



Focused 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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**Sandra Smith, JP.
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Newsletter No 1: Thursday 1 February 2018

2018 Schoolwide Focus: Shine Bright Like a Diamond
School Inquiry Topic: Games From Around the World



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

From the Principal's Desk

We have had an exciting start to 2018 with all students happily settling into their new classes and getting to know their new teachers. Our school roll continues to steadily grow as we have enrolled 32 new students to join us at Linwood North this week. It is awesome that so many families are choosing Linwood North School for their children where we are 'learning to take us places...'. It is the Board of Trustees and my vision for the school community to endeavor to do everything possible to make Linwood North School 'shine bright like a diamond' as the best school in the east of Christchurch! We were selected by Arun Soma of TV1 News by complete surprise on Monday morning for a 'Back to School' News feature about National Standards. Room 11 were stars, however it was disappointing that the snippets of the interview with me were taken out of context, which certainly has sparked ongoing conversation!

2017 School Community Survey

In the School Community Survey last year, all families were given the opportunity to express their ideas, opinions and views on what LNS should keep doing, stop doing and start doing. We now have great feedback and ideas to implement as 2018 progresses. Currently we are aiming to implement the following new ideas in 2018:

- A new format weekly **School Newsletter** using Mail Chimp which we will still send home by paper and we can email to families with internet
- A fortnightly **Parents Coffee Club** to meet with our Board Chairperson Nicola, Amy our Deputy Principal to discuss topics of interest to you as parents that you wish to find out more about
- Forming a **LNS 'Friends of the School'** group with parents to support school activities
- A daily **School Noticeboard** in the playground for friendly reminders and updates to parents of current happenings
- Once the **School Hall carpark** is completed, closing the Woodham Road carpark to parents at 9am and 3pm, due to the ongoing issues with double parking
- Reviewing our school procedures around the increased student **lateness and absence** we have experienced in 2017, which is seriously affecting student progress and achievement
- **Community service** opportunities for students to contribute to their local community and to KidsCan
- With parent support, develop opportunities for students to participate in **School Sports** teams e.g. Basketball

Resilience Proverb For The Week

'Ma tou rourou, ma toku rourou, ka ora it e manuhiri'
'Your contribution and my contribution will ensure success'

Kindest regards everyone
Sandra Smith JP
PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI

Parents Diary for School Events		
This Week	Tomorrow	Newsletter Returns to class please 8.30am Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
Next Week	Monday 5 February Tuesday 6 February Thursday 8 February Friday 9 February	Staff Only Professional Learning Day. No classes for students Waitangi Day 5.30 – 6.30pm Meet the Teacher Evening Sausage Sizzle 2pm Shine Time Room 2

Teaching Staff for 2018

Principal	Ms Sandra Smith JP
Deputy Principal	Miss Amy Collins
Associate Principals	Mrs Kate Walters
	Mrs Ellie Cherry
Kakano Team Leader	Miss Amy Collins
R1 Reception Term 2	Mrs Sharon Te Ngaru
R2 Year 1	Miss Anna Clothier
R3 Year 1	Mrs Joyce Maria Soosai
Stewart Kete Year 1/2 Whero	Mr Nicholas Shimasaki
Kakariki	Mrs Jessie Narbey
Karawha Team Leader	Mrs Ellie Cherry
R4 Year 2/3	Mrs Bobbie Mackie and Mrs Ellie Cherry
R5 Year 2/3	Mrs Teresa Geal
R6 Year 3/4	Mrs Rosalie Sprosen
R7 Year 3/4	Miss Nikki Gosden
Senior Team Leader	Mrs Kate Walters
R8 Year 4/5	Mrs Lorraine Lowe
R9 Year 4/5	Mr Darrin Mitchell
R10 Year 5/6	Mrs Nicole Wilson
R11 Year 5/6	Mrs Kate Walters and Ms Louise Shannahan
Literacy Support Teacher	Mrs Kay Harris
ESOL Teachers	Ms Louise Shannahan
	Mr Tim Betts
PRT Release Teacher R3+R7	Mrs Judith Tizzard

Board of Trustees Profile: Nicola Austin – Our Board Chairperson

Hi, my name is Nicola Austin and last 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 (Stewart Kete Whero) live just around the corner in Avonside, so we enjoy walking, running and biking along the newly created banks of the Avon river. We also enjoy visiting family in Tauranga.



Taha Maori Focus



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

This week's phrase is: ***Nau mai hoki ki te kuru mō te 2018 – Welcome back to school for 2018***

PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 1

This week our focus is: ***Wear your correct named uniform and footwear with pride***

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Encouraging your child to get their uniform ready the night before
- ⇒ Having a routine about uniform being put in the wash
- ⇒ A shoe cleaning night so the black shoes are clean



News from the Kakano Team

A huge welcome to all of the new tamariki and their whanau who have started at Linwood North School! This year the Kakano Team has changed slightly. The Stewart Kete has become a Year 1/2 Learning Space with Mr Shimasaki and Mrs Narbey teaching in this space. They have spent lots of hours creating an amazing space and developing a collaborative relationship. Mr Shim and Mrs Narbey are looking forward to working together with the tamariki in this space. In Room 2, we have Miss Clothier who is an experienced New Entrant and Literacy Teacher and Mrs Joyce Maria Soosai has joined the Kakano Team and is teaching in Room 3. Mrs Joyce Maria Soosai has been teaching Year 2/3 children but has taught New Entrants in the past.

Amy Collins

Kakano Team Leader and Deputy Principal



Teacher Only Professional Learning Days

Our teachers have had a busy start to 2018. Last week we had three Teacher Only Days where our Teachers were able to grow their knowledge about teaching and learning. On Wednesday morning we looked at our 2017 student achievement data and analysed it to look for patterns and trends on how our students were performing. We then had a session from an outside expert called Marshall Diggs about 'Winning Week One'. In the afternoon, we had our lovely Ministry of Education Psychologist Dr Alet van Vurren join us to talk about how illiteracy can affect behaviour. It was a fantastic session and affirmed for our teachers that we are lucky to have Alet working in our school.

On Thursday we had a practical session around 'Quality Circle Time' with the Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour which is a proven tool that our teachers will be using in the classroom. 'Circle Time' is a tool that teachers can use to discuss class problems, celebrate success and learn about each other. In the afternoon we learnt from Kathleen and Brie Liberty, about our next University of Canterbury project, the importance of sleep for our tamariki. We developed our knowledge for an inquiry learning project that we will be undertaking school wide this term with our students.

On Friday we spent the morning with Dr Murray Gadd who is a world wide Literacy guru. He is coaching us in 2018 in how to be effective teachers of Writing and already after one morning we are buzzing with new things that we can implement to engage our LNS writers.



Community Notices

CHILDREN'S DAY

This year Christchurch's Children Celebration will be happening at 152 New Brighton Road. The celebration will take the form of a FREE community event that provides an opportunity to provide an inclusive day for all children and families. This is achieved through performing arts, adventure activities, crafts, demonstrations, sports, and games.

Date: Sunday 4th March 2016
Time: 11am – 3pm
Postponement Date: None
Event Location: 152 New Brighton Road

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 1



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 1

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____

Signed: _____ Comments: _____