



School Newsletter

Thursday 9 February 2023

Nau mai, Haere mai, **Mapihi Wanikau, Alara & Koen Ellett, Braxton Frank, Shafiullah Zaheed** and their whanau, we trust you will enjoy your time in our community.

30 QUESTIONS TO ASK KID INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

[SARA GOLDSTEIN](#)

When I picked my son up from his first day of 4th grade, my usual (enthusiastically delivered) question of "how was your day?" was met with his usual (indifferently delivered) "fine."

Come on! It's the first day, for crying out loud! Give me something to work with, would you, kid?

The second day, my same question was answered, "well, no one was a jerk."

That's good...I guess.

I suppose the problem is my own. That question actually sucks. Far from a conversation starter, it's uninspired, overwhelmingly open ended, and frankly, completely boring. So as an alternative, I've compiled a list of questions that my kid will answer with more than a single word or grunt. In fact, he debated his response to question 8 for at least half an hour over the weekend. The jury's out until he can organise a foot race.

Questions a kid will answer at the end of a long school day:

1. What did you eat for lunch?
2. Did you catch anyone picking their nose?
3. What games did you play at break times?
4. What was the funniest thing that happened today?
5. Did anyone do anything super nice for you?
6. What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?
7. Who made you smile today?
8. Which one of your teachers would survive a zombie apocalypse? Why?
9. What new fact did you learn today?
10. Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
11. What challenged you today?
12. If school were a ride at the fair, which ride would it be? Why?
13. What would you rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10? Why?
14. If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?
15. If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
16. Did anyone push your buttons today?
17. Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet? Why not?
18. What is your teacher's most important rule?
19. What is the most popular thing to do at break times?
20. Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?
21. Tell me something you learned about a friend today.
22. If aliens came to school and beamed up 3 kids, who do you wish they would take? Why?
23. What is one thing you did today that was helpful?
24. When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
25. What rule was the hardest to follow today?
26. What is one thing you hope to learn before the school year is over?
27. Which person in your class is your exact opposite?
28. Which area of your school is the most fun?
29. Which playground skill do you plan to master this year?
30. Does anyone in your class have a hard time following the rules?

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**School is closed on Monday
3 March ...
For Staff Only Day**

**School Finishes Early on
Monday 6, Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 March.**

School finishes at 2.00pm on these days for Hui Tuatahi.

We need all children to leave school grounds at 2.00pm on 6, 7 & 8 March as there is no one available, at school, to supervise children after this time.



Matai & Kauri Camp -

Matai & Kauri will be going off to Highland Home in Pohangina Valley, for Senior Camp - **14 -17 March.**

Notices, permission slips & medical forms have been sent home and we ask that these are **completed and return to their class teachers asap.**

As you can understand, there is a charge for camp, **\$230 per child.** This charge helps cover actually expenses incurred like food, accomodation, activities and transport. We ask that all camp fees are paid in full before camp.

You are welcome to pay by eftpos or cash at the school office or by internet banking. You are most welcome to set up a time payment or pay in part payments.

Our ASB bank account number is;

12 3143 0400873 00

Please use your child's surname as a reference.

School Assembly - next Friday - 17 Feb.

Assemblies are held, in Te Whare Tapere every second Friday at 2.30pm.
All whanau are invited to come along to see what students have been doing and certificates being presented.

Hui Tuatahi

The first of our parent/teacher meetings.

Our **Hui Tuatahi** will be held on **Monday 6, Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 March.**

This is a chance for you to meet your child's teacher. And for you, your child and their teacher to sit down together to talk about your child, their needs and their goals.

We would like to see every whanau attend a hui for their child, it is an important part of their education journey.

We are using the **Skool Loop** app to manage our bookings for these conferences. Bookings are open.

Now is the time to book your Hui Tuatahi. It is expected that your child will be there with you.

If you haven't already please download the Skool Loop app.
(This is a free app. that can be found on your app store.)

Follow the instructions to find our school. On the home screen you will find the **'interviews'** button.

If you have any problems or need help please contact Lisa in the school office.



Juicies for Sales

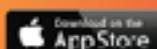
The Senior Team are selling Juicies to raise money to help with camp expenses

The juices will be sold on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays** for

Only \$1 each.

Bring your \$1 to **room 7** before school & we will distribute the juices at 12.30pm.

**A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS,
DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP!**





School Hats;

Students **MUST** wear their school hat every time they go outside (interval & lunchtime) when at school.

Please make sure your child has their hat at school each day. If a child is not wearing their hat they will be directed to sit in the shade & not play freely.

And please make sure your child's hat is labelled clearly with their name so it can be returned to them when they drop it.

Labelling Clothing;

The only way to reduce the amount of lost property is to label your children's clothing and shoes with your child's name. With this in mind we are offering a couple of ways to help you label your children's clothing;

- **Printed labels:** we have a label maker and will happily give you labels for you children's clothing. These could be **iron -on** for hats, shirts, fleeces etc or **stick-on** for inside shoes. **Simply contact Lisa in the school office.**

OR

- **Next Wednesday and Thursday we are offering an embroider service,** using a home sewing machine so the embroider will only be 1cm high & in white. **Please bring in or send the items to the school office** and Lisa will embroider your child's name on your child's hat, shirt, shorts & skirt.



This week you should have received an envelope with documents for you to complete to update or confirm your contact details & permissions.

This is something we do annually but it is vital that we have the very latest and correct contact information in case of emergencies.

Please check the forms you received, make any changes necessary or simply initial the form, sign the permission form or add a note if you do not give permission and send the forms back to school immediately.

You will be receiving a phone call if we do not have your form returned by **Monday**.



Linton Legends for Week 2

<u>Manuka:</u>	Jacobus Greig
<u>Kowhai:</u>	Beau Redshaw-King
<u>Miro:</u>	Aorangi Tipuna Koen Ellett
<u>Kauri:</u>	Elliot Hercoe
<u>Matai:</u>	Chayna-Lee Alo Jackson Olivier
<u>Totara:</u>	Amelia Barr

School Swimming

Students will be going into the Camp Pool for swimming lessons once a week, all term.

The **senior school** will be swimming **Tuesdays**. and **junior school** will be swimming on **Wednesdays**.

Please remember to send your child's togs & a towel (*goggles are optional but a good idea*) in a water proof bag on their swimming day.

All children must wear school shoes and hat to walk to the pools so also please check your child has shoes & their hat.



Linton Camp School Policies and Procedures

Go to lintoncamp.schooldocs.co.nz. User name: **lintoncamp** Password: **LCS2386**

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School Uniform Shoes

We have noticed an increasing number of non-uniform shoes and socks being worn at school.

Only black school shoes either sandals or winter style shoes are to be worn at school, with navy blue socks.

If your child is wearing sneakers, scuffs or coloured shoes they will be asked to remove them and to stop wearing them to school.

Please make sure your child has the correct uniform available and wears it to school each and every day.

A copy of the Uniform Policy can be picked up from the school office or found on the school website.



Is Your Child Unwell?

I would like to remind you that any child who is unwell must stay at home.

This is not just about spreading germs but your child will not learn if they are feeling unwell. It is a long hard day if they have a headache or are struggling to breathe.

If your child is unwell you will be called and asked to take them home.

If your child is away from school - whatever the reason - please let the school office staff know by either calling 06 325 8740 and leaving a message on extn 1 or by using the Skool Loop app - absences.



Mr Franks enjoying the sun & new seating with Aria & Jacobus...

This term you will be seeing some changes to the landscape around school; Mr Franks designed & had built a seat around the Totara Tree. This was finished today and is already proving popular.

We will be getting a new fence around the boundary of the school, this is all permitted, planned etc.. so we are just waiting for the contractors to be available to start the job.

Unfortunately in installing the new fence we need to trim and in some cases remove trees that are too close.

In the meantime you will see some temporary gates put up at some entry points.

Please respect that these gates are needed for a good reason. **If a gate is closed you are welcome to come in but close it after yourself.** We do really appreciate you helping us in this way.