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*Focused Learning Achieving eXcellence*



*‘Learning to take us places...’  
Matauranga me te oranga*



*We value ‘Respect and Responsibility’.*

# NEWSLETTER

*‘What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child,  
that must be what the community wants for all its children.’*

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## Newsletter No 34: Thursday 9 November 2017

**2017 Schoolwide Focus: Resilience – Knowing our Learners, Growing our Learners**  
**Implementation and Growth in our Innovative Collaborative Practice**  
**School Inquiry Topic: Wellbeing**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Linwood North School  
Kia Ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Greetings everyone!

### **From the Principal's Desk**

Our school roll is rapidly growing and is currently sitting at 297. We will reach the magic number of 300 before the end of the term! We are thrilled that our school has such a great reputation and families in the east of Christchurch are choosing our school for their children's education. While we do have an enrolment zone in place, our maximum roll is 403; so please let your friends and neighbours know that we are able to take out of zone enrolments until we do reach our maximum roll.

Every day is a busy day at Linwood North School and the children certainly have many great learning opportunities daily. It was great to see so many parents supporting their children participating in the Senior Athletics Day. However it was really disappointing to have only four families come to our Literacy Meeting on Tuesday from 5.30 – 6.30pm. Mrs Shannahan and Miss Collins presented our school Reading and Writing Achievement data and gave a really interesting presentation about our school Reading and Writing programmes, followed by some fun games we all enjoyed playing. As all of the teaching staff were present and excited to have another opportunity to share our learning programmes with you as parents, we would value your feedback on how you as parents would like to be informed about our learning programmes.

### **Updates**

### **Very proud Principal's Awards to Alick Hutt, R8**

- Our Library has reopened in the Centennial Room and will now be called the Stewart Library. A special thank you to Nicki Cosgrove who has worked tirelessly to complete the shift of thousands of library books and has made the new space delightful and welcoming for the children. We will be purchasing some more exciting resources for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes in their Library.
- Corbell Construction have won the contract to replace the School Hall and the Ministry of Education have informed us that demolition will commence shortly! Finally during next year, we will be able to have a grand opening of our new school and hall!
- The Board are having to fund ongoing property maintenance from our operations grant and much of this work will be completed from now on and over the Christmas holidays including boundary fencing, a staff courtyard off the staffroom as our staffroom is now cramped with all our staff, repainting the exterior of the blocks, installation of playground games on asphalt areas, tree felling and pruning and repainting the interior of the Centennial Library. We will be finishing the landscape planting in February.
- We are currently advertising for a permanent Associate Principal to fill the vacancy from Amy Collins.
- All full-time teaching staff were granted an additional classroom release day this year and teachers have been enjoying spending their day visiting other local schools and observing learning programmes.
- The School Auditor has completed her annual visit and was very impressed by our financial procedures and current status. She particularly commented on how the presentation of our school and how well resourced, maintained and cared for our resources, buildings and environment continue to be.
- The Board, Amy Collins and I are working through the required 'navigation process' to prepare a massive document called and 'Education Brief' which is required before the Ministry of Education will commence the design process for the provision of the roll growth classrooms required immediately and as our roll continues to grow to 403. This process ensures the Board think strategically about the future direction of the school, the Senior Leadership consult the community about our School Curriculum and Nga Tahu will gift the school an appropriate local Maori name.



Jayda R11 and Arnika Rose R8



**Congratulations to Room 4 who were first last week in our School Newsletter Return competition with 72%. Well done!**

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

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

**Stewart Kete B: Kyrel James-Mauhara and Tobias Fenton**

### **Resilience Proverb For The Week**

**'He tangata ki tahi'**

**'A man who speaks once, a person who is a man of his word, says something and sticks to it.'**

Kindest regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

PRINCIPAL – TUMUAKI

<b>Parents Diary for School Events</b>		
<b>This Week</b>	<b>Tomorrow</b>	<b>Newsletter Returns to class please</b> 8.30am: Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Monday 13 – Wednesday 15 November</b> <b>Monday 13 – Thursday 16 November</b> <b>Wednesday 15 November</b> <b>Friday 17 November</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Outdoor Education Camp at Living Springs</b> <b>Stewart Kete A &amp; B Swimming at Aquagym</b> <b>Year 0-2 Junior Athletics from 11am. Parents welcome</b> <b>Canterbury Anniversary Show Day – School Closed</b>

**Taha Maori Focus**



Each week we have a Maori phrase which we focus on learning.

This week's phrase is: ***Kia maumahara ki o tatou uara. Remember our values***

**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:**

Avea Masaga	Stewart Kete A	For being a Responsible learner and always being ready for learning
Ryan McNicoll	Stewart Kete B	For being Responsible by taking risks
Hyacin Famitangco	Room 2	For being a Responsible and Respectful learner
Tyler Williams	Room 3	For being a Super Gardener at LNS and showing Responsibility
Maryanne Tavake	Room 4	For showing kindness towards others
Lyrik Nathan	Room 5	For showing all of the school's values when travelling to and from AquaGym
Anya August	Room 6	For demonstrating LNS values both inside and outside of the classroom
Zoe Glintmeyer	Room 7	For always packing up and getting on to the mat as soon as she is told to
Ayden Jayet	Room 8	For working incredibly hard and being 'as good as gold'
Sam Fifita	Room 9	For always being on task and being a great role model
Hannah Fraser	Room 10	For being Respectful to her classmates by thinking before she speaks
Tama Ferguson	Room 11	Used his WITS by getting a teacher when there was a problem in the playground

**Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:**

Floyd Burton	Stewart Kete A	For working hard with his writing
Lucian Richards-Cooke	Stewart Kete B	For showing focus with Reading, Writing and Maths
Karter Stevens	Room 2	For showing great learning with his story writing
Daklin Cameron	Room 3	For the progress he is making in writing his letter sounds
Moses Singh-Hurinui	Room 4	For his amazing attitude towards learning
Dylan Chesmar	Room 5	For his positive attitude and effort in Mathematics
Anav Mudliar	Room 6	For completing Maths activities within a set time frame
Elshadaye Alemeneh	Room 7	For showing focus and completing all his tasks
Aiden Cooke	Room 8	For working so hard on your character description
Tayah Ngaha	Room 9	For contributing confidently in our Writing sharing
Ahmad Reza Qalandari	Room 10	For reading at home every night
Gabriela Relly	Room 11	For her positive attitude to all of her learning

**Mathletics Results for Week 3**

Each Learning Team has a Student of the Week trophy and a Class of the Week trophy. The Mathletics trophies are presented at Whanau Time each Monday and the Student of the Week trophy gets to sit on the student's workspace at school.

**The top Mathletics Classes were:**

Kakano Block: Stewart Kete B  
Karawha Block: Room 7  
Kokari Block: Room 10

**The top Mathletics students were:**

Kakano: Madi Flint (SKB)  
Karawha: Elshadaye Alemeneh (R7)  
Kokari: Te Atau Hillman (R10)



**PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 4**

This week our focus is: ***Be Responsible: Take notices and newsletters home***

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



- ⇒ Reading and discussing notices and newsletters with your child
- ⇒ Returning your child's newsletter slip
- ⇒ Encouraging your child to unpack their own belongings and hand in notices
- ⇒ Putting notices in a place where you can refer to them again in case you need more information

### Staff Profile: Leane Prentice, Learning Assistant

I am fortunate to have been working as a Learning Assistant since June this year, mainly in Room 10. I live in Christchurch East with my husband Alex, two daughters Aimee and Juliette who are recent school leavers and our cat Minet. I have just refreshed as a surf lifeguard at Waikuku Beach Surf Live Saving Club and I will be on some Sunday patrols there over the summer. Being out or in the water is my happy place and I am now learning to paddle Waka Ama. I am equally happy drawing, painting or making relief prints at home or meeting up with friends for walks.



### News From Room 11 and Mrs Geal

The children in Room 11 have had a busy start to Term 4. We had our two amazing weeks at Aquagym where everyone who swam learned a lot. Most of the class are now swimming in the Main Pool. Last week we were involved in the Athletics Sports on a very hot day. Now we are all very excited about our camp at Living Springs next week! We have started planning for this amazing opportunity. We have set our goals for the camp and talked about the things that we are really looking forward to as well as the activities that we might find challenging. It's going to be an exhilarating time for all of us!



Milton is writing his goals in the Camp Booklet

### News from the Kakano Team

The teachers in the Kakano Team have become increasingly concerned by the poor quality of some school lunches that don't support learning. We are a proud water only, take away free and a lolly free school. **Having a healthy lunchbox is key to your child's development. It provides growing children plenty of energy for the playground, aids concentration and memory and helps them reach their potential in class.** There is great research about learning and how this can be impacted by diet. Alet van Vuuren our Ministry of Education School Psychologist is organising a parent morning tea in the next few weeks about this. A notice will come home soon about the morning tea.



#### Here are some suggestions/new ideas:

- **Carbohydrates** give kids energy so try to include some sandwiches, pasta salad or rice.
- Add some **protein** to these carbohydrates like eggs, tuna, cheese, chicken, ham etc. Protein builds strong muscles.
- Don't forget the **veges**. Vegetables give us our vitamin and nutrients that we need.
- Pop in some **fruit**. Fruit is great for fibre, energy and nutrients. Try chopping it into bite size chunks.
- Add some **dairy** like yoghurt and cheese for healthy bones and teeth for life.
- Needing **snacks**...try plain popcorn, crackers and marmite, rice crackers or dried fruit.



We have a daily healthy eater award and we hope that each child can receive one of these before the end of the year.

After new ideas? Check out: <https://www.healthyfood.co.nz/tag/school-lunches/>



### Junior School Athletics

**What:** Year 0-2 Junior School Athletics Sports  
**When:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am – 3.00pm  
**Where:** The Field  
**Who:** Year 0 -2 children (Rooms: Stewart Kete A & B, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

Your child can wear their **HOUSE COLOURS** and sports shoes or school uniform and school shoes. They will need a warm layer just in case. Whānau are most welcome to join us for the Year 0-2 Junior School Athletics Sports. Please ensure your child has a good lunch on this day as they will be burning lots of energy! We will have a sunblock station and teachers will apply sunblock before going out to Athletics. Children must wear their school sun hat they will take their drink bottle out with them to the sports events. If you have any questions, please see your child's classroom teacher.



### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 34



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 L.N.S. Newsletter 34.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_