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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.’*

John Dewey

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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: Being Well and Focused for Learning



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

From the Principal's Desk

Hearty congratulations to the Kapahaka and Pasifika Groups for their enthusiastic performance last Friday at the Cultural Festival. The quality of your singing was outstanding and it was awesome to see so many children on stage. Many thanks to our Tutors Anton and Lina for their amazing education and to Mrs Geal for her superb organisation. Ka te pai!

There is always lots of both exciting and challenging leadership Principalship work that allows me to be motivated, challenged and rewarded in my role as Principal.

For your information and interest some of my current major areas of work include

- **Student Achievement** – The Senior Leadership Team are closely monitoring the progress of all students in Reading, Writing and Maths to ensure we have the highest possible number of students at all levels of the school achieving at the National Standard by the end of the year.
- **Principal Learning** – On Monday and Tuesday I attended the CPPA Principal Conference at Hanmer Springs where the topic was Resilience and Wellbeing – Work/Life Satisfaction. I was proud to be one of three Principal's presenting the findings of our Junior Settling into School Strategy project with Kathleen Liberty and the amazing results we have achieved in supporting our children to be calmer and more self-regulated to learn in class. Please follow the link on our School Facebook page to find out more!
- **Student Learning** – We are currently learning more about
 - Neuroscience and the way the brain develops after birth and how it is affected by stress, trauma, poverty or anxiety in children
 - Wellbeing – Implementing our Mindfulness 'Pause Breathe Smile' Programme
 - Writing – Modelling and implementing effective strategies to motivate our students to love Writing
 - ELearning – Reviewing the number, condition and use of our iPads and Chrome Books in class
- **School Hall** – being involved in the Ministry of Education meetings for the tender process for the deconstruction and reconstruction of our much awaited School Hall. Work will commence in early September and our new School Hall will be completed by the end of January.
- **Roll Growth Provision** – The Board and I have commenced working with a 'Navigator' – Rich Malta and a Cultural Advisor – Diane Collier, both employed by the MoE to support us to plan and write our LNS Education Brief – a future strategic development plan – before the required roll growth classrooms can be built.
- **Staffing for 2018** – The Appointments Committee are currently conducting interviews to appoint several permanent class teachers for 2018. The majority of our teachers who are currently on fixed term appointments are being strongly considered alongside a strong field of outside applicants which is exciting for the future of our learning

Congratulations to Room 4 who were first last week in our School Newsletter Return competition with 72%. Well done!

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: Jaziah Cate, Ryan McNicoll, Starfire Campbell, Kaha Kingi and Levi Stothers

Resilience Proverb For The Week

'Kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa'

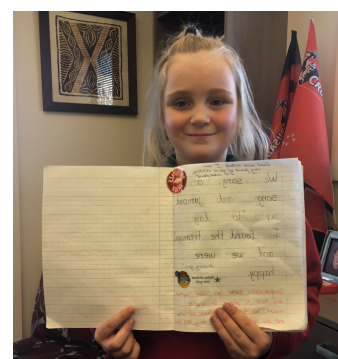
'Don't die like an octopus, die like a hammerhead shark'

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI

Principals' Award: Nikita Richardson R4



Taha Maori Focus



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

This week's phrase is: **Kei te pai tau mahi – Your work is good / Great work.**

Parents Diary for School Events

This Week	Tomorrow Friday 25 August	Newsletter Returns to class please 8.30am: Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Room 1 Class Trip to Air Force Museum while Room 1 classroom is shifted to Library space 2.15pm Gold Awards Learning Celebration outside Kakano
Next Week	Monday 28 August Friday 1 September	9am Weekly School Assemblies in Learning Teams 2.30pm Room 9 Shine Time with parents

Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards are presented at Team Whanau Time 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 always showing great listening skills and being a respectful learner at all times
Heidi Boberg	Room 2	For always showing great listening skills and being a respectful learner
Shia Cooke	Room 3	For being responsible in the classroom by looking after her desk area
Destiny Paintin	Room 4	For being helpful and kind in class
Kyra-Leigh Baynton-Latuselu	Room 5	For being a great friend to others in Room 5
Koki Matau	Room 6	For being a responsible learner by reading with his family each night
Jaydhen Kumar	Room 7	For always showing compassion for others
Safina Maran	Room 8	For working hard and being on task every day
Seren Campbell	Room 9	Is always on task and doing his best
Shreya Stalin Maran	Room 10	For being responsible by being aware of her surroundings
Lex Miles	Room 11	Shows he is a responsible LNS learner by reading to an adult at home every night

Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

Anna Kumar	Room 1	For fantastic sight word learning
Aaliyah Benns-Upston	Room 2	For showing great improvement with her Reading
Rhys Nevard	Room 3	For his progress in Phonics and identifying letters and their sounds
Zavier Young	Room 4	For producing some fabulous writing. Well done!
Kaden Soper	Room 5	For his amazing dedication and effort in Writing
Kera Miles	Room 6	For her dedication to learning new words during Action Stations
Elshadaye Alemeneh	Room 7	Is making great progress in his Writing. He takes his time to write detailed Recounts
Aurora McMillan	Room 8	For showing great enthusiasm and joy in Writing
Mikalah Cate	Room 9	For being an amazing and creative writer
Arahia Corry	Room 10	For being a focused learner during Reading time
Tiera Senelale-Musu	Room 11	For showing her leadership at Literacy Circle Time

Board of Trustees Profile: Nicola Austin – Our Board Chairperson

Hi, my name is Nicola Austin and earlier this year I was appointed Board Chair of the Linwood North School Board of Trustees. I am thoroughly enjoying the role although it is a steep learning curve!

Linwood North School is a beautiful school full of talented and happy learners and it is my pleasure to come in through the school gates every day. I am also intensely proud of our fabulous teachers and support staff, I know we are very lucky to be working with such a talented team.

My husband Rob and my children Natalia (Room 6) and Frank (Room 1) live just around the corner in Avonside, so we enjoy walking, running and biking along the newly created banks of the Avon river. I also work as the manager of the Avon Rowing Club and as an Olympic Ambassador with the NZ Olympic Committee.



Mathletics Results for Week 4

Each Learning 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.

The top Mathletics Classes were:

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

The top Mathletics students were:

Kakano: Hezekiah Chadwick (R2)
Karawha: Shan Desai (R4)
Kokari: Priyanshu Dalai (R11)



PB4L Schoolwide Focus

Each week we have a schoolwide PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus that we teach a lesson about about each day. PB4L is about teaching our LNS learner about the behaviour we expect.

This week our focus is: *Be A Learner – Celebrate Success!*

What does this look like at home?



- ⇒ Sticking certificates, great work and special achievements on the fridge or in a special place
- ⇒ Looking at the blog and sharing this with family
- ⇒ Encouraging persistence, dedication and hardwork and celebrating these dispositions rather than the finished product



Linwood North School Shine Time

★ ★ ★ **This week there is no Shine Time due to Gold Awards!** ★ ★ ★

Board of Trustees – School Policy Review

The Board of Trustees is currently reviewing the policy and procedure around “*Students with Special Needs / Learning Support*” and feedback you provide is valuable and assists us to evaluate and improve what we do for the children at LNS.

Many thanks – The BOT

Visit the website <http://linwoodnorth.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

1. Enter the user name (linwoodnorth) and password (woodham).
2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
6. Enter your name (optional).
7. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form

From Our School Social Worker - Mark Gunther

Just a quick note to let families know that I have a ‘drop-in’ session every Wednesday morning from 8.30am until 9.30am in the main office at Linwood North School. This can be just a chance to come in and have a chat or get information/advice on things that might be happening at home or school. Families can also self-refer to the school social work service and I can be contacted on 027 3340966 if you would like to discuss this option further. Thanks, **Mark Gunther**

Quality Learning From Room 3 and Mrs Narbey

Room 3 have had a great start to the term and are especially enjoying our dance unit. We are learning some folk dances, focusing on keeping our bodies in time with the music and following a dance sequence. We are looking forward to sharing our dances with our families at the end of the term.



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 25

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 25.

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____

Signed: _____ Comments: _____