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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.'***

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## **Newsletter No 14: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 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**

#### **Mindfulness**

Your children are learning about being mindful through the 'Pause, Breathe, Smile' programme. We are learning to focus on our breathing. Our breath connects us to feelings of peace and contentment and allows us to calm our bodies and minds. Ask your child to show you how to do 'Straight Back, Soft Belly Breathing'. Make a habit of bringing your awareness to your breathing frequently throughout your day. Take a minute to deepen your breath from shallow tense chest breathing to relaxed deep belly breathing. When you feel totally tense or stressed, stop what you are doing, close your eyes if possible and take three to five slow deep breaths and let your body and mind relax.

#### **Being Ready for Learning**

*Our teachers are very concerned that at least 30% of the students in their class are coming to school with NO BREAKFAST! Please support your child to be ready and focused for learning by ensuring your child has*

- **Plenty of Sleep.** Please do not allow your child to have 'stay overs' with friends or late nights during the week.
- **Breakfast.** Everyone needs fuel in their tank to start the day. Children need cereal, toast and a drink to start their day and fill their tummies before they come to school.
- **Healthy Lunch.** Packet food does not fill hungry growing children's tummies. Please pack a healthy sandwich daily and ask your child if they are having enough food in their lunch box.
- **Being At School and On Time.** Your child needs to be at school every day to learn and be on time to school ready to start at 9am.
- **Winter Uniform.** All children require a polar fleece jacket or sweat shirt to wear outside and their Kids Can Rainjackets to wear on wet days.

**Mulalijcai Motu from Room 6 with her Principal's Award for her learning in Maths.**

#### **Rangiora Earthquake Express**

Many thanks to Pauline Walker, Rangiora Artesan Bakery and Rangiora New World for the generous donations of bread goodies and tinned food your families received this week. Our school is very grateful for their ongoing community support.

#### **Toys at School**

Children are not permitted to bring toys to school as unfortunately they cause issues in the classrooms and playground. Please support us by checking your child's school bag each day. Teachers will be removing any toys brought to school. Currently 'Fidget Spinners' are interfering with classroom programmes. Teachers have tried to work with students so these were only used at playtime. However these continue to be a problem so we request these stay at home please.

#### **Staffing News**

Sadly the Board have received a letter of resignation from Kelvin Wood, our School Caretaker who has decided to move onto new employment ventures after serving for four years as our School Caretaker. We will be advertising this vacancy for a fulltime School Caretaker shortly.

Ms Kate Husband was unable to continue in her new role as our Specialist Arts teacher so currently our class teachers are teaching the Music, Dance and Drama programmes.



### **Bullyfree NZ Week - Student Behaviour at School**

At each Board Meeting twice a term I am required to report to the Board of Trustees on the number of official stand downs that I have had to impose on students. The Board and I are saddened that, despite our best efforts through Positive Behaviour for Learning programmes, some of our students can be so anxious, dis-regulated or unable to control their emotions and/or behaviour that they are choosing not to use Their 'WITS' or 'Stop, Think, Do' strategies taught in class and be respectful and

responsible at all times to all children and all adults at school. I then have no choice but to use the official Ministry of education process of stand down with these children to give them and their parents a clear message that their behaviour is unacceptable.

The Board, staff and I are becoming extremely concerned about the number of students throughout the school from Year 0 to Year 6 who are, on occasions, choosing to be verbally abusive to other students or to staff; or who are choosing to be physically violent to other students and to staff in the classroom or in the playground at school. I am very sad to report that we have some students who are choosing to swear at other students or to staff, some children who are refusing to complete their work in class and do as their teacher asks, and some children who are scratching, biting, kicking, and hitting staff and other students. I reassure you that these are very isolated cases, however we take each of these incidents extremely seriously indeed. This behaviour is completely unacceptable and is dealt with immediately with serious consequences. We have ZERO TOLERANCE!

#### What is Verbal Abuse?

- Unprovoked name calling, swearing, loud offensive language

#### What is Physical Abuse?

- Unprovoked scratching, biting, shoving, kicking, hitting, punching

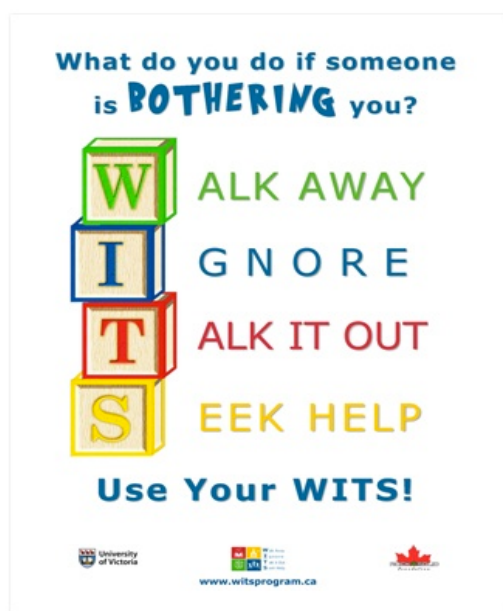
#### What is Cyber Abuse?

- Texting, emailing, Facebook etc. It is illegal for children under thirteen years of age to have a Facebook page at all.

#### What is Bullying?

- **Bullying is deliberate** – intentionally causing physical and/ or psychological harm to another person.
- **Bullying involves a power imbalance** – an actual (or perceived) unequal relationship between those being bullied and those who bully. For example due to physical size, age, gender, social status or digital capability and access.
- **Bullying is usually not a one-off** – it is repeated over time, with the threat of further incidents leading to fear and anxiety. People may bully one person many times, or different people each time.
- **Bullying is harmful** – there are short or long term effects, long-term physical or psychological harm to the target.

As it is 'Bully Free New Zealand' week it is timely to reinforce to all that we are a 'Zero Tolerance' to Bullying School. The majority of the current behaviours from children that we are having to deal with at school, we do not consider bullying, as bullying is intentional and repeated acts of verbal or physical abuse over time. All adults and children in the school environment have the right to be safe and it is my responsibility on behalf of the Board of Trustees to ensure your children and our staff are safe at school. I take this responsibility extremely seriously. We have at least five staff out on duty at playtime and lunchtime breaks, including two teachers and we provide 'Check and Connect' programmes to support children to learn to make positive choices in their play. Some students are individually supported by a Teacher Aide.



Hearty Congratulations to Room 2 who were first last week in our School Newsletter Return competition with 67%.

#### 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: Avea Masaga, Room 2: Oliveti Kaifoto, Room 7: Oliver Nixon, Room 9: Xavier Nixon and in Room 10: Libby Wilson.

#### Resilience Proverb For The Week

**'He iti hau marangai e tu te pahokahoka'.**

*First comes the night wind, carrying rain, then comes the bright rainbow  
Be positive, look on the bright side!*

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI

## Parents Diary for School Events

<b>This Week</b> <b>PB4L Focus</b> Be A Learner - Follow the rules of the game/activity and play fair	<b>Tomorrow</b>	Newsletter Returns to class please 8.30am: Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Student Council Sausage Sizzle Lunch
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Monday 29 May</b> <b>Thursday 1 June</b>	9am Weekly School Assemblies in Learning Teams 9.00am Gold Awards Learning Celebration at Linwood North
<b>Staff Only Days</b> <b>Queens Birthday Weekend</b>	<b>Friday 2 June</b> <b>Tuesday 6 June.</b>	<b>School closed for instruction for Staff Professional Learning Days on both days. Thank you for making care plans for your tamariki on these days.</b>

## 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:**

Anna Kumar	Room 1	For showing our school values of Respect and Responsibility in class. She is listening, following instructions and trying her best. Well done!
Cassidy Hall	Room 2	For showing Responsibility and Respect in class, and contributing during class discussions.
Naema Ali	Room 3	For being Responsible for her own belongings in the morning by unpacking her bag independently.
Zavier Young	Room 4	For showing Responsibility and Respect at all times. You are fast becoming a role model in room 4.
Vinay Singh-Hurinui	Room 5	For being Responsible and looking after his belongings and classroom resources.
Mualijcia Motu	Room 6	For being Responsible with her own belongings and the classroom equipment.
Cody Hart-Lee	Room 7	Is always willing to help, making sure all iPads are being charged over the weekend.
Goeff Requinala	Room 8	For showing Respect by using his manners.
Lydia Hyde	Room 9	For always being Respectful and cheerful.
Kaylee Lochrie-Bennett	Room 10	For settling quickly into Room 10 and already demonstrating all our school values.
Milton Sedze	Room 11	For showing Respect every morning with his friendly greetings when he arrives at school.

**Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:**

Heidi Boberg	Room 1	For wonderful counting in her Numeracy lessons. Well done!
Maia-Grace Ranga	Room 2	For Handwriting progress. Well done.
Lourdaz Timo	Room 3	For her amazing progress through her Reading Rocket sight words.
Misty Rochford	Room 4	For making wonderful progress in all aspects of her learning. Well done!
Filipo Amituanai	Room 5	For his engagement and thoughtful comments in Writing.
Justine Teh	Room 6	Is always engaged in her Reading when working alongside her group.
Zoe Glintmeyer	Room 7	Has shown great improvement in her Writing.
Jarrad Williams-Shorter	Room 8	For working hard to complete his Measurement work.
Jordan Watkins-Gregory	Room 9	For doing well in Reading and moving up 3 levels.
Ebony Burchett	Room 10	For focusing well during learning time and completing her work to a high standard.
Tamiyah Tapiata	Room 11	For her progress and confidence in all of her learning.

## 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 8

**The top Mathletics students were:**

Kakano: Danial Sedaghat (R2)  
Karawha: Zoe Glintmeyer (R7)  
Kokari: Priyanshu Dalai (R11)

Mathletics

## Kakano Team News



We are noticing an increase in lateness to school and growing absences. Our gorgeous Kakano teachers are eager to focus on teaching and learning but are often disrupted by late learners. School starts at 9.00am and our classrooms are open from 8.30am. LNS Learners can be at school from 8.30am onwards and each class teacher in the Kakano Team has learning stations for learners to be involved in each morning. Please can you and you whānau/family support our wonderful teachers by having your child/children at school ready to learn.

It was wonderful to see our Kakano Learners 'Being A Learner' and running the Cross Country for the first time yesterday! We saw lots of life long skills such as perseverance, supporting others, trying our best, trying new things and resilience being displayed. What proud teachers the Kakano teachers were! It was wonderful to have whānau along supporting our tamariki participate in the wider school life.



## Taha Maori Focus



Each week we have a Maori phrase which we focus on learning.  
This week's phrase is: **A pee I te ture.** Follow the rules

## Senior Debating at Linwood College

Recently Michael, Jayda, Brandon and Claudia had the opportunity to attend Linwood College as part of an Enrichment Programme. This programme was to give the students a taster of the skills required for debating. They met students from Linwood College and other local schools. The programme ran over 7 weeks and they learned things such as how to present information to a huge audience without being afraid, how to write and present an argument and how to rebut another person's argument. The students really enjoyed this opportunity and Brandon said, "My favourite part was when I got to debate in front of Year 7 and 8 students from Linwood College. I felt a bit nervous but Jayda and Michael spoke really well for our team."

## Information Updates from our Board of Trustees

### Board Casual Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Ms Nadine Jarden from the Board following her appointment as a Learning Assistant this term, there is now a casual vacancy for a Parent or Community Representative on the Board of Trustees. The Board intend to fill this vacancy by selection, unless at least 10% of our parent community ask the Board to hold a by-election. Should you request the Board to hold a by-election or wish to be considered for selection, please contact me via the School Office. Currently the Board are seeking to co-opt a person with either property management or strategy planning skills.

### Property Information

**Our School Hall** - At last Wednesday's Linwood North School Board of Trustees meeting we heard from Nicholas Hughes who is our Property Manager with the Ministry of Education, regarding our ongoing School Hall issues. Nicholas reassured us that everything possible is being done to rectify our situation and we are confident that he is working as hard as he can for us. As soon as a solution has been found he will let us know and we will communicate this to our school families.

**Roll Growth Teaching Spaces** - The Board has also been requesting immediate support from the Ministry of Education for the provision of additional classroom teaching space due to our rapid roll growth. With the increasing number of New Entrant students enrolled to start school we will require an additional classroom to open to accommodate our new five year olds at the beginning of next term.

Nicola Austin

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## Staff Profile: Nicki Cosgrove, Teacher Aide

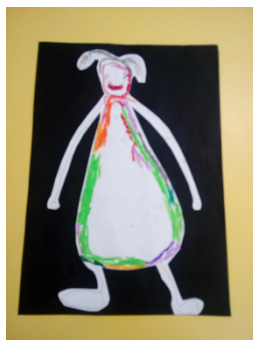


I have been a part of the Linwood North whanau for 16 years and I truly enjoy working here. I work mainly in the Kokari block where I support children in their learning and if you can't find me there I will be hiding out in the Library.

I also spend my afternoons and school holidays working at an OSCAR Programme.

In my spare time I like to catch up with my family and friends and I have recently replanted some of my garden and I am very proud of my 'baby' lawn. I also love to shop as long as it's not for shoes!

## Quality Learning from Room 2 and Mrs Te Ngaru



In Room 2 we have been writing about the special qualities of our mothers. We thought about how our mothers use their eyes, ears, mouth, shoulders, and lips to help us grow and to care for us. We also used pastels during Art time to draw awesome portraits of our mothers to go with our writing.

Each week we have a schoolwide focus that we teach a lesson about each day. PB4L is about teaching our LNS learners 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: Follow the rules of the game/activity and play fair***

### What does this look like at home?



- ⇒ Taking turns and following the rules of board games
- ⇒ Following the rules of the game at sport and playing hard but fair
- ⇒ Following the rules around devices and the places that they can be used
- ⇒ Reading recipes and following the instructions to make kai

## Cross Country Results

On Tuesday afternoon we held our School Cross Country, which was postponed last term. Here are the results from the year groups.

### Year 1 Girls

- 1st Bella Lamositele
- 2nd Mala-Grace Kanga
- 3rd Bell Kingi

### Year 2 Girls

- 1st Natalia Austin
- 2nd Mikah Poi
- 3rd Kathryn Paul

### Year 3 Girls

- 1st Naomi Ashwell
- 2nd Mikayla Gregory
- 3rd Ngatea Ngatai

### Year 4 Girls

- 1st Arnika-Rose Gread-Robinson
- 2nd Davinia Lidgett
- 3rd Mikayla Cate

### Year 5 Girls

- 1st Jade Bobby
- 2nd Hannah Fraser
- 3rd Carlee Ramsey

### Year 6 Girls

- 1st Cleo Hardy
- 2nd Allysha Tasker
- 3rd Arahia Corry

### Year 1 Boys

- 1st Daklin Cameron
- 2nd Kaleb O'Brien
- 3rd Soni Tuima

### Year 2 Boys

- 1st Mataio Ifopo-Togia
- 2nd Jayziah Galovale
- 3rd Israel Searle

### Year 3 Boys

- 1st Rocko Parkins
- 2nd Asten Norman
- 3rd Mitchell Shannon

### Year 4 Boys

- 1st Aston Hardy
- 2nd Drae Ferguson
- 3rd Alex Long

### Year 5 Boys

- 1st Hoani Ifopo-Togia
- 2nd Christopher Tavake
- 3rd Matteo Ferdinand

### Year 6 Boys

- 1st Tyrell Searle
- 2nd Michael Skimming
- 3rd Brandon Paul



## Community Notices

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### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 14

***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 14.

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

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