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*‘Learning to take us places...’  
Matauranga 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.’*

**John Dewey**

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## **Newsletter No 2: Thursday 8 February 2018**

**2018 Schoolwide Focus: Shine Bright Like a Diamond**  
**School Inquiry Topic: Games From Around the World**



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

### ***From the Principal's Desk***

#### **Staff Only Day**

Thank you so very much for positively supporting our Staff Only Day on Monday. Our teachers had a very busy day learning about having Restorative Conversations with children and our exciting new Kiwi Can programme. We all use restorative conversations to problem solve in every day life:

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| 1. What has happened?                             | <b>Tell the story</b>   |
| 2. Who do you think has been affected?            | <b>Explore the harm</b> |
| 3. What do you need to do to put things right?    | <b>Repair the harm</b>  |
| 4. How do we make sure this doesn't happen again? | <b>Move forward</b>     |

Our Learning Assistants were busy ensuring stationery for the students was all sorted, labelled and named in classes ready for the children to start using for their classwork from yesterday.

***Our other Staff Only Day for 2018 will be on held on Friday 01 June, Queens Birthday Weekend.***

***Please save this date!***

#### **Kiwi Can Programme**

This year Linwood North School are thrilled to have been selected to be participate in the 'Kiwi Can' programme, funded by the Graeme Dingle Foundation. It is a values and life skills programme delivered in schools through each class having a 'Kiwi Can' lesson once a week. We have specially trained Kiwi Can Leaders Justin and Hayley teaching each of our classes high energy, fun and interactive lessons on a Wednesday or a Thursday. Research has proven that 'Kiwi Can' improves listening and communication skills, helps children build their self confidence and play co-operatively and reduces behaviour issues. *This term the weekly lessons will focus on Respect –Respectful communication and treating people, things and places as important – others, our school, our community, our environment.*

#### **'Teaming Up' Parent Involvement at School Survey**

*Please complete the survey enclosed and return to the School Office, to be in to win a \$50.00 Warehouse Voucher.*

We need your ongoing support for us be the best school in the east! We have lots of great ways you can be involved in supporting your child's school and we would love your help please. Please do tell us your ideas!

**All students now require their compulsory stationery packs for 2018 please. \$35.00 at the School Office**

#### **Resilience Proverb For The Week**

***'Whaia te iti kahurangi kite tuohu koe me he maunga teitei'***

***'Strive to achieve for the best you can; bend only for the loftiest mountain'***

**Congratulations to Room 2** who were first last week in our School Newsletter Return competition with 91%. Well done!

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

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

**Room 2:** Ayanna Shire, Jack Walters, Manaia Suliafu, Zayden Arps, Azaria Heslip **Room 3:** MacKenzie Teague, Mia Maat, Siliol Fialele, MJ Mariner **Stewart Kete Kakariki:** Azariah Witehira-Tihema, Sulola Asanso, Sharmaine Boese **Stewart Kete Whero:** Ysabel Boese **Room 4:** Daniella Lavaiaamat, Dylan Jansen Van Rensburg, Rome Fanene **Room 5:** Abubakar Yasin, Mason Morgan **Room 6:** Charlie Walters, Mercy Aumua **Room 7:** Eziah King, Molly Aumua, Adriana Vaoga **Room 8:** Dylan Arps, Tawhirimatea O'Brien, Alazne Ioana, Molly Thomson, John Ihaia, Abraham Vaoga **Room 9:** Xavier Boese **Room 10:** Vanessa Sim, Taurean Witehira-Tihema **Room 11:** Troy Thomson, Lilyana Ioane, Yisrael Gillett

Kindest regards everyone  
**Sandra Smith JP**  
**PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI**



**Tomorrow is Student Council Sausage Sizzle Lunch Day**  
**Only \$2.00 for a delicious hot sausage**  
**with tomato sauce wrapped in wholemeal bread.**  
**Please have your orders to class by 9.00am.**

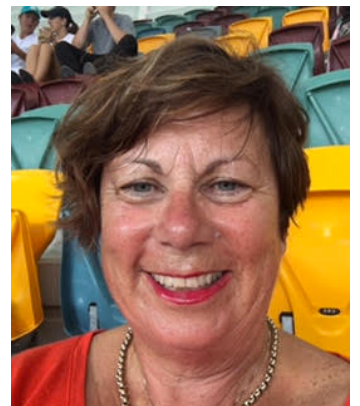


### Parents Diary for School Events

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Tomorrow</b>	<b>Newsletter Returns to class please</b> 8.30am Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle 2pm Shine Time Room 2
<b>Next Week</b>	Tuesday 13 February Wednesday 14 February Thursday 15 February Friday 16 February	Goal Setting Meeting 3.15pm – 7pm Goal Setting Meeting 3.15pm – 5pm Goal Setting Meeting 3.15pm – 5pm 2pm Shine Time Room 3

### Staff Profile: Sandra Smith – Principal

When I came to Linwood North School as Deputy Principal in August 1999, I had no idea just what a wonderful community of learning I would be working in or that I would have the privilege of leading the learning and become Principal in 2003. Over the years I have had the ongoing support of a great Board of Trustees, Teaching and Support Staff together with the joy of the company of many wonderful children, some of who are now returning to Linwood North with their own children. I just love being able to make a difference in the lives of children and their families in the Linwood community. I live in Burwood with my partner Garry, together with Romeo, our Birman cat and Dougal our Scottish Terrier puppy. I have three adult children. Matthew lives in Sydney, and Sarah Jane and Daniel here in Christchurch. We love chilling out with our three grandchildren. I am especially proud that our grandson, Samuel will start school here at Linwood North School in July.



In my spare time I love catching up with my family and friends, enjoy my garden, playing competitive bridge, learning to play better golf, yoga, reading, music, and travel. We love spending time relaxing on our launch in the sounds and catching blue cod! I enjoy the privilege of serving the community as a Justice of the Peace and my role as a registered marriage celebrant and a funeral celebrant, which I hope to pursue as I plan toward my retirement in around five year's time.

### Taha Maori Focus



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

This week's phrase is: ***Kia runga i te wā, me te i roto i te wahi tika – Be on time and in the correct place***

### PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 2

This week our focus is: ***Be Responsible: Be on time and in the correct place***

#### What does this look like at home?



- ⇒ Encouraging your child to pack their bag the night before
- ⇒ Having a morning routine to get ready for school
- ⇒ Modelling being on time to your child
- ⇒ Talking about the time and how long things take



### Shine Bright Like a Diamond

This year our school wide focus is 'Shine Bright Like A Diamond'.

We will be encouraging all of our learners, staff and families to 'Shine Bright Like A Diamond' in all areas of their life throughout 2018.

We have been learning this song at Music time to share with you.

We would love our families to join us and use this language for 2018 too.



## Term 1 and 2 Learning Goal Setting: Student – Parent – Teacher Meetings



**Term 1 and 2 Goal Setting Meetings** are occurring next week at school on  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** 3.15 – 7.00pm,  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** 3.15pm – 5.00pm and  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** 3.15 – 5.00pm.

Your child's class teacher would like to meet with both you and your child to discuss your child's learning goals for Terms 1 and 2.

An information sheet has been included in this newsletter.

If you are unable to book online, please see your child's teacher so they can make the booking for you.

We really need our parents to team up with us to support your child's learning progress at school please.

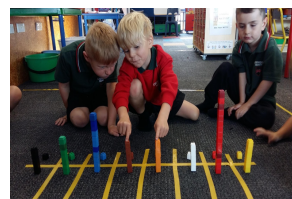
## Linwood North School Class 'Shine Time' Celebration

★ ★ ★ **This weeks Shine Time is in Room 2!** ★ ★ ★

**Please come along and enjoy sharing your children in Room 2's learning at 2.30pm**

## News from Room 2 and Ms Clothier

In Room 2, for Maths, we have been learning about how we can group objects into categories. We can group them into colours, or how many legs they have, or what we had for breakfast. Then we have been displaying this information in graphs.



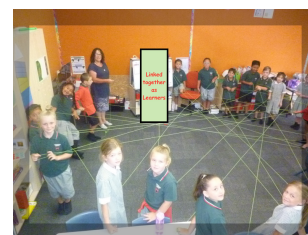
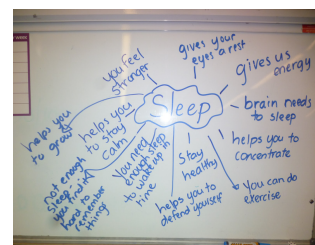
## News from the Karawha Team

A warm welcome to the Karawha team for 2018. There have been some changes to our team this year. In Room 4 is Mrs Mackie is teaching in the mornings and Mrs Cherry will be teaching from 11.30am. Mrs Geal has joined us from the Senior Team and is in Room 5. Mrs Sprosen is continuing in Room 6 and Ms Gosden is now teaching in Room 7. If you haven't already, please pop in and see us.

Our Meet the Teacher evening on TONIGHT will be a great time to come along and hear and see all the wonderful things we have going already this term.

Please remember to pop an extra sandwich into your child's lunch box for their sandwich and milk break each morning. This is really important for their brain development and supporting their learning focus.

**Ellie Cherry**  
**Karawha Team Leader and Associate Principal**



## WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 2



**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 2

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

