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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: Identity



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

From the Principal's Desk

Principal's Awards

It gives me immense pleasure when our lovely students come to my office to show me classwork that they and their teacher are proud of! As I move through the classes, the majority of the students are now engaged in their learning with a real focus and interest. This week our Year 3 – 6 students have been completing their standardised testing assessments. The teachers then analyse the results and prepare appropriate learning pathways for the children in their class.

Wonderful 'Puss in Boots' creativity from Susie Bethan in Room 6, earning her a Principals Award.

School Grounds and Buildings

Our school environment is looking very attractive and well maintained. Thank you to Garry Dentice who has been working as a relief caretaker while Kelvin Wood has been on ACC. It is great to have you back at school with us all Kelvin! We have a site visit to the new school hall tomorrow. Progress seems to be very slow and we are very disappointed about the messy state of the building site. However patience is a virtue, six years on from the demise of our wonderful old school hall in the February earthquake. Shortly Mr Dentice will be installing amazing playground game markings on the asphalt outside classrooms for the children to enjoy which we have been patiently waiting to obtain a supplier and installer for.



Carparking

Please help us keep all of our preschool and school students safe. This is a Health and Safety request please. Do not shift the safety cones, take down the chain gate across the staff carpark or use the staff carpark for parking at any time. It is for the use of the Linwood North staff and the Niu Preschool bus when it comes to collect the preschoolers around 2.30pm.

Hearty Congratulations to Room 4 who were first last week in our new School Newsletter Return competition with 74%.

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

We warmly welcome the following student who has 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: Bellah Lamositele, Ruby Wilton and Clover Gibbins.

Resilience Proverb For The Week

'Rimu rimu rere ana, korowai aroha e.'

'Wrap me again in bright weed, which will be a blanket for me.'

***When the tide ebbs and flows away from the land, seaweed seems to flow away,
like the departure of our loved ones to the spiritual world.***

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI

Introducing Our Staff – Jesse Nelson, Social Worker

My name is Jesse Nelson and I am your social worker in schools (SWiS) for Linwood North. There are quite a few new faces around already, so if you see me around please feel like you can say hello. I have been in the role for a little over a year and half now. My role is to work alongside the school with children and family/caregivers to offer any additional support required.

To access the (SWiS) service please talk with your child's Teacher about what's happening and they can direct you to the school SENCO Ellie Cherry or DP Meredith Devonald, who will support you to make a (SWiS) referral. Please also pick up my business card from the school office.

Saying: *'Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal'.*

I will also be making myself available for any parents/caregivers who want to chat with me about any struggles. I can be found in the school office in the small interview room between 8:30am – 9:30am on a Wednesday. Please feel welcome. There will be a sign outside the school office as well.

Warmest regards

Your friendly Social Worker, Jesse Nelson



Parents Diary for School Events

This Week	Tomorrow	Newsletter Returns to class please
Next Week PB4L Class Focus: Be Respectful: Follow instructions from all adults straight away	Monday 6 March Friday 10 March	9am: Whole School Whanau Assembly. Whanau welcome! 8.30am: Breakfast club in Kidsbase room 9.05 Gold Award Assembly outside Kakano Block. All welcome Student Council Sausage Sizzle

Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards are given out by Team Leaders at our team assemblies, which are held in the Team Learning Centres at 9.05am on Mondays. Parents and families are most welcome to attend.

Class Awards for 'Caught Being Good as Gold' using our School Values:

Nevaeh Elliott	Room 1	For showing Respect towards adults and children in the classroom.
Naeema Ali	Room 3	For showing Respect to our new student by helping her and being a good friend.
Niah Suliafu	Room 4	For showing Respect to others in the classroom.
Donna-Marie Moale	Room 5	For showing the school's value of Responsibility by inviting others to play with her in the playground.
Micheal Hotter	Room 6	For remembering to be Respectful by not interrupting other learners when walking through the Learning Centre.
Daisy Snowdon	Room 7	For showing Responsibility and Respect towards school property by cleaning up others' mess.
Atiria Tutaki-Phillips	Room 8	For always showing all of our Linwood North School values
Tayah Ngaha	Room 9	Is a good friend and a good role model to others.
Ebony Burchett	Room 10	For always being a Responsible Linwood North Learner by always being on task.
Gabriela Relly	Room 11	Shows that she is Responsible by bringing her newsletter slip every week.

Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

Kaleb O'Brien	Room 1	For trying hard to use the pictures to work out unknown words.
Tanvi Naidu	Room 3	For the huge effort she is making in Spelling by challenging herself at home.
Jayziah Galovale	Room 4	For trying hard to write the sounds he can hear in his story.
Mataio Ifopo-Togia	Room 5	For using interesting and descriptive language in his recount of the Christchurch Fire.
Kera Miles	Room 6	For showing 10 different ways of making 10 and 20 independently.
Leon Hakai	Room 7	For showing determination to solve a complicated addition and subtraction without using imaging.
Ayden Jayet	Room 8	For working hard to complete his maths work even when it is challenging.
Dante Carruth	Room 9	For trying his best to improve his Writing.
Carlee Ramsay	Room 10	For a detailed writing recount about the time she was most excited.
Lex Miles	Room 11	Completes his homework to a high standard every week.



Mathletics



As a school we provide all of our students with a **FREE** Mathletics login. This allows learning to happen at home and school. Each block has a Mathlete of the Week Trophy and a Class of the Week trophy. These are awards to the top student and class in each block each week. All students should have their 2017 Mathletics details by the end of the week. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries.

Staff Profile – Ellie Cherry, Teacher in Room 1

Hi there. I'm Ellie Cherry. I teach with Amy Collins in Room 1 and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children at Linwood North School. Prior to coming to Linwood North I was working at Wainoni School for the past 6 years. I am married to Richard and have three grown sons and two gorgeous granddaughters and a third (a grand-son) due in July. I am an avid cricket fan and love spending time with my family and friends.



Taha Maori Focus

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

Whakamahi tonu ringa atawhai, waewae atawhai me kupu atawhai.
Always use kind hands, kind feet and kind words.



Quality Learning from Room 6 and Mrs Sprosen

Discovery Time With Rooms 6 & 7

We have just had our second week of Discovery Time and the children are really enjoying themselves. Some of the activities we have had so far are:

- Skipping, Parachute Games, Hockey, Ball Kicking and Hula-Hoops outside on the field.
- Biscuit Icing, Drawing, Play dough Creations, Popcorn and Board Games.

Activities will vary from week to week. It is great to see the children working well together in teams and best of all having fun together.

Here are some of our Discovery reflection comments that the children have made at the end of the day.

"I can't wait until Discovery next week." (Kera)
"Icing and decorating the biscuits is so much fun." (Justine)
"I liked creating a dragon using the play dough with my friends." (Corbin)



News from the Kakano Team

We warmly welcome Bellah Lamositele, Danial Sedaghat, Ezekiel Matau, Clover Gibbins and Ruby Wilton and their families to the Kakano Team and to Linwood North School. We have had lots of new enrolments in the new entrant area. If you know of any children intending on starting at Linwood North School please encourage them to come and enrol early so we can transition them to our school. We love working with our local preschools and we are looking forward to a visit from Linwood Kidsfirst soon with some students who will be joining us later in the year.

All of our Kakano Team learners have been busy working on their Athletics skills. Each teacher has chosen a different event and our learners are rotating around the different events each Monday during our Physical Education time. This has allowed our learners to meet the other teachers in our team. The learners have enjoyed talking about their weekly PE lesson and we look forward to them showcasing these skills at our School Athletics towards the end of term 1. Thank you to Mr Shimasaki for the photos of Room 5. Our Kakano learners are lucky to have a lovely male teacher in the junior area, these are hard to come by!



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!

Congratulations to Woodham House who won last week's house point competition.



Community Notices

There's no party like a LYFE party! The event is taking place at Linwood Park this Saturday 4th March 2017 from 12-4pm.

Sunday 5th March 2017 – 11am till 3pm

Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event at the green space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Ave. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along friends and family. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on all the excitement. Check out the be there website for more information <http://bethere.co.nz/event/24257>



**LINWOOD
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Weekly School Newsletter Return Slip: Newsletter No 5 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 5.

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____

Signed: _____ Comments: _____