



# 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*

## Parent Diary for School Events – Please keep for future reference!

This Week	Tomorrow	8.30am <b>St Chad's Breakfast Club</b> in the Kidsbase Room <b>Loud Shirt Day Mufti Day - Gold Coin donation please</b> <b>Learning Journals back to school</b> <b>Sausage Sizzle Lunch</b> <b>Last day of school for Term 3. School closes at 3pm.</b> *Please take time to check the Lost Property in the School Office if you are missing school uniform
	Monday 15 October	<b>First day of Term 4 - Summer uniform to be worn please</b> <b>Aquagym Swimming</b> - Please ensure payments are completed before the end of Term 3 to ensure your child swims on Day 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  
**Rarangi atu - Line up there**



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! Mālō e lelei! Greetings everyone!



### Stars for Linwood North School

We were thrilled to receive this lovely feedback recently through our School Facebook page...

'Hi to the best wee school in NZ. This is Meg Price. Larissa and Mia Maat's grandmother. I came to get Mia at 3pm today. I was highly amused. Mia's classmates interrogated me to make sure I was her Nana. I was very impressed. Such a caring wee school, all looking after their friends welfare. Congratulations to all staff and families at this amazing school. This school is a credit to you all. Everyone looking out for each other. Well done Linwood North, you rock.x x I have always loved this school and the lovely staff and children who attend. From my heart'. X x

### Helping Children to Keep Themselves Safe

Recent Police reports of inappropriate approaches to children has again highlighted the importance of helping children to recognise behaviours to avoid and report. 'Stranger danger' is an outdated and discredited concept. It is much more likely that abuse may come from someone the child or the child's family knows and trusts, however, the myth of 'stranger danger' continues.

We support the Police's Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) programme for schools that encourages school leaders, parents, whānau and caregivers to teach young children how to detect behaviours to avoid and to report these to adults they trust.

We encourage you as parents to follow KOS and police advice and lead conversations with your children about spotting unusual behaviour which might make them feel uncomfortable, unsafe or scared. An example might be an inappropriate touch, unwanted stares and random requests on social media for photos or personal information. Parents may share information online about suspicious approaches to children, but we would always encourage parents to work with us in schools and the local Police to ensure the information your children share online is accurate and won't create unnecessary confusion and concern. Further information about the police's Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) programme can be found on the New Zealand Police website.

This is great advice from police for parents, caregivers and children

#### Advice for Children

- Trust your 'gut instinct'.
- If you feel uncomfortable, remove yourself from the situation.
- Tell someone if you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or scared.
- If the first person doesn't help, keep trying until someone does. Call 111 if necessary.

#### Advice for Parents and Caregivers

- Teach your children that they should call 111 if they have immediate concern about their safety.
- Teach your child how to get safely to and from school and other places they go – whether they walk, bike or go by bus.
- Make clear rules about getting home.
- Go to school with your child so you can show them the safest route. Try to use main arterial routes with more people around and avoid walkways and isolated areas.
- Teach your child to deal with hazards like narrow footpaths or busy roads.
- Teach your child to use pedestrian crossings.
- Teach children to walk home together in twos or small groups, not alone.
- Make other arrangements if someone is away.



### Kiwi Can Superstars

Congratulations to our Term 3 Kiwi Can Superstar students who earned a fun session with Justin and Hayley because they have showed our School Values in the weekly Kiwi Can lessons this term.

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Stewart Kete
Sammy Cave Olivia Houben Karley Williams	Azaria Heslip Izajah Hobson Vrinda Sharma Alin Tamang Novalea Thorn	Gloria Cane Slilio Fialele Giovanni Hardy Vinuthi Hewa Lunuwilage Te Amo Kennedy Mia Maat Odin McMillan Avannah Toluono- Nicholson	Floyd Burton Parker Fisher- Cobb Zaliyah McMillan Emma Mitchell Dylan Robinson - Campbell Piper Snowdon Amelia Campbell Lilly Chesmar Sam Falanai Madi Flint Ezekiel Matau Francis O'Neill Levi Stothers
Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7
Aashrika Dahal David Huihahau Lily- Jean Hutt Daimein Kennedy Sophie McKenzie Rhys Nevard Riley O'Neill Josiah Pitama	Naeema Ali Dylan Chesmar Elsie King Kayden Lewis Donna - Marie Moale Mason Morgan Kawana Te Rangi Soi Tuima	Anya August Mercy Aumua Mataio Ifopo- Togia Sarahfina Leuma Gali Dupree Siaki Maryanne Tavake Jaedyn Tuhoro- Williams Ceejae Witehira- Tihema	Molly Aumua Lucas Doherty Jayziah Galovale Tukaha Hingano Lilibeth Kears Adin Kumar Aurora Milne

### Newsletter Returns

Congratulations to Room 6 who were first in our School Newsletter Return Competition last week with 69%!

Kindest regards everyone. Enjoy the lovely Spring holidays with your children.

**Sandra Smith JP**

**Principal – Tumuaki**

### Gold Awards Learning Celebration for September

The following wonderful children deserve special congratulations for being chosen as our Gold Award students for September. They received their Gold Awards certificates and badges at our Gold Award Learning Celebration on Monday. Their teacher and class recognize them as being 'as good as gold'. They have displayed consistently excellent behaviour, attitude and work both in the classroom and in the playground. You can wear your badges with pride children! Thank you to the whanau who joined us for the celebration.

Lilly Profit	Room 1	Natalie Gallon	Room 6
Ayanna Shire	Room 2	Cody Hart-Lee	Room 7
Te-Amo Kennedy	Room 3	Noah Wilkinson	Room 8
Alexis Eades	SKK	Kolokesa Moale	Room 9
Amelia Campbell	SKW	Jennifer Doherty	Room 10
Sophie McKenzie	Room 4	Hoani Ifopo-Togia	Room 11
Naeema Ali	Room 5		

### Caught Being Good and Caught Being Active Awards

Ruby Wilton, SKW                      Israel Searle, Room 4

### Healthy Eater Awards

Chelsea Edwards, SKK                      Peyton Mihaere, Room 6                      Daisy Snowdon, Room 9

### Road Patroller

Jade Bobby, Room 10

### School Newsletter Draw

Samuel Cave	Room 1	Dupree Siaki	Room 6
McKenna (& Mahalia) MacLarn	Room 2	Tukaha (& Mraz) Hingano	Room 7
Gloria Cane	Room 3	Emily Park	Room 8
Dylan Robinson-Campbell	SKK	Harlem Smith	Room 9
Simote (& Sam) Fifita	SKW	Jade Boby	Room 10
Aashrika (& Aaradhya) Dahal	Room 4	Lilyana (& Alazne) Fialele	Room 11
Tyler Williams	Room 5		

### Parent Draw

Congratulations to Rachel Gallon, Melissa Gray and Robert Huia-Warren

## Weekly Principal's Class Awards

**These awards are presented at Team Whānau Time on Monday mornings at 9am. Families are most welcome to attend.**

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

Karley Williams	Room 1	For making a fantastic start to learning at LNS
Charlotte Hoogervost	Room 2	For being a kind and respectful class member
Kailani Clough	Room 3	For trying her best in her work and listening to instructions
Parker Fisher-Cobb	SKK	For having a positive attitude and being engaged in his learning
Ruby Wilton	SKW	For showing School Values by looking after others in the playground
Savanna Boese	Room 4	For always making good choices and helpfulness to others
Tyler Williams	Room 5	For being as Good as Gold by being a focused learner in class
Dupree Siaki	Room 6	For making good choices by using his WITS in the playground
Tukaha Hingano	Room 7	For being a learner and persevering with his work
Ella Keen	Room 8	For a lovely, friendly start to her new school
Elshadaye Alemeneh	Room 9	For always showing the Linwood North values
Tayah Ngaha	Room 10	For always showing her school values
Filipo Siumu	Room 11	For always being willing to help and support others

Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

Lilly Profit	Room 1	For reading and practising her spelling at home every night
Tobias Fenton	Room 2	For his positive attitude with new maths learning
Ella-Jayde Whyte	Room 3	For using her known words in her story writing
Avea Masaga	SKK	For being engaged in her reading sessions and showing great progress
Kaylilah Ah Tong	SKW	For being focused in Reading and being able to identify the structure of stories she reads
David Huihahau	Room 4	For good sounding out techniques in Reading
Naeema Ali	Room 5	For her great effort with her writing and adding descriptive words give her story more detail
Mercy Aumua	Room 6	For using the word cards to help with her Writing
Lorenzo Timo	Room 7	For taking more care when presenting his work
Constance Taitoko	Room 8	For great work in fractions
Judah Hobson	Room 9	For being a brilliant and focussed writer
Seth Porter	Room 10	For taking risks in your writing and using fantastic expression
Christine Tawha-Winiata	Room 11	For settling quickly into quality learning at LNS!

## PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 10

This week our focus is: **Be Responsible - Move appropriately to the area (swimming)**

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



- ⇒ Teaching your child how to move safely around car parks
- ⇒ Talking about dangers and how to move e.g. sneaky driveways
- ⇒ Talking about the upcoming swimming and how we will need to be safe on the bus and at the pool

## Mathletics Results from Week 9

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: Priyanshu Dalai (R10)



## News from Kokari Team and Mrs Walters

Wow! The end of term has come upon us so fast! We hope you are looking forward to spending some quality time with your gorgeous children. Remember to read our class BLOGs to keep up to date with what each class is doing. We post photos, samples of work and class happenings every week. It is fantastic to see how many children are accessing their Mathletics accounts at home. This extra practise is vital for increasing the fluency and recall of basic facts. Below you can see some examples of the wonderful Art and Science experiments we have been doing this term! So much learning has occurred during about Taonga and using clay as well as chemical changes and different states of matter! Learning journals will be coming home this week. Please make a comment on your child's fabulous work and return by Friday.



## News from Room 3 and Mrs Maria Soosai

We have worked on our wreath with fabric. The children learnt to tie knots.

We have been writing about facts. We have been learning about tigers, sharks, kangaroos and many other animals. Did you know that kangaroos cannot move backwards? I didn't know that but now I do!

We have also been talking about chemical change. We have been doing experiments, predicting and looking at our results.

We have been learning about addition and subtraction. We have been looking at adding numbers up to 8 using Dominios and counters.



## Staff Profile: Miss Amy Collins, Deputy Principal

My name is Amy Collins and I am the Deputy Principal at Linwood North School. I was the Associate Principal and taught in Room 1 before I became the Deputy Principal. This is my fifth year at Linwood North School and I taught at Merrin School for 12 years before that. I live with my partner Phil and we have two cats. I have a three and a half year old godson who I love spending time with. In my spare time I love catching up with my friends, spending time with family, camping, shopping and cooking. I love seeing our LNS students having success in their learning.



## News from the Student Council - Chisnallwood Production

On Monday Linwood North School student council were lucky enough to be selected to go on a visit to Chisnallwood to watch a dress rehearsal of their school production. We left the school at 10:40 in a taxi. The play was about Wizard of Oz High School version. Amazing Mrs Walters kindly took us to the play. There was ballet, singing and all different dances in the play and in the parts where they were getting the next scene ready the band played. It was a fantastic experience and we were so happy that we were the first school to see it with Waitakari school. By Seth and Jenny.



## Wheelie Awesome Bike Day - Year 6

On Friday 21st of September 2018 some lucky Year 6 students were so lucky to be gifted with .....BIKES! The people that didn't have bikes to take part in Cycle Safety got one. And they also got helmets! Everyone was able to have burger, smoothies and slap on ankle reflectors. The smoothies were made with bananas donated by All Good Bananas, Angel Bay meat patties donated by ANZCO foods, buns from Countdown Eastgate and cooked for us by the Phillipstown community police! Check out our school Facebook page for more information about the amazing Maddie Evans and her Wheelie Awesome project. The Christchurch City Council taught us a few things about bike riding. We would love to thank Maddie and her team and anyone who helped out with the event:) It was emotional for some people who didn't have a bike for various reason. To show the appreciation the year 6's sang a song for them and wrote thank you letters. It was SUCH a pleasure having Ana, Jonno, Maddie and more with us. We hope to see them again.



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## News from the Student Council - Health Forum

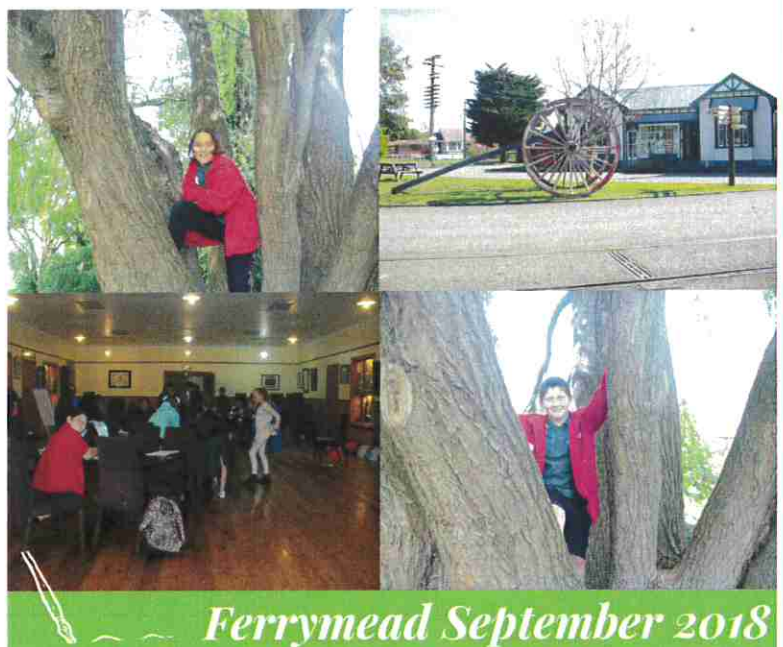
Last Thursday the student council went to the Health Forum that was organized by Wharenu School. They did an amazing effort running the Health Forum where they let us choose very fun and creative modules and ran competitions. We learned about how to keep healthy, for example you should have 3 teaspoons of sugar a day but the average kid has about 30 teaspoons a day! Tayah was lucky enough to win one of the competitions! Wharenu School was also able to organise some tables for Sun Safe Neighbourhood Watch, SneezeSafe and schools including Banks Ave, St Marys and more. After a really awesome time with all the other schools, socialising, making new friends. The student council is so excited about next term! By Ebony & Tayah



## Report back on the Young Writers Day at Ferrymead

Last Friday, Yisrael Gillett and Atiria Tutaki-Phillips were selected as talented Year 5 writers to represent Linwood North School. This day's learning was organised by the Canterbury Literacy Association. The students worked with a poet and the theme was going back in time.

We had a really awesome time at Ferrymead. We were there to write poetry about history. We were taught by a lady called Gail Ingram who is a writer who lives in Christchurch, and Heather McQuillan, a writer of novels for young people. We got to make these amazing poems about history when we went around Ferrymead. One of the things we got to do is go into the general store which was the old name for the supermarket. Some of the things in the general store were poison, big cans of jam, an old dusty piano, there were china dolls and lots of other things. We had to write poems about the interesting things we saw. It was an amazing day and we learned so much about how to write stanza, poems and stories. By Yisrael and Atiria





## Official Dates for 2019: Whītau School

### Dates for Whītau School 2019

**Monday 21 January:** School Office officially opens. Leadership Meetings

**Tuesday 22 January:** Whītau School Induction Day

**Wednesday 23 January:** Teacher Only Day.

**Thursday 24 January:** Teacher Only Day.

**Friday 25 January:** Teacher Only Day

#### Term 1

Monday 28 January – Friday 12 April 11 weeks  
Waitangi Day – Wednesday 06 February

#### Term 2

Monday 29 April – Friday 05 July 10 weeks  
Queen's Birthday – Monday 03 June

#### Term 3

Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September 10 weeks

#### Term 4

Monday 14 October – Tuesday 10 December 8 weeks  
Labour Day, Canterbury Anniversary

**Leavers Day - Friday 06 December**

**School Prizegiving – Monday 09 December**

**Staff Only Day – Tuesday 10 December. School Closed**

### 2019 school terms and holidays from M of E Website

	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS
Term 1 - 11 weeks	Between Monday 28 January (at the earliest); and Thursday 7 February (at the latest)	Friday 12 April (94-108 half days)	Public holidays: Waitangi Day 6 February. School holiday: Saturday 13 April – Sunday 28 April (includes Easter and Easter Tuesday and ANZAC day).
Term 2 - 10 weeks	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July (98 half days)	Public holiday: Queen's Birthday 3 June School holiday: Saturday 6 July – Sunday 21 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September (100 half days)	School holidays: Saturday 28 September – Sunday 13 October
Term 4 - up to 10 weeks	Monday 14 October	<b>Primary, intermediate and special schools:</b> No later than Friday 20 December (98 half days)* <b>Secondary and composite:</b> No later than Friday 13 December (94 half days)**	Public holidays: Labour Day 28 October, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day School holiday: 5 or 6 weeks (from school's closing date until opening date of school the following year)

\* Or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for 390 half days in 2019.

## Find Us on Facebook

As a school we have a school Facebook page which we use to share information and learning. From time to time we post photos of events and if you would prefer we didn't share photos of your child, please let your teacher know. We never tag children in these photos. We find it to be a valuable communication tool that gives you up to date information. It is so much simpler and time effective for us all to access information on to and from the school Facebook page than uploading it to our School Website. **Please go onto our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodNorthSchool/> and like us.**



We try very hard to keep our Facebook page positive, so if you have any concerns please come and see us so we can help to solve it rather than share these publicly on Facebook. We also respect the Facebook rules of users being over 13 years. From time to time people private message us and we always do our best to reply within 24 hours, or the next school day. Please be respectful and do not expect a reply out of hours or at the weekends from staff.

## Community Notices

### Tsunami Siren Testing

Christchurch's tsunami sirens, which are located along the coast from Brooklands to Taylors Mistake, will be tested this Sunday (30th September) at 11am. The testing is part of a biannual testing exercise to coincide with daylight savings. The sirens will sound for approximately three minutes, and are designed to be heard within a few blocks off the coast.

If you live near the coast it is a timely reminder to check whether you are in a tsunami evacuation zone and know what to do. If you are in a tsunami evacuation zone it is important that you discuss a plan with your family, understand the "long or strong, get gone" message.

For more information on tsunami preparedness for your family visit our website: [www.ccc.govt.nz/tsunami](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/tsunami)

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### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 31



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 31

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

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