



School Newsletter

Thursday 25 May 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Kia ora Whānau,

WINTER ILLNESSES

I wanted to let you know about the impact that winter illness are having on our kura in recent weeks. At the moment we are seeing lots of different bugs around - from Covid, to strep throat, to winter flu and more. We are seeing staff members getting sick and the reality is there are almost no relievers who are available to come in on the day. This week, for example, we have had three days where 2 teachers have been sick. I wanted you to know the processes we follow so you understand the 'why'.

- If we are unable to find a reliever, the first step is to see if we have any teachers who are on release that day and do an internal juggle. This is also less than ideal as the reason teachers are released is because there are a lot of jobs that they need to do on top of being in the classroom (and this is one of the main points of negotiation with the government - to provide enough time for this).
- If we can't do that, we will split classes. This is where we will put a few children from the class that does not have a teacher that day into other classes. They will be given some work and complete that in a different classroom, with a different teacher.

School Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 26 May, in Te Whare Tapere at 2.20pm.

Matai will be hosting and presenting at this assembly. Nau mai haere mai, whanau are welcome to join in the celebration of student achievement.

- Our last resort will be to close school for the day. This is absolutely the last thing we will do, but I need you to know now that this could become a reality.

This is not just a Linton Camp School problem - this is going on daily across the city and around the country. Only a few years ago there was an abundance of teachers in the Manawatū, but no longer. It is a crisis - there are just not enough teachers in our rohe! At least one school I know had to close for a day last week simply because there were not enough teachers healthy and available to be at school.

Lastly, you'll see from the above why it is important that if you have a sick child, we ask you to keep them at home. If they have a positive Covid result, they need to isolate at home for 7 days as per regulations. We do not want bugs spreading between children, and we really need our teachers healthy!

Matt Costley

Principal

What's happening in Term 2:

May	26	Assembly
	30	Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
	31	Possible Teachers Strike
June	1	Cluster Chess Tournament
	2	Whānau Rāpihi Collection - 1.30-3.00pm
	5	King's Birthday - School Closed
	9	Assembly
	14	Board of Trustees meeting
	23	Assembly
	30	End of Term 3

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE TEACHER STRIKE

You may have seen in the news that there is a possible Teachers' Strike next Wednesday 31 May. Teachers are expecting a new and improved offer from the government, but if this does not happen then school will be CLOSED next Wednesday. This is not ideal, but neither is the lack of movement in making teaching an attractive and viable profession. If you are frustrated by this news (and you would be right to be), I would love it if you would email 1) your local MP; and 2) the Minister of Education, Jan Tinetti (who is a former primary school principal and should 'get it') and tell them that you are cross about it and can they please sort it out! This absolutely relates to my message above about not having enough relievers - we desperately need more people going into teaching, and the pay and conditions are a huge part of that.

Email the Minister on: j.tinetti@ministers.govt.nz or local MP: ian.mckelvie@national.org.nz

I will let you know as soon as we know whether this will go ahead or not.

Matt Costley
Principal



NEXT FRIDAY - WHĀNAU RĀPIHI COLLECTION Friday 2 June, 1:30-3pm - all welcome!

Thanks to all those who responded to our community survey last term. Some of the feedback you gave us was around wanting to see our students active in the community and for you to be involved too. We have heard this and want to respond in different ways.

As part of our work on our local curriculum we want to encourage our tamariki to have a positive impact on our local community, as well as to get out and about and orientate themselves around the Linton community.

To start this off, **next Friday (2 June)** we are having a community action afternoon where we will take our tamariki out around the school and collect rubbish. **We would love to invite you to join your children in doing this with us!** We will be meeting at 1:30pm at school and getting into house groups. Each house and their teachers will go to a different place (eg start of the track, Wedde Wood) and pick up rubbish for approximately an hour. Gloves and rubbish bags will be provided to children.

You are so welcome to come join us! Bring gloves if you have them, or we will have some for you.



SAVE THE DATE - MATARIKI CELEBRATION
Friday 12 July, 4-6pm - more info soon!



School Photos

How to Order School Photos?

Yesterday you will have received an email from Photolife Studio containing information about ordering school photos. This email included a **keycode** which you need to look at your child's photo.

Please check your email account for the email from PhotoLife or check your junk mail, it may have gone there.

This year photographs will only be available for you to view and order OnLine with PhotoLife Studios.

Any problems with ordering please email;
enquiries@photolife.co.nz

*****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight
Sunday 11th JUNE *****

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