



# New Entrant Information Booklet 2020

# Introduction

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## New Entrant Teacher

Welcome to our school! I have been teaching at Linton Camp School since 2018 and have been a classroom teacher for 5 years. I have recently got married and live in Palmerston North with my husband and dog Riley. I have taught New Entrant at a previous school for 2 years and I am very excited to be returning to this year level. I feel very privileged to be your child's teacher this year. As your

child begins their time at school, communication between home and school is vital. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time by popping in, writing a note or an email ([hmckeeper@lintoncamp.school.nz](mailto:hmckeeper@lintoncamp.school.nz)).

# Linton Camp School

## Vision Statement:

'Owning our Learning, Owning our Future'

## School Values:

Linton Camp School has four values that are taught deliberately to all students. They are:

**Manawaroa** - Resilience

**Maruwehi** - Respect

**Whanaungatanga** - Relationships

**Whakahī** - Pride

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## Enrolling and Transition



Please enrol your child well before their starting day. Please bring a birth certificate as a proof of age as well as your child's immunisation certificates to complete the enrolment. We would like children to have at least 3 visits before starting school. These can be arranged with the classroom teacher. **School visits are held on Thursdays.**

**Visit One: 8:50 am - 11:00 am (please bring a piece of fruit for our brain break)**

**Visit Two: 8:50am - 12:30pm (please bring a piece of fruit and morning tea)**

**Visit Three: 8:50am - 3:00pm (please bring a full lunch)**

**A parent is required to drop off and pick up their child for school visits.**

**A parent or guardian is expected to stay during the first visit.** We would appreciate no preschoolers to ensure the focus is on settling in your child.

During visit two and three parents are welcome to stay but we encourage you to gradually leave your child to help them develop their independence.

If Thursday does not work for a school visit for you we can arrange another day.

At the school visit you can:

- Encourage your child to join in- but don't force them if they are not ready.

- ❑ Join in with the games and activities- your children will enjoy your enthusiasm and the teacher will appreciate an extra pair of adult hands.
- ❑ Help with cutting and pasting, tidy activity areas, clean activity cards and read books to children.

You can help your children by:

- ❑ Show them the toilets, school boundaries, office area and playgrounds.
- ❑ Explain that they must stay at school and not go out the gates during school time. They also need to stay in class during lesson time.
- ❑ Remind them to let the teacher know if they need to go to the toilet- don't leave it to the last minute.
- ❑ Talk about who will pick them up and from where. If they go to YMCA after school programme, make sure they know where to meet them.

## Starting School - Tips

Starting school is an exciting time for both parents and children. It can also be a big step for some children. The transition from Early Childhood Centre, Kindergarten, Kohanga Reo or home is made easier if you and your children are well prepared. Keep in mind that school is a different atmosphere from preschool education. School children need to be able to do certain things on their own. It would be helpful if your child could:

- ❑ Dress themselves (especially for swimming in Term One)
- ❑ Put on their shoes and sweatshirt/jersey and take them off without any help
- ❑ Toilet themselves, know how to flush and wash their hands afterwards
- ❑ Feel comfortable speaking to an adult/teacher to ask for help and express their needs e.g. say when they need the toilet or when they feel unwell
- ❑ Recognise their own name and be able to write it (with a Capital letter at the start of their name and the rest in lower case letters)
- ❑ Recognise some letters
- ❑ Begin to count (0-10) and count out a set of objects

The above skills are a guide only. If your child does not know or is not able to do all of the above tasks don't worry. Each child matures at their own speed and we adjust our class programme to suit the ever changing needs of all our students

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## General Information



## Breaks

During the first morning session, we stop for five to ten minutes for a “Brainfood” break. Please provide your child with a healthy snack for this time. This may be a piece of fruit or some vegetables. We participate in the Fonterra Milk in Schools initiative



which is about providing free milk to grow healthy Kiwi kids. Each day all children are offered a small carton of milk to drink if they want. This is completely optional.

Morning tea is from 11:00 - 11:20am. Children go out to play for 20 minutes. Then they come back in and have 10 minutes eating time together as a class.



Lunchtime is from 12:30 pm to 1:10 pm. Children go and play for 40 minutes. Then they come back in and have eating time together as a class for 20 minutes. Eating time in class is supervised by their class teacher.



## Drink Bottles

Children are encouraged to put their drink bottles on the benchtop in the classroom. They are able to drink at any time during the day. Please fill the drink bottles with water only.



## Hats

We have a policy at Linton Camp School that children must wear a school hat when outside during Term One and Term Four. When not in use, hats are kept in children’s bags or cubbies. They do not usually get taken home.



## Lost Property

Please label all school clothing. We have a lot of unmarked and unclaimed clothing every term. Please also label your child’s lunch box and drink bottle.



## Bags

Please ensure your child has a ROOMY school bag that can adequately hold their lunchbox and drink bottle, book bag, raincoat and spare clothing.



### **Parent Help**

We value parent help both in the classroom and at home. If you have some free time available on a regular basis, and would like to join us, please let us know. Whether it's listening to some children reading, joining us for an art class, or coming in to share your skill or passion with us, we would love to have you.



**ZEROWASTE**

### **Zero Waste Programme**

Last year we re-introduced a zero waste programme. Our school aims to create as little rubbish as we can. Children contribute to the zero rubbish programme by taking home any rubbish from their lunch box. After they have unwrapped their lunch they place any rubbish back in their lunchbox. The rubbish can then be put into the home recycling system. We encourage families to think of ways to send lunches to school that requires as little packaging as possible. By students taking their own rubbish home again, we save thousands of dollars in rubbish pick ups, money that the school can spend on better educational resources.



### **Newsletters**

School newsletters are emailed every week. You are also able to view the newsletter from our website [www.lintoncamp.school.nz](http://www.lintoncamp.school.nz).

The newsletter helps to keep whanau informed on current events. If you do not have access to a computer please let the office know and a hard copy of the newsletter will be sent home with your eldest child.



### **School Facebook Page**

The information from the school newsletter is posted to the school facebook page every Thursday. This is a great place to keep updated about things happening at school.



### **Toys**

Children are discouraged from bringing toys and any valuable items to school as these can get lost or damaged.

We ask that you please ensure your child does not bring toys or objects from home to school.



### **Seesaw**

Seesaw is an app we use to empower our children to independently document what they are learning at school. Our children are able to 'show what they are learning' using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. Children will have their own Seesaw account and will add work to share what they're doing at school with their parents.



### **Shoes**

In the New Entrant class velcro shoes are encouraged as they are easy and fast to take on and off. Please do not send your child to school with laces unless they can independently tie them themselves. Please name your child's shoes.



# Learning in Room 1

Everyday in Room 1 is full of wonderful learning and fun! Reading, writing, phonics and maths are taught each day



and science, the arts, PE and technology are taught through-out the week. Room 1's reading programme involves a variety of different learning experiences such as puzzles, playdough, literacy games, sight words, poems, learning through play, books etc..

Maths and phonics are taught collaboratively across the junior school from Monday - Thursday. This means that your child learns with other children who are at the same level, it also allows for smaller classes and more focussed learning.

Helping to set your child up to be successful for their learning can be achieved by arriving on time to school, reading with them each night, learning their sight words and supporting them with their learning in a positive, enthusiastic way.



Future Focused Skills are taught across the school each term. The focus is on collaboration, problem solving, creativity, communication, etc.. These skills are important for children as it helps them to make connections to the real world and be successful future thinkers.

Room 1 has an open-door policy and we really appreciate parent help for events and day-to-day classroom teaching. Home school partnerships are essential for a successful start at school. Please never hesitate to come in and ask questions at any time.



# Getting Started at Linton Camp School

2 MONTHS before 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

### Enrol at School

- Fill in enrolment forms. Bring: Birth certificate, Immunisation certificate.
  - Pick up stationery list.
- Book time to meet with the New Entrant Teacher.



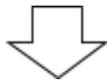
### 1 MONTH before 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

#### School Visits

- 3 x school visits as arranged with the teacher.
- Make sure your child can go to the toilet, open a lunch box, take shoes/sweatshirt off and on.

#### Uniform

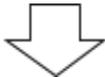
- Buy or pre-order school uniform.



### 5<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

#### First Day

- Start on or just after 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Make sure the school knows your intended start day).
  - Wear school uniform.
  - Bring stationery to school.



### 4-6 WEEKS after starting school

#### New Entrant interview

- The teacher will book a time with you to talk about how your child is settling in and discuss progress.
  - Child receives their first school report.