



# LINWOOD NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear, Take care of what they see, take care of what they feel.  
For how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa'.*

*Dame Whina Cooper*

## Parent Diary for School Events

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Tomorrow</b>	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle (Rooms 4-11 only) due to Ferrymead Trip <b>Ferrymead Visit - Kete Kakariki/Whero and Kakano Team</b>
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>Tuesday</b>  <b>Wednesday</b>  <b>Thursday</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>Ferrymead Visit – Kokari Team</b> <b>Ferrymead Visit – Karawha Team</b> 2.30pm Shine Time in Room 10 8.30am Te Mapua Trust Breakfast Club with Mrs Jo in the Kidsbase Room 2.15pm Parent Coffee Club in Staffroom with Kate and Ellie 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
<b>Coming Up</b>	<b>Wednesday 20 June</b> <b>Tuesday 26 June</b>  <b>Thursday 28 June</b>  <b>Tues 3 – Thurs 5 July</b> <b>Friday 6 July</b>  <b>Monday 23 July</b>  <b>Friday 3 August</b>	2.30pm Shine Time Room 11 <b>School closes at 12.30pm. All Teachers are required to attend Paid Union Meeting at Horncastle Arena.</b> <i>NB All children need to be collected at 12.30pm from school.</i> <b>Whole School Whanau Hui for all parents and students with the BOT. 5.30pm – 6.30pm. In our new School Hall</b> <b>STUDENT - PARENT – TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCES</b> <b>Gold Awards Learning Celebration – Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award. Last day of school for Term 2.</b> <b>School reopens for Term 3</b> Room 1 Year 0 Reception class opens <b>Official School Opening Celebration.</b> This will be a very special day of activities from 11am so you may wish to take a day off work to join us! <b>The opening ceremony will be at 11.00am followed by whanau lunch and fun class activities with whanau</b>



*We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner*

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Linwood North School  
Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Mālō e lelei! Greetings everyone!



Every day at Linwood North brings us many successes and several challenges, and sometimes not in that particular order! My role as the Lead Learner at Linwood North School is incredibly rewarding, challenging and humbling. This week we have achieved yet another milestone with our school roll currently having reached 300! With classroom space now at a premium and class numbers quite full, we are no longer able to accept any new students enrolling into any year level of our school as we must hold space for students who may enrol at Linwood North who live from within our enrolment zone. Further information about our enrolment scheme is on our School Website.

## School Hall Blessing

Last Friday morning at 7.30am, we held our **Whakanoa Blessing for the new School Hall** attended by our MP Poto Williams, our Board and staff, our Head Boy Priyanshu, together with invited guests from the Ministry of Education and the construction companies. Fraser Kears, our Deputy Board Chairperson performed the blessing for our school community on behalf of our Kaumatua Peter Mason, who was unable to be with us. We are now waiting for Corbell Construction and the Ministry of Education to obtain the Code of Compliance for the building, following the completion of the siteworks and then the School Hall will be handed over to us to use! It is a most beautiful space to be so very proud of and we can't wait to allow our students and teachers to use it as a learning space and to invite you all to a whanau hui in the School Hall before the end of this term.



## Gift of Cultural Name to Linwood North School from Nga Tahu

As part of the Grow Waitaha School's Building Redevelopment programme we have been supported by our Mana Whenua Education Facilitator, Dianne Collier to be gifted a unique and appropriate name for our school from the Nga Tahu Education Committee. Nga Tahu have gifted the beautiful name **Whītau School** to the Board of Trustees, based on our learning model. The image of **whītau** or flax fibre is strong and resilient as a weaving material. This name bodes well with our school vision and values. As the local historical landscape was predominately planted with the Harekeke, or flax plant, over the years we had developed our School Learning Model on the growing Harakeke plants and our buildings have the names Kakano, Kete, Karawha, Kokari and Harakeke. Nga Tahu believe also that as flax grew abundantly in the area the gifted name **Whītau School** has a historical as well as metaphorical association with the school and what it stands for. At Linwood North School the many fibres of learning are woven into beautiful, strong resilient taonga - our tamariki.



The Board of Trustees would like to discuss our gifted name of Whītau School with our school community. They would like to meet with parents and their students, and staff before they discuss this with the Ministry of Education. The Board warmly invite you and your children to meet with them on Thursday 21 June from 5.30pm to 6.30pm in our new School Wharenuī (Hall) to share with you all about the proposed journey with our new School Name and to hear from you all about what you believe success in teaching and learning should be like for your tamariki in our future Linwood North School curriculum. Please do come along, meet the Board, see inside the beautiful new hall space and help us be the very best school we can be in the east of Christchurch!

#### **Sad News for our Whanau**

Sadly on Tuesday Miss Collins and I attended the funeral service in St Gregory's Church for one of our lovely Mothers, Jessica (Jess) Gregory, cherished Mother of Alexis in Room 7 and Cadence, soon to start school. Jess was also a much loved Aunty of several of our current and former students of the Gregory whanau. She bravely fought her long battle with cancer with dignity and determination with the love and care of Phil her husband, her loving and devoted parents Lucy and Dayne, and her siblings.

**Our school community would like to collect a koha for the whanau together from the Board, staff and parents . Any contributions to the Koha and expressions of sympathy to the Gregory family will be gratefully received at the School Office. Thank you.**

#### **Celebrations**

Last week we held our **Gold Awards Learning Celebration**. I was so excited and proud to be awarding 21 students with the **Principals Swim Challenge Badge** for swimming 200 metres that I managed to trip and fall in front of the whole school community and earn myself the Staff 'Silly Chook Award'. All classes were then fully involved in celebrating their **Commonwealth Games Inquiry Learning** by participating in their own mini Commonwealth Games. The children were so engaged and happy in their learning. Many thanks to Mrs Lowe for organising such a terrific celebration enjoyed by both staff and students – except for the chilly weather!

#### **Staff Only Day**

During our Staff Only Day last Friday, all staff were involved in professional learning groups during the day. Teachers have started to review and redesign our School Curriculum while our Learning Assistants were given specific training to their classroom learning and behaviour support roles. Our Senior Leadership team and Administration Staff spent time learning about our thinking preferences and styles so we can effectively collaborate with each other.

#### **A very warm welcome to Linwood North School.....**

**We warmly welcome the following students who have enrolled at our school recently. We trust you and your whānau will find our school an awesome, caring school where you will be 'learning to take us places...!'**

**Room 3: Ethan Washbourne and Vinuthi Hewa Linuwilaga**

Kindest regards everyone

**Sandra Smith JP**

**Principal - Tumuaki**

#### **PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 6**

This week our focus is: **Be A Learner – Learn from Others**

#### **What does this look like at home?**



- ⇒ Letting your child learn from you e.g. cooking, crafts, gardening
- ⇒ Learn from your child e.g. crafts, Lego
- ⇒ Talking about who we have learnt from and how we learned to do things e.g. Grandma taught me how to make her chocolate chippies

**LEARN**  
*from*  
**OTHERS**  
(EVERYONE IS  
A TEACHER)

**TEACH**  
**OTHERS**  
(WE'RE ALL  
STUDENTS)

## Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards are presented at Team Whānau Time on Monday mornings at 9am. Families are most welcome to attend. **Class Awards for 'Caught Being Good as Gold' using our school Values.**

Eli Sia	Room 2	For his great attitude in all areas of his learning
Odin McMillan	Room 3	For showing that he is listening on the mat when he is able to answer questions with correct answers
Cassidy Hall	SKK	For being a great helper in class and looking after others
Lilly Chesmar	SKW	For being a good friend and showing the schools values in the playground
Sophie McKenzie	Room 4	For consistently showing our school values of being Responsible, being Respectful and Being a Learner
Louie Rae	Room 5	Is making a huge effort towards becoming a role model for our school values of Respect and Responsibility
Kanye Hardy	Room 6	For being an Active Learner by sharing his amazing volcano with Rooms 6 & 7
Molly Aumua	Room 7	For always being a Respectful and kind classmate
Larissa Maat	Room 8	For consistently showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in the classroom and playground
Kesa Moale	Room 9	For making great behaviour choices in the playground
Dante Carruth	Room 10	For being an excellent role model on Games Day
Troy Thomson	Room 11	For making big efforts with his behaviour and listening in class

### Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

Kyrel James-Mauhara	Room 2	For practicing hard to form his letters correctly
Jacob Ship	Room 3	For showing improvement in his handwriting and being on task
Anna Kumar	SKK	For her awesome effort in Reading and using multiple strategies to figure out unknown words
Zahrya Linstead	SKW	For her effort and consistency in Writing and Phonics
Savanna Boese	Room 4	For her excellent attitude and achievement in Numeracy
Tanvi Naidu	Room 5	Is working hard in all of her learning with great results. She always completes her Homework to a high standard
Anya August	Room 6	For thinking about the best detail to add to her ideas in Writing
Aurora Milne	Room 7	For her in depth answers during Reading group time
Judah Stothers	Room 8	For putting in a terrific effort and producing a great piece of Explanation Writing
Govind Sharma	Room 9	For producing a stunning piece of Explanation Writing
Dviah Huia-Warren	Room 10	For trying to progress his learning in Maths and Reading
Gemma Kennedy	Room 11	For consistently showing her school values in the classroom and playground

## Mathletics Results for Week 5

At Linwood North School the Board of Trustees fund Mathletics for each child to access online in class and at home. This means that learning can be ubiquitous, learning can happen at home, at school or anywhere.

**If your child does not have access to Mathletics, please see you child's teacher for their login details.**

### The top Mathletics Classes were:

Kakano: SKK & SKW

Karawha: Room 7

Kōrari: Room 9



### The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Riley Smith (SKK)

Karawha: Nikora Cate (R7)

Kōrari: Govind Sharma (R9)

## Taha Maori Focus



Each week we have a Maori phrase aligning with our PB4L focus.

**Ako mai i etahi atu – Learn from others**



## Gold Award's Learning Celebration for May

The following wonderful children deserve special congratulations for being chosen as our Gold Award students for May. They received their Gold Awards certificates and badges from Ms Smith last Thursday at our Gold Award Learning Celebration. Their teacher and class recognize 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! Thank you to the whanau who joined us for the celebration.

McKenna Maclarn	Room 2	Mercy Aumua	Room 6
Maddison Milne	Room 3	Nikora Cate	Room 7
Nevaeh Elliott	SKK	Constance Taitoko	Room 8
Levi Stothers	SKW	Rocko Parkins	Room 9
Hyacinth Famitangco	Room 4	Joshua McKenzie	Room 10
Tanvi Naidu	Room 5	Ebony Burchett	Room 11

### Caught Being Good and Caught Being Active Awards

Kayden Lewis, Room 5      Steve Ioane, Room 10

### Healthy Eater Awards

Kailani Clough, Room 3      Israel Searle, Room 4      Daisy Snowden, Room 9

### Parent Draw

Congratulations to Cassie Hiley, Kim Paintin & Joe Milne

### Fruit Survey Draw

Congratulations to Dani Davis for winning the \$100 grocery voucher

### School Newsletter Draw

Ayanna Shire	Room 2	Asra Jansen Van Vuuren	Room 6
Salma Yasin	Room 3	Oscar Lawry	Room 7
Lockie Twose	SKK	Molly Thomson	Room 8
Madi Flint	SKW	Reco Davis Toetoe	Room 9
Sophie McKenzie	Room 4	Vanessa Sim	Room 10
Tyler Williams	Room 5	Katie Nevard	Room 11

### Principal's Swimming Award for 200 Metres

Drae Ferguson	Room 8	Kaylee Lochrie-Bennett	Room 10
Tamati Marsh	Room 8	Tayah Ngaha	Room 10
Constance Taitoko	Room 8	Cassius Toluno	Room 10
Alick Hutt	Room 9	Tama Ferguson	Room 11
Reco-Jackson Davis-ToeToe	Room 9	Hoani Ifopo-Togia	Room 11
Mikalah Cate	Room 10	Brianna Reilly	Room 11
Priyanshu Dalai	Room 10	Leah Simon	Room 11
Hannah Fraser	Room 10	Christopher Tavake	Room 11
Dviah Huia-Warren	Room 10	Atiria Tutaki-Phillips	Room 11
Steve Ioane	Room 10	Jacob Wilkinson	Room 11
Davinia Lidgett	Room 10		

## Linwood North Games Day

Last Thursday we held a schoolwide Commonwealth Games Day. We know this was after the Commonwealth Games but it was also a celebration of our learning last term and this term around different cultures. Each teacher planned a game from a different country and then in small house groups, groups rotated around each station learning the game from each country. We joined together in our teams with whānau for a shared lunch and then continued with our games. Our students had happy faces and had enjoyed being learners outside the classroom. A special thank you to Mrs Lowe for all of her organisation that made the event run so smoothly and to whānau for providing kai and coming along and supporting our learning and learners.



## News from the Kokano Team and Miss Collins

We are looking forward to opening Room 1 for learning next term and we have advertised the position nationally. Linwood North School is growing and to allow us to successfully plan for the future it is essential that we have students intending on coming to Linwood North School as a five year old pre-enrolled. If your child is starting at Linwood North School this year please enrol them ASAP. We are also taking 2019 enrolments. If your child turns five next year, please call into the Office to collect an enrolment pack so we can plan future enrolments.



We have had a busy term with lots of exciting learning opportunities! This term we have been writing explanations and each class has been given a tooth brushing kit and they have used this as a writing experience to promote Writing. We call this a Language Experience and this is when all students have the same shared experience to write about and can bounce ideas off each other. As a team we have also been honing our painting skills as part of Visual Arts and an example of our learning will come home in our Learning Journals towards the end of the term. Here are some photos of Room 2 and the Stewart Kete engaged in their learning.



## News from Room 3 and Mrs Maria Soosai

**Autumn colours:** We collected leaves and made Hedgehogs. The children enjoyed painting it with dye. Look at the lovely colours in the picture.



**Publishing on Bees.** We have been learning about bees. Bees do a waggle dance when they want to tell each other where the nectar is.



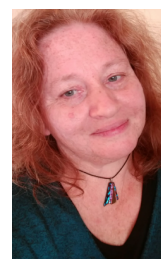
**Swimming:** The children have also worked on recalling their swimming lessons in term 2.



**Maths:** The children are learning about numbers before and after using number fans.

## Staff Profile: Mrs Megan Palmer – Executive Officer

I have been working at Linwood North School since the beginning of 2017. I am a mother of 5 children ranging in age from 15-21 years plus the grandma to Lucy who is a very active 2 year old. My favourite place to be is anywhere near water. Favourite things to do are walking our dog, listening to audiobooks and a variety of music. I love working in the School Office as the variety of tasks, the people I work with and the different people I get to meet is fantastic.



### 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 the L.N.S. Newsletter 17

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

We welcome your comments: **Tell us your initial thoughts or questions about the gifted Nga Tahu name of Whītau School?**