



Focussed Learning Achieving eXcellence



***'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

Gold Awards Learning Celebration

Congratulations to our students who received the first Principals Gold Awards at our School Learning Celebration last Friday morning. It was great to see whanau there enjoying the special occasion with us and celebrating the learning and achievement at our great school. Michael and Arahia, our Head Boy and Head Girl lead our celebration very capably and together we were proud to announce the House Captains to form the 2017 Student Council.

Head Boy - Michael Skilling

Ngarimu House - Tyrell Searle

Wilding House – Tiera Senelale-Musu

Head Girl - Arahia Corry

Porritt House - Allysha Tasker

Woodham House - Brandon Paul



Principals Gold Award Recipients

School and Community Involvement

Yesterday morning I attended a breakfast meeting of local Principals with the Hagley Ferry Road Community Board where we were shown the results of the consultation survey our students were involved in last year about what they like and what they wish for 'Living in Linwood'. There were amazing ideas that the students in Linwood shared such as wanting to care for the homeless, ensuring everyone was safe in our community and wishing for a local swimming pool and movie theatre. Enclosed in this newsletter is a pamphlet I was given about all the community facilities in Linwood that we can enjoy, so do make use of the free facilities with your families. Woodham Park, for example, is an absolute treasure and haven in the city to enjoy with your children. I really value the strong connections our school has with all of the community services that support our school.

Hearty Congratulations to Room 11 who were first last week in our new School Newsletter Return competition with 75%.

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: Micheal Pattison and in **Room 9:** Lydia Hyde.

Resilience Proverb For The Week

'Ko te ra maeneene, a te rahui Tangaroa.'

'On a calm, warm day, Tangaroa rests.'

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI

Parents Diary for School Events

This Week	Tomorrow	Newsletter Returns to class please
Next Week PB4L Class Focus: Be Respectful: Look after the environment and equipment	Monday 20 March	9am: Whole School Whanau Assembly. Whanau are welcome! House Captain badges will be presents by Ms Smith 1.00pm:
	Friday 24 March	8.30am: Breakfast Club in Kidsbase Room

Houses at LNS in 2017

We will have our 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 Porritt who won last week's house point competition.



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:

Maia-Grace Ranga	Room 1	For being organised with the correct equipment for school.
Cairo-Capri Sinclair	Room 3	For settling into Room 3 positively.
Maryanne Tavake	Room 4	For showing Responsibility by being a helpful class monitor.
Sapphire Ladbroke-Smith	Room 5	For Being a Learner by always having a positive attitude and doing her best in all activities.
Sophie Richards-Cooke	Room 6	For following instructions straight away.
Jaydhen Kumar	Room 7	For being as good as gold in class and being a good learner.
Constance Taitoko	Room 8	For following all instructions from all adults the first time they are given.
Katie Nevard	Room 9	For showing great leadership and supporting other students learning.
Isis-Anne Carruth	Room 10	For always listening to instructions and having a happy and helpful attitude in class.
Shiwam Verma	Room 11	Always does what he is asked to do straight away.

Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

Ruby Wilton	Room 1	For great finger pointing and learning her sightwords.
Brooklyn Gurr	Room 3	For his efforts in handwriting and writing.
Nikita Richardson	Room 4	For writing neatly at Handwriting time.
Annabelle Profit	Room 5	For her insightful and well thought through writing on volcanos
Noah Wilkinson	Room 6	For asking questions that relate to the story he is reading.
Asten Norman	Room 7	Has shown great improvement in his Reading and moved up a number of levels.
Arnika-Rose Gread-Robinson	Room 8	For working hard to complete all of her work to a high standard.
Gemma Kennedy	Room 9	For trying hard to think of new and interesting adjectives.
Jake Wilkinson	Room 10	For his amazing imaginative writing during free writing time.
Tysharn Wardlaw	Room 11	Is making a lot of progress at Reading time.

Gold Award Learning Celebration for March

The following wonderful children deserve special congratulations for being chosen as our Gold Award students for March. Their teacher and class recognise 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!

Aaliyah Benms-Upston	Room 1	Ferishta Ahmadi	Room 7
Tanvi Naidu	Room 3	Logan Paul	Room 8
Misty Rochford	Room 4	Tayah Ngaha	Room 9
Natalia Austin	Room 5	Brandon Paul	Room 10
Mitchell Shannon	Room 6	Shiwam Verma	Room 11

Gold Award Assembly Newsletter Return Draw Winners

Kayden Manawatu	Room 1	Zoe Glintmeyer	Room 7
Daklin Cameron	Room 3	Sam Keele	Room 8
Alexis Gregory	Room 4	Xyra Zoe Tenorio	Room 9
Kathryn Paul	Room 5	Arlais Absolum	Room 10
Sophie Richards-Cooke	Room 6	Seth Porter	Room 11

Caught being Good and Caught being Active

Seth Porter, Room 11	Logan Paul, Room 8
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Healthy Eater Awards

Mesake Laiseni, Room 3	Donna-Marie Moale, Room 5
Danya, Room 8	

Parent Lucky Draw

Jessica – Aaliyah, Room 1	Seini Penitani – Fatai, Room 3
Lisa Rae – Louie, Room 4	Shiloh MacDonald – Hoani, Room 9 and Mateo, Room 5
Romita Lata – Tanvi, Room 3	

Quality Learning from Room 8 and Miss Gibb

Room 8 has been paired with Room 4 from Green Bay School in Auckland for the NZ Get Writing Project. We are going to be communicating with them throughout the year via letter writing (pen pals) and our blogs. We received our first piece of mail from them this week telling us all about their class. Each student wrote a postcard introducing themselves. Come and see our postcard display.

We are working on our post cards and fact file sheet this week to be sent to Room 4 at Green Bay School next week- We are looking forward to learning all about Room 4 throughout the year.



Staff Profile - Meredith Devonald, Deputy Principal

My name is Meredith Devonald and I am the Deputy Principal at Linwood North School. This is my fifth year at Linwood North School. Over my time here I have learned so many new things and met so many new and interesting people. I live with my husband and our 7 year old son whose name is Bryn. As a family we are just discovering the joys of walking a very lively dog called Benton. We decided that we would buy a Welsh Springer Spaniel as my husband is originally from Wales. He moved with his family as a five year old. I also love cooking and reading. I have decided that now Bryn is 7 I am going to try and teach him how to cook too. I wonder how that will go?



Mathletics

This year 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 3
Karawha: Room 7
Kokari: Room 9

The top Mathletics students were:

Kakano: Lourdaz Timo (R3)
Karawha: Zoe Glintmeyer (R7)
Kokari: Goeff Requinana (R8)



Spark Jump Opportunities at LNS

Spark has announced a new social programme to bring heavily subsidised broadband to thousands of New Zealand children whose families cannot afford commercial home broadband services. *Spark Jump* is an innovative programme for social change. Collaborating with community groups and government agencies, Spark will offer families with school-aged children at risk of digital exclusion entry-level home broadband for as little as \$15 - about a quarter the price of the cheapest commercial services available.



Spark believe New Zealand children deserve to have the opportunity to learn and thrive in the modern digital economy. *Spark Jump* is their way of helping solve this Digital Divide, by ensuring children have digital access both at school and in the home. It's very much part of Spark's overall ambition to 'unleash the potential in all New Zealanders through amazing technology'.

Spark Jump will offer selected families a 30GB no-frills broadband service for just \$15. To offer flexibility for families, *Spark Jump* is pre-paid, no fixed-term contract and includes a modem while they are using the service. The service uses the Skinny Broadband platform and provides "wireless" home broadband via a 4G mobile signal connecting with the nearest cell tower. Wireless broadband is available anywhere there is a good quality Spark 4G mobile signal.

Through our partnership with the Greater Christchurch Schools Network Trust (GCSN), Linwood North has access to a limited amount of spaces available for this opportunity. The criteria are listed below. Please feel free to visit Room 1 and talk to Amy Collins if you have any questions.

Do your whānau meet this criteria? If so register at the School Office so that Amy Collins can get in contact with you.

- We have devices that children can use for learning at home and/or school
- We don't currently have the internet at home
- **We are able to pay the \$15 sign up fee and then the ongoing monthly fee of \$15 each month**
- Live in an area where there is a good quality Spark 4G mobile signal <http://www.sparknz.co.nz/what-matters/foundation/sparkjump/>

Community Notices

Clarkville School Twilight Gala 4 - 7pm Friday 31st March.

Food, fun and free entry for everyone! Enjoy a relaxed outdoor evening with family and friends before daylight savings finishes. Something for all ages: **A great selection of well-priced, family-friendly food stalls, Family sideshows/Children's stalls, A huge white elephant with clothes, household goods, Garden and produce stalls, A giant bake sale, A high tea café, Raffles, music and much more...**

And new this year "The Playhouse Challenge" where local builders will be given the challenge to build a playhouse at the Gala with set materials and the best ones will be auctioned off at the end of the night. So make sure you come along rain or shine! Parking available for gold coin donation in Rice Park (opposite the school). Exchange some of your money for "Gala Dollars" to join in the fun. Cash is preferred but eft-pos will be available onsite if required.

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**LINWOOD
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Weekly School Newsletter Return Slip: Newsletter No 7 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 7.

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____

Signed: _____ Comments: _____