



# LINTON CAMP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
TERM 1 WEEK 1  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Kia ora e te whānau

A big welcome back to a new school year at Linton Camp School! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer with your whānau and you were ready yesterday to hand your precious tamariki back to us.

Our staff have been busy over the break preparing for the year ahead and we are ready to go for 2024. There are lots of exciting things planned and we are energised about the year ahead. We have had a particular focus on teaching writing in our professional development and look forward to using a new approach in classes.

I'd like to extend a big **welcome** to Miss VS and Miss Mossman, new teachers in Mānuka and Kōwhai classes, as they join our staff. We also have several new students who joined us yesterday. Nau mai, haere mai, to Mason and Arlo, Nikau, Adyan, Aneira, Macey, Jax and Laiken, Thea and to their respective whānau - welcome to Linton Camp School. We know you'll love it here!

As you would expect at the start of the school year, there is lots to communicate with you so this is a longer newsletter than usual. Please do read through thoroughly and note down all the info. I would ask that you read the part about **Hero** and download the app as soon as you can - this will become a key platform for communication at LCS.

Lastly, as always, please do get in touch with your child's teacher if you have any issues that need addressing. They will be only too happy to assist.

I trust this will be a fantastic year for your whānau.

**Matua Matt  
Tumuaki**



(L-R) Laiken, Thea, (Alfiel), Mason, Arlo, Adyan, Aneira, Nikau, Macie.

## MIHI WHAKATAU

Tomorrow morning we are hosting a mihi whakatau to formally welcome our new teachers, students and their whānau. This will begin at 10:30am in Te Whare Tapere. All whānau are welcome, with morning tea in the staffroom afterwards.



## UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 31 January  
**Mihi Whakatau** 10:30am

Friday 2 February  
**School Assembly** 2:15pm  
(hosted by Tōtara)

Monday 5 February  
**Senior Swimming begins**

Tuesday 6 February  
**WAITANGI DAY - no school**

Wednesday 7 February  
**Cyber Safety Evening for  
Senior students & whānau**  
4pm

Thursday 8 February  
**Back to School Picnic** 5-7pm

Tuesday 13 February  
**Junior Swimming begins**

Wednesday 14 February  
**Yr 7-8 Technology at Monrad  
begins**

Tuesday 20 February  
**Junior team Literacy Evening  
for whānau** 5-6pm



**HERO - GET THE APP!**

We have made some changes behind the scenes to the software we use to run the school. We are using a new system called **Hero** by Linc-Ed. We want every parent to get the app (free download to your phone) to make life easier for both you and us! We will be emailing you the sign-in instructions to the email address we hold on file for you. When you log in with that email, you will be able to see your child's personal details, report attendance, book whānau hui times, see your school account, and more. The aim is that Hero will become the main platform for communicating with you about admin matters. See Lisa or Matt if you need help!

**BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC!**

Next Thursday 8 February we are having a whānau picnic to welcome all of our whānau to a new school year. BYO picnic/kai, and school will be organising an ice cream truck! It will be from 5-7pm - see info below. In case of bad weather, the postponement date is the following Thursday.

**Linton Camp School  
Back to School  
Picnic**

**Thursday 8th February 2024**  
**Postponement: Thursday 15th February**  
**5pm - 7pm**

***Bring your picnic blanket and dinner!***

**5.00pm Classrooms are open for visits**  
**5.30pm Picnic on field by senior play ground**  
**6.00pm Mr Cool Arrives (Linton Camp kids will receive a token for an ice cream up to the value of \$5. Please pick up this token when you visit your classrooms.) Parents can purchase extra ice creams (eftpos is available.)**  
**6.15pm Sports Games**



## JUICIES

Juicies will be for sale on **Fridays** this year, **\$2 each** (note price change). These can be ordered before school from Tōtara class (room 7). Orders close at 8:55am sharp!



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have new providers for our school lunches. Our lunches now come from **Ocean Beach Eatery** (Foxton Beach) for Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, and **Subway** on Thursdays. Dietary requirements have been passed on to them as per enrolment forms.



## SWIMMING

We are lucky to be able to use the Kupe Pool in camp for our weekly swimming lessons. Swimming will begin for Seniors next Monday afternoon. Juniors will swim on Tuesdays starting in week 3. This is a good time to do a quick check that your tamariki have the right gear to swim with!

## SPORT - SUMMER HOCKEY AND YR 1-2 NETBALL

We have started a new Facebook page for all our Sport organisation: [LCS Sport 2024](#). This year Ariana Mainland is taking over the reins from Mrs Pemberton as our Sports Coordinator. Her email is [sport@lintoncamp.school.nz](mailto:sport@lintoncamp.school.nz)



You'll find a link and info on the Facebook page to sign your child up for **Summer Hockey** and for **Year 1-2 Netball**, which both take place in Term 1. We rely on parents to coach/manage teams, and in return the child of the coach plays for free.

## STATIONERY

If you haven't managed to grab stationery yet, please do so. This is via [Warehouse Stationery](#) this year. Please don't buy new things if you already have items from last year (eg headphones) - reuse them!

## MISS MAC HAS SOME NEWS!



At the end of last year Miss Mac let us know that, very excitingly, she is pregnant and expecting a baby later this year. We wish Mary and her partner Shaun all the very best over the next few months as they prepare for their new arrival. To top that off, she also got engaged over the break! Congratulations!

That means that at some point in Term 2 we will be welcoming a new teacher to take over in Miro class until Miss Mac has finished her parental leave. We will keep you posted.



## HUI TUATAHI - SAVE THE DATE

On **Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 February** we will be having Hui Tuatahi after school each day. You will be able to book a 10-minute slot with your child's teacher(s) to say hi and check in as to how their year has started. More info about booking a time (via Hero) will be out in the next two weeks.

## CYBER SAFETY INFO EVENING - SENIOR TEAM

LCS is a BYOD school in our senior team. As part of this, all students and whānau must attend a Cyber Safety briefing to ensure expectations around device use are clear. **Wednesday 7 February, 5:30-6:30pm** in Te Whare Tapere.



## SUPPORTING LITERACY AT HOME - JUNIOR TEAM

Our school has adopted a new approach to teaching junior students how to read. This will have some implications for how you can best support reading and writing at home. It will look a little different to how you have done this before with older siblings! We would love you to come along and hear about this and the reasons why we are making this change. It's on **Tuesday 20 February** from **5-6pm** at school.



## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL - 8:30AM

A reminder, as we start the year, that school opens at 8:30am. A bell will ring to signal to students they may enter the school and classrooms. Students who arrive earlier than 8:30am must wait in the entrance way, under the shelter. If you need to drop your child earlier than that, the YMCA provide a before school programme in the Community Centre.

## UNIFORM

It has been great seeing your tamariki looking sharp in their school uniform! As you know, the blue tartan skort is no longer part of school uniform, so thanks to all who have made that change. If you wish to donate your old tartan skorts to another local school, you can do this by dropping at our school office.



Please also check your child's sunhat still fits them, that they have correct black school shoes (no colours or white may be visible on these please), **navy** socks, and that everything is clearly named.

## SEESAW

We will be using Seesaw (note they have changed their branding!) again this year as our primary means of sharing learning. It is also a handy way for you to be able to flick a quick message to your child's teacher too, should you need. Please check you are attached to your child's class, and speak to their teacher if not - they will be able to help.



## GOOGLE CALENDAR



Yes, there are a lot of dates to keep track of in any school! We have added a Calendar to our website to help you. You can also add our school calendar to your own to make life even easier! [Just click here...](#)

