



*Focussed 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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## Newsletter No 17: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 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

#### Principals Awards to Lucas in Room 7 and Hayezz and Aroha in Room 9 Celebrations

Ka pai to our four Year 6 students **Arahia Corry, Michael Skilling, Claudia Henderson and Sam Thompson** who are currently representing our school attending a Gifted and Talented Maths enrichment programme at Linwood College. I was so proud to receive this email last week. You are certainly 'respectful, responsible learners' who are 'as good as gold' and great role models for our students! *Hi Sandra. I am Judith Tizzard's daughter and after speaking to her I have been encouraged to share my very positive interactions with 4 of your senior students. I was at Linwood College on Tuesday morning as a volunteer for the Yr 12/13 Plunket Education in Schools programme. I was with a number of parents and toddlers waiting in the reception area when your students arrived by taxi. They quietly arrived into the reception area and took a seat by the door. While they were in the reception area I noticed how great their behaviour was and how neat their school uniform was. They were polite, quiet and spoke very well to the adults present. There were a number of small children running around and your students were patient and gentle with the children as well. I wanted to let you know how well your students represented the school today. You should be so very proud of them! Well done Linwood North students! Kind regards, Aynsley Hickson.*

#### School Uniform Issues

Thank you to the parents who have expressed their concerns and frustrations to us recently about the extremely poor provision of our school uniform at The Warehouse Eastgate. I can assure you that I am extremely sorry that the lack of stock continues, despite my very best efforts to rectify this with the national manager of Schooltex. As of last Friday, we have a new General Manager - Jackie - who is working very hard to trouble shoot and solve the ongoing problem. It is incredible to believe that she has found a bar code issue with our polo shirts and polar fleeces and therefore replacement stock has not been ordered!

#### Car Parking Issues

Staff, parents and I remain deeply concerned about the lack of Respect and Responsibility being shown by parents both in the Woodham Road and parking on yellow lines on Woodham Road. Sadly we have now resorted to contacting the CCC Traffic Infringement team and the Police for support in trying to resolve this issue, following staff being spoken to disrespectfully by parents. We appreciate we have very limited parking. Please use our Ngarimu and Holland Street entrances with your children.

**Hearty Congratulations to Room 1 who were first last week in our School Newsletter Return competition with 80%.**

**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:** Kalilah Ah Tong, Naomi Pitama, **Room 4:** Kanye Hardy.

#### Resilience Proverb For The Week

**'Te anu o Takurua'.**

*It is Sirius, wearing his Winter cloak.*

*Takurua, or Sirius, is the Dog Star prominent in the Southern Hemisphere in winter*

*Life changes are as inevitable as seasonal changes, it is Winter!*

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI

### Parents Diary for School Events

<b>This Week PB4L Focus</b> Be A Learner - Ask appropriate questions	<b>Tomorrow</b>	Newsletter Returns to class please 8.30am: Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
<b>Next Week</b>	Monday 19 June Friday 23 June	9am Weekly School Assemblies in Learning Teams Student Council Sausage Sizzle Lunch
<b>Coming Up</b>	Week 10 Friday 7 June	Student- Parent- Teacher Learning Conferences 2pm Gold Award Learning Celebration, Last day of Term 2.

## 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:

Soni Tuima	Room 1	For showing Responsibility and Respect in the classroom.
Karter Stevens	Room 2	For being a supportive, caring friend.
Bell Kingi	Room 3	For always showing our school values with a positive attitude.
Moses Singh-Hurinui	Room 4	For listening very carefully, and following instructions without being asked to.
Peyton Mihaere	Room 5	For showing our school values of Respect and Responsibility in the classroom and in the playground.
Vernon Famitangco	Room 6	For demonstrating the LNS PB4L focus of Being a Learner.
Mitchell Ardley	Room 7	For engaging in classroom activities and completing tasks.
Hamish Thompson	Room 8	For showing Respect especially while sitting on the mat.
Samuela Fifita	Room 9	For always being Respectful in class.
Isis-Anne Carruth	Room 10	For showing our value of Being a Learner by always trying her hardest in her work.
Dontae Siaki	Room 11	For helping Mrs Geal to learn from others by teaching her some Samoan pronunciation.

### Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

Avea Masaga	Room 1	For learning to form her numbers correctly.
Hezekiah Chadwick	Room 2	For improvement with his Reading.
Shia Cooke	Room 3	For being courageous and sharing her writing with the class.
Lucas Boulden	Room 4	For being focused in Writing time, using fabulous adjectives to make his Writing interesting to read.
Sapphire Ladbroke-Smith	Room 5	For her consistent effort and achievement in Reading this term.
Koki Matau	Room 6	For sharing his knowledge of fractions.
Salote Tuima	Room 7	For making improvement in her Writing and Reading.
Seema Verma	Room 8	For her focus during Pause, Breathe, Smile sessions.
Katie Nevard	Room 9	For writing a stunning Autumn poem.
Brayden Meese	Room 10	For concentrating well during the Maths hotspot.
Tyrell Searle	Room 11	For having a 'light bulb' moment in Maths and understanding how negative integers work.

## Taha Maori Focus



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

This week's phrase is: **A ani i te mau uiraa e tika ana.** Ask appropriate questions.

## PB4L-SW@LNS

Each week we have a schoolwide focus that we teach a lesson about each day. PB4L is about teaching our LNS learner about the behaviour we expect. As part of 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.

**Positive  
Behaviour  
for Learning**

This week our focus is **Be A Learner: Ask appropriate questions**

### What does this look like at home?



- ⇒ **Modelling questioning and asking your child questions about things**
- ⇒ **Play games when travelling** such as 20 Questions e.g. I am thinking of an animal and I can only answer yes or no to the questions you ask.
- ⇒ **Playing board games** with questions e.g. 20 Questions the board game or hangman
- ⇒ **Playing a game of would you rather when in the car or walking** e.g. Would you rather live in a tent or a cave? Would you rather own a giraffe or a lion?

## Quality Learning from Room 5 and Mr Shimasaki

Room 5 is currently working hard in Art to explore different painting techniques and see how they might be combined to construct a complete piece of Art. As part of this study the students have examined different genres of Art and the techniques used to construct them. The students have had a big focus on local art and Maori art in particular. After examining others artwork and identifying the techniques used the students began to practise these techniques in their own artwork. It is great to see their confidence and enthusiasm for art grow as our unit of study progresses!





## Kakano Team News

We have had a busy few weeks in the Kakano Team and we have welcomed lots of new learners to Room 1 and Room 2. We are a thriving school and each week we are fielding calls about New Entrant students enrolling at Linwood North School. Please if you have family or friends who have children intending on coming to Linwood North School this year or next year, can you please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible so we can plan for the future.



Last week was Samoan Language Week and the classes tried to use Samoan words in their classroom and we used our Samoan learners as the experts and they helped the teacher. We read the book 'Lava Lava' to help us learn more about Samoan culture. Here is a photo of the repeating pattern leis that Room 2 made as part of Samoan Language and Maths.

**Lelei tele Room 2 = Good work Room 2 in Samoan.**

Throughout the school we have been learning about ways we can calm ourselves. The Kakano Team has been using a resource, which has links to different subjects, picture books and video clips to help us learn about being calm and focused. We have been discussing how our brain works as well as practising how to calm our body. We are trying to practice at least twice a day calming our brain and body and just focusing on our breathing. This is a photo of Room 2 practising their breathing and calming their body and brain.



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! 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.

## Staff Profile: Sharon Te Ngaru, Teacher in Room 2



Tēnā koutou katoa, Ko Tainui tōku iwi, Ko Sharon Te Ngaru toku ingoa, Ko Kaiako ahau. This is my first term teaching at Linwood North School in Room 2 with a Year One class. Previous to being at LNS, for the past 13 years, I have been teaching children with learning difficulties such as Dyslexia.

I am married with an adult son and teenage daughter. I have lived in Otago for more than half of my life but every year when Winter arrives I pine for the warmer weather in the North Island. When I am not teaching I enjoy thrift shopping, vegetarian cooking and vegetable gardening. I am a Zumba exercise fan, but recently I have been trying out Bollywood dance which I think I am enjoying even more than Zumba actually.

## Mathletics Results for Week 6

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: Ruby Wilton (R2)  
Karawha: Ngatea Ngatai (R7)  
Kokari: Govind Sharma (R8)



## Cultural Festival News from Mrs Geal

The Linwood North School Senior Cultural Groups will be performing at Horncastle Arena on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 12:30pm.** We are the first performance for the day! – on stage at 12:30pm.

**You can purchase your tickets, to watch this wonderful event, at the School Office before Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.**

Adult tickets are \$15.00 Children under 13 cost \$8.00.

If you miss this deadline you can purchase tickets through Ticketek.



### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 17

**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 17.

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

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