teachers have made a poster to help us get ready to learn. The last morning job we have to do is our 'Morning Message'. Each day Miss Collins writes a message for us to do. On Tuesday our 'Morning Message' was to draw our family on the whiteboard and get Miss Collins to take a photo.

We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you on our class blog at <http://room1atlinwoodnorthschool.blogspot.co.nz/>

Miss Collins and Mrs Cherry
Room One Teachers



News From The Kakano Team

This year the Kakano Team has changed slightly. Rooms Four and Five have joined the Kakano Team making us a Year 0-2 team. We warmly welcome these students and teachers into the Kakano team. Mrs Cherry is a new teacher in Room One. She has joined us from Wainoni School and we warmly welcome her knowledge and expertise to the team. We also welcome back Mrs Moore for this term who is helping us out by teaching in Room 4 until we find a replacement for Mrs Edmundson who has left to become an RTL. We are fortunate to have wonderful Guest Teachers who are able to support our learners. We also welcome the brand new students who have started school in Room One or in another classroom this week.

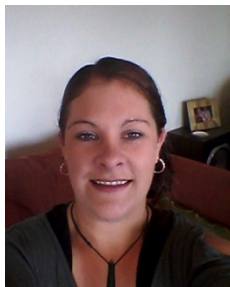
On Thursday afternoons we will be having our weekly Discovery Time session. The purpose of this session is to provide opportunities for students to lead their own learning and to develop their Oral Language. The teachers take on a role each week and provide a variety of experiences for our learners, which are linked, to the New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies. We would **LOVE** parents to help at these sessions, as this would allow us to provide more experiences and opportunities for our learners. A session runs from 2.00pm to 3.00pm each Thursday afternoon. If you are interested, please let your child's teacher know.

Amy Collins
Kakano Team Leader and Associate Principal

Discovery Time



Staff Profile – Alice Gibbs, Class Teacher in Room 8



My name is Alice Gibb. I have moved to Linwood North from Avondale Primary and I am very excited and privileged to be the teacher in Room 8 this year, with a Year 4 class. I come from Nelson; however, this will be my 9th year in Christchurch. I purchased my first home with my partner Pete last year, which we are thoroughly enjoying working on and renovating in our spare time. We also enjoy fishing, going camping and spending time outdoors. I have a passion for Te Reo Māori and use this on a daily basis with the children. Together, Pete and I have an almost one year old puppy, Tess. She is very energetic and unfortunately loves digging holes in our garden. I am looking forward to meeting the Linwood North community, so please ensure to give me a smile when you see me around the school.

Houses at LNS in 2017

The House Competition continues this year and we will have our first House meetings next Thursday. We try to whānau group our students to keep families together. Sometimes during the year we invite the children to dress in their house colours for sporting events and students get awarded points for this. It is a great idea to plan ahead and keep an eye out for colourful bargains!



Weekly School Newsletter Return Slip: Newsletter No 1 NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP

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 L.N.S. Newsletter 1.

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____

Signed: _____ Comments: _____