



*Focussed Learning Achieving eXcellence*



***'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 20: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**2017 Schoolwide Focus: Resilience – Knowing our Learners, Growing our Learners**  
**Implementation and Growth in our Innovative Collaborative Practice**  
**School Inquiry Topic: Being Well and Focused for Learning**  
**PAUSE – BREATHE - SMILE**



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

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Celebrating Matariki

Matariki provides us all with an opportunity to celebrate the unique place in which we live, Aotearoa. Matariki is the Maori name for a group of stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. This cluster is often referred to as the seven sisters, or a mother with six daughters, but there are actually about five hundred stars making up the Mataranka cluster. The seven stars we are familiar with are those that can be seen with the naked eye here in New Zealand.

When Ranginui - the sky father, and Papatuanukum - the Earth Mother were separated by their children, the God of Wind - Tawhirimatea became angry, tearing out his eyes and hurling them into the heavens. The star cluster is seen at different times throughout the year in different countries. In Samoa Matai'i can be seen during October. In some countries, such as Japan, only six stars can be seen. The Japanese name for Matariki is Subaru.



The Maori New year is marked by the rising of this star cluster and the sighting of the next new moon. The appearance of Matariki is traditionally used as a forecast of the year ahead. Clear and bright stars signalled warm and productive seasons, and hazy or shimmering clusters meant a cold Winter was coming and ground for crops were prepared accordingly. The appearance of the star cluster coincided with the end of the harvest season, when food stocks were plentiful and less time was required in the gardens. Today as the weather cools and the sky becomes darker Matariki is seen as an important time to celebrate the earth and show respect for the land.

**Hearty Congratulations to Room 2 with 42% and Room 6 with 39% who were first last week in our School Newsletter Return competition.**

**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: Sophia Baxendell.**

#### Resilience Proverb For The Week

**Kia tu mai a Matariki kua ahuaahua te whenua kia rite ai mo to ono Kumara**  
**The season of Pleiades is the time that many mounds should be heaped up in preparation for kumara planting.**

Have a safe and restful break over the school holidays.

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

**PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI**

### Parents Diary for School Events

<b>This Week PB4L Focus Be A Learner</b> – Think about your digital footprint.	<b>Tomorrow</b>	Newsletter Returns to class please 8.30am: Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room <b>2pm Gold Award Learning Celebration.</b> <b>Last day of Term 2</b>
<b>Next Term begins Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Monday 24 July</b> <b>Friday 28 July</b>	9am Weekly School Assemblies in Learning Teams Newsletter Returns to class please 8.30am: Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room

## Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards are presented by Ms Smith at our School Assembly on Monday mornings at 9am. Families are most welcome to attend.

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

Aroha Doherty	Room 1	For being a great role model in the classroom.
Sienna Tavake	Room 2	For being Responsible and helpful in class.
Kayden Lewis	Room 3	For being a kind friend and using his breathing skills to calm his body.
Dylan Chesmar	Room 5	For being a great friend and showing care and concern for others in the playground.
Naomi Ashwell	Room 6	For being a Learner by being willing to help others when they ask for it.
Emma Adcock	Room 7	For helping out in class by being a reading buddy for others.
Hayezz Nukunuku	Room 9	Has been a focused Learner and asks for help when he needs it.
Jake Wilkinson	Room 10	For always asking for help when he needs it.
Alex Jukes	Room 11	Was a Tuakana/Teina buddy to Mrs Geal when she helped her to solve a puzzle.

### **Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:**

Naomi Pitama	Room 1	For great finger pointing during Reading.
Bellah Lamositele	Room 2	For her outstanding effort with her Spelling.
Tanvi Naidu	Room 3	For using different strategies to read words she doesn't yet know.
Kathryn Paul	Room 5	For her steady improvement in Writing and for learning all of her spelling and high frequency words.
Rocko Parkins	Room 6	For being an independent writer and then helping others with ideas.
Amanda Martins	Room 7	Has been showing improvement in her Writing. She is writing on her own using her dictionary.
Aroha Kerr	Room 9	Has been trying hard in her Maths and is showing amazing progress in her basic facts.
Hannah Fraser	Room 10	For her excellent explanation writing piece about The Fish of Maui.
Shiwam Verma	Room 11	Is doing his Sunshine Classics activities quickly and with results of 100%.

## Mathletics Results for Week 3

Each team has a Student of the Week trophy and a Class of the Week trophy. The Mathletics trophies are presented at Whanau Time each Monday and the Student of the Week trophy gets to sit on the student's workspace at school. Keep up the hard work!

### **The top Mathletics Classes were:**

Kakano: Room 2  
Karawha: Room 7  
Kokari: Room 11

### **The top Mathletics students were:**

Kakano: Ruby Wilton (R2)  
Karawha: Elshadaye Alemeneh (R7)  
Kokari: Priyanshu Dalai (R11)



## Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (excluding weekends) and Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

## Message from Schooltex:

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Linwood North School

Schooltex would like to apologise to the Linwood North School and Parent Community for the issues causing frustration around your Uniform supply.

As a result of an unforeseen increase in demand for the school's short sleeve polo, we are out of stock in some sizes as we lead into Term 3. Orders for the short sleeve polo are being prioritised which will see new stock made available in the Eastgate Store by the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

To assist with current shortfall and new entrant requirements for Term 3, we will be offering a 20% discount on the school's Long Sleeve Polo's for the period commencing 10 July through to 6 August.

Once again we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Yours Faithfully  
Schooltex

## Taha Maori Focus



Each week we have a Maori phrase, which we focus on learning.  
This week's phrase is: **He a pena?** Is that so?

Each week we have a schoolwide focus that we teach a lesson about each day. PB4L is about teaching our LNS learner about the behaviour we expect. As part of our commitment to sharing more about PB4L-SW we will be sharing our focus each week with some tips for what our focus looks like at home too.

This week our focus is: **Be A Learner – Think About Your Digital Footprint**

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



- ⇒ Having set house rules around where and when devices can be used and what apps and sites can be used
- ⇒ Modelling being safe on devices to your children
- ⇒ Talking about what information you share online and with who
- ⇒ Following the age restrictions on games, apps and sites e.g. Facebook = 13+

**Staff Profile – Christine Reitze, Learning Assistant**

My name is Christine Reitze. I am an ESOL teacher at Linwood North School. I enjoy teaching a lot because children are so much fun! In my free time I love to cook and go for walks along the beach with my partner Shaun. I also have a beautiful kitten called Mila who likes playing and cuddling with me!



**News From The Kakano Team**

We warmly welcome Ms Heather Smith, Jackson, Sophia, Floyd and Naomi to the Kakano Team. Ms Heather Smith has been teaching in Room One for the past two weeks and she has enjoyed getting to know our Room One learners. This year we have had 44 new entrant students start already! It is exciting to see how our Kakano Team is growing.

We are looking at numbers for the remainder of the year and planning for the beginning of 2018. If you are planning on sending your child to Linwood North School or know someone who is intending on coming, please get them to call into the Office and complete an enrolment form as soon as possible please.

Last week we had a small group of students from the Avonside Early Learning Centre visit Linwood North School. It was lovely to have these learners experience school and some of these pupils will be attending Linwood North School in the future. Our relationships with our local preschools are something we treasure and like to build on.

Amy Collins  
Associate Principal



**Community Notices**

**The Big Chill is on!** Linwood Park, Saturday 8 July from noon to 3pm with free fun and games for all. Skate, scoot, jump on a crazy bike, shoot some hoops and enjoy a Heller's sausage sizzle with Mai FM. See you there. Cancelled if wet. Phone CCC on 941 8999 for more information or go [www.kidsfest.co.nz](http://www.kidsfest.co.nz)

**JULY HOLIDAYS GYMNASTICS FUN 'Give-it-a-go' Open Sessions - Parkour - Recreational and Advanced Open Gymfun/Trial Sessions** Check out our Facebook Page or Website for times and costs

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**WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 20**

**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 20.

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

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