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Te Pānui o Te Kura Tuarua o Waihora

Lincoln High School Newsletter • Issue 1 2016



Principal's Report

Tēnā koutou

Welcome back to the new school year. We start the year with almost 1700 students which is the highest school roll in the history of the school. We have our new timetable in place and are committed to increasing engagement and achievement for all students through the changes. Linc class is a time for students to be monitored, guided and supported with their learning. This class is held once a week for 45 minutes and already some students have reported that they really enjoy their Linc class. Our new structure with one hour periods and two hour periods, combined with fewer bells dominating the day have already created a sense of calm and engagement in class.

Our School Council, led by our Head Boy, Duncan Finlayson; Head Girl, Elin Harris; Deputy Head Boy, SJ Agafili and Deputy Head Girl, Katelyn Beer, have already shown their determination, dedication and pride in being Lincoln High School students. The council have been working hard preparing goals and activities as well as sharing their dreams for the year ahead – we wish them well as they embark on their final year at school.

We are pleased with our provisional NCEA results for 2015. Our endorsement results continue to reflect our strong desire for students to “be the very best they can be” and will be a focus of student mentoring this year in our senior Linc classes. We have created a Graduate Certificate criteria for 2016 which has been shared with our Year 13 students – this is designed to ensure students are making the most of their opportunities while at school.

There have been modifications to our school zone as a result of Rolleston College opening in 2017. This will be finalised in the coming months. Our new six classroom build is expected to begin in May 2016 and we will shortly present our new school uniform for new students in 2017 (please be aware that existing students will continue to wear the existing uniform).

We encourage you to contact us if you have any concerns, as we are committed to working with families to make the most of every student's education at Lincoln High School. I also thank those who have taken the time to share positive stories of their experiences at our wonderful school.

Nāku, nā

Kathy Paterson
Principal

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Gemma Comrie was awarded a scholarship to attend the NZ Association of Environmental Education Conference 2016. Only 10 places were awarded nationwide.

Matthew and Ben Weaver have been selected to referee at the Junior Touch Nationals in February.

Alan Li was selected in the New Zealand Mathematical Olympiad Team Squad. We wish Alan all the best in the final selection of the team to travel overseas.

Once again ASB is supporting schools with the Sponsorship Programme. This term through to the 30 April 2016 the donations to schools will be **\$1000** each time a client takes a home loan of \$150k or more and requests this donation for our school.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$1,000

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking.

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We would like to welcome the following new staff

<p>Rod Air - RAI Mathematics</p> 	<p>Amy Campbell - ACM Social Sciences</p> 	<p>Maggie Dickison - MDI English</p> 	<p>Mark Dunn - MDU Physical Education & Health</p> 
<p>Sarah Eaton - SEA Physical Education & Health & Social Sciences</p> 	<p>Alannah Ford - AFO Commerce</p> 	<p>Sarah Forward - SFO Physical Education & Health</p> 	<p>Georgie Gardyne - GGD Food & Textiles Technology</p> 
<p>Steven Gill - SGL Music</p> 	<p>Brigitte Goodchild - BGO Food & Textiles Technology</p> 	<p>Jack Goodfellow - JGO Head of Learning Area Physical Education & Health</p> 	<p>Selina Green - SGR Mathematics</p> 
<p>Heather Humphrey-Taylor HHT - Science</p> 	<p>Shantal Jones - SJO Learning Support</p> 	<p>Gary Kennett - GKE Mathematics</p> 	<p>Susan Kingsley - SKI Mathematics and Science</p> 
<p>Alice Mackintosh - AMA Star Co-ordinator</p> 	<p>Chrissy McKinnon - CMK ESOL</p> 	<p>Cheryl Nesbit - CNE Digital Technology</p> 	<p>Emma-Jane Paterson - EPA Textiles Technology</p> 
<p>Dave Phillipps - DPH Head of Learning Area Mathematics</p> 	<p>Tania Roxborough - TRO English</p> 	<p>Mark Stone - MSO Mathematics</p> 	

Partnership Between Home and School

We value working with parents/caregivers for the good of the students and an important part of this partnership is communication. Parents/caregivers are welcome to contact us and, if you have concerns, the sooner we know about them the better.

At each year level there are three staff who have particular responsibilities for students. The Tutor focuses on the learning needs of students and is also responsible for class placements. The Dean plays a key role in ensuring that students behave appropriately. The Head of Level oversees each level and works closely with the Tutor and Dean to ensure the best outcomes for the students.

Year Level	Tutor	Dean	Head of Level
9	Mrs Fiona Bamford fba@lincoln.school.nz	Mrs Jeanette Simpson jsi@lincoln.school.nz	Mrs Kylie Wissel kws@lincoln.school.nz
10	Mrs Fiona Bamford fba@lincoln.school.nz	Mrs Emma Sergeant ese@lincoln.school.nz	Mr Stephen Rout sro@lincoln.school.nz
11	Mrs Susan Johnson sjo@lincoln.school.nz	Mrs Lucy Smith lsm@lincoln.school.nz	Mr Blair Johnstone @lincoln.school.nz
12	Mrs Larisa Thatcher lth@lincoln.school.nz	Mr Richard James rja@lincoln.school.nz	Ms Marama Lynch mly@lincoln.school.nz
13	Mrs Helga Senior hse@lincoln.school.nz	Mr Jeff Wilkinson jwi@lincoln.school.nz	Mr Tony Melton tme@lincoln.school.nz

Informing Parents/Caregivers

Information about student events and emergency situations

www.facebook.com/lhsalerts

This is used for information about things such as events that students are involved in. Comments and questions can be posted. It will also be used in an emergency situation such as when there is an earthquake or unexpected school closure. You do not need to belong to Facebook to view this page.

General information

www.lincoln.school.nz

A lot of information is available via our school website: staff lists, stationery lists, bus information, assessment dates, uniform information, etc. The website is not used for the sort of information posted on the Facebook page.

Earthquake Response

If there is an earthquake of any size during the school day we have a detailed plan that is put into action immediately. The Senior Leadership team meets straight away to decide what the response should be. This could vary from not taking any further action through to evacuating the buildings and possibly the school. In the event of a more serious earthquake our focus is on the immediate safety of students and staff. As soon as possible we will endeavour to communicate with parents/caregivers through our Facebook LHS Alerts page.

Should students want to leave school we will only permit them to do so if we have permission from a parent/caregiver. We have a system in place to manage that process. If you wish to pick up your student, then please come to our Boundary Road entrance where staff will ask you to complete a form, and then we will bring your student to you.

Contacting Students at School

If parents need to contact their student during class time please do so through the school office. Urgent messages can be got to students very quickly.

We ask that you do not try to contact your student on their cellphones while they are in class. Students are permitted to have cellphones at school, but they are not to be used in class for calls or texts.

Students Leaving School During the Day

Students in Years 9 to 12 are expected to stay on the school grounds unless they have signed out through the office or have a lunch pass. To sign out they require a note from a parent/caregiver or an official appointment card. You can also phone or email the school to let us know your student has permission to sign out. Please note that students will not be given permission to go and buy their lunch at the Lincoln shops even if they have a note from home.

School Donation

The first account you receive from the school will show an amount for 'School Donation'. The funding received by schools only provides for the very basic curriculum delivery. We pride ourselves by offering enhanced learning opportunities for all students. To allow this we rely on contributions from parents/caregivers. Any such contribution paid is a donation and can be claimed annually as a tax credit using the Inland Revenue form IR526.

For 2016 the amounts are:

- \$140 for one student
- \$225 for two or more students

Academic Achievement Awards

On Thursday, March 3, we will be holding award ceremonies acknowledging students who achieved high academic standards in Year 11 or 12 last year. This includes students who gained a Merit or Excellence endorsement in NCEA. Due to the large number of students we need to split the two levels. The ceremony for this year's Year 12 students starts at 7:15 pm, and for the Year 13 students at 6 pm. The venue is the school hall. All members of our school community are welcome to attend. Parents of students receiving an award will be sent an invitation.

Stephen Rout

Deputy Principal

Student Absences

Any time your student is absent from school, the office needs to be notified, preferably in advance. Absences may be due to sickness, appointments, sports championships, cultural events, bereavements or other family commitments. Notification can be done by emailing office@lincoln.school.nz or by phoning the school office, phone 325 2121. A message can be left outside office hours. We would appreciate notification before, or on the day of absence. Wherever possible appointments should be made for times which do not cut across class times.

The school will notify parents/caregivers of students who are absent. We will endeavour to communicate prior to 11.30am each day. We will always do our best to ensure that our data is accurate, however, there are likely to be times when we get it wrong and would appreciate your understanding with this.

You have access to attendance data for your student via our school portal (portal.lincoln.school.nz). Please note that this information is only updated every 24 hours, so same day absences will not be seen until the following day.

All attendance enquiries will be sent to you via our attendance officer Mrs Jan Brittenden. In order to remain as up to date as possible, we would appreciate responses via email to jbr@lincoln.school.nz as soon as possible.

Students Who Become Sick At School

Students who become sick during the school day are required to go to the office where they will be put into the sickbay. If they need to go home the office staff will contact a parent/caregiver to arrange this.

It is not acceptable for students to make direct contact with a parent requesting they are picked up. Please remind your students of the correct process they are to follow.

Please advise the School Office of any changes to your student's medical history e.g. Asthma (use of inhalers) ADD/ADHD (medication), or serious allergies that require first aid assistance.

Workday 2016

This year's Workday will coincide with the Teacher Only Day on Monday 2nd May (start of Term 2). The idea is that students can work on this day, or any of the days during the holidays leading up to this day. School will be open for students who need it. However, there will not be regular class programmes running on this day. More details around this day will come to you later in the term.

Change of Swimming Sports date

The new date for the Swimming Sports is now Wednesday 16th March.

Marama Lynch

Assistant Principal

School Uniform and Lost Property

All students are expected to comply with school rules for uniform which have been set by our Board of Trustees.

Please ensure all your student's school uniform is named clearly, including the surname.

Any named clothing is stored at the school office. Often students do not come to collect the items, so if your student has lost some named clothing you are more than welcome to call the school office to check whether or not it has been handed in.

Shoes and sports shoes are often handed in to the office as well so if at any time your student has lost these, then please call the office to see if they have been handed in.

Unnamed school clothing is held in the school office for two terms and after that time it is put in a pool to use when students arrive at school with incorrect uniform and it is then lent to them for the day. Non uniform items are held in the office for half a year and then they are donated to charity. Lost property is also held at the Gym.

Liz Wilkins

Secretary

Email

We communicate regularly to parents/caregivers via email. If you haven't received an email from us this year then we don't have your correct email address. Please let us know what it is.

Early Finish Day

On Thursday, March 17, school will finish at 1:15 pm in order for teachers to undertake further professional learning. The buses will run at that time.

Stephen Rout

Deputy Principal

Uniform

Just to reiterate a few key uniform guidelines.

- Girls summer skirts are not to be shorter than 3cm above the knee
- Boys socks with shorts need to be plain fawn knee high socks
- No facial piercings other than stipulated on the website guidelines
- Boys shoes are plain black leather lace up
- No facial hair, to be clean-shaven

In addition

- Plain black hats are now permitted as an additional sun protection item

It is a student's responsibility to come to school wearing the appropriate uniform. If support is needed please contact Mrs Kylie Wissel at the details below.

Change Submission Process

We have also introduced a process whereby students have the ability to submit a proposal for change to the School Council and then potentially the Board of Trustees for consideration.

In Term 3 the Board will hear submissions that have been through the School Council directly from the students driving the change. Over the years students have been defiant about some of the school rules mainly regarding uniform. This process provides students with a platform to bring about change in a more proactive and considered way rather than resorting to defiance.

For more information please email Mrs Kylie Wissel at kws@lincoln.school.nz

Our New Year 9s - Your journey has begun

Another welcome to our new Year 9 students and their families. Please make sure you join the LHS Year 9 2016 Facebook page. This is a real hive of information and a great place to keep up to date with what's on the go for them here at school.

Some useful contacts:

Head of Level – Kylie Wissel

kws@lincoln.school.nz

Year 9 Dean – Jeanette Simpson

jsi@lincoln.school.nz

Year 9 Tutor – Fiona Bamford

fba@lincoln.school.nz

Other than these contacts please make sure you get the contact details for your son/daughter's Linc teacher. This will be a very useful contact for you to have.



2016 Year 13 Graduation Diploma

This year the school is introducing a Lincoln High School Graduation Diploma for Year 13 students. The purpose of the diploma is to celebrate student learning and engagement.

The diploma will be awarded to successful students at the Year 13 graduation ceremony. To gain the Graduation Diploma a Year 13 student needs to meet all of the following criteria.

1. Obtain Level 2 NCEA by the end of Term 3, 2016.
2. Obtain an overall average attendance rate of 90% or more for all timetabled periods, including the Linc period, in 2016.
3. Obtain a minimum of 70% of all internal NCEA credits that are assessed in 2016.

Notes:

- a) Due to exceptional circumstances, a student that has not met all of the criteria may be eligible for Principal discretionary consideration.
- b) The attendance rate is based on the periods attended or that have justified absences (e.g. medical absences or appointments, school events and trips, exam leave etc.). Absences that do not count towards the attendance rate include unexplained absences, truancy, holidays during term time and unjustified absences in accordance with the Ministry of Education requirements.

The graduation ceremony will take place in Week 4 of Term 4.

Tony Melton
HOL Year 13

West Melton Scholarship

If you attended West Melton Full Primary School for at least two years and are enrolling in 2016 for the last year of a degree programme at a tertiary institution you should apply as soon as you have the results for this year.

The Scholarship is worth \$1,500 payable at the start of the 2016 academic year. Further details about the Scholarship and the selection criteria are available from wmawards@xtra.co.nz or the Convener, West Melton Scholarship and Awards Committee, phone 03-3181-761.

Closing date for applications 26 February 2016 – Don't leave it till the 25th

Apply now!

Ngāti Moki Marae/ Lake Te Waihora Trip

As part of the introduction for the Year 9 students to Lincoln High we have planned a day trip to Ngāti Moki Marae, Taumutu and Lake Te Waihora. All students will be formally welcomed to Ngāti Moki Marae through a pōwhiri and will be given a history of Ngāti Moki and the surrounding areas.

The purpose of the trip is to introduce all our Year 9 students to parts of the Selwyn region that are very important to us at Lincoln High School, and links in with the learning that is happening in the classroom in Social Sciences.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga are the manawhenua of this area, and their ongoing support and advice has been critical to developments within Lincoln High School.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga is the representative body of the hapū of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu. Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki are the kaitiaki (guardians) of Te Waihora and the surrounding takiwā (region), including the whole of the Selwyn District.

Blair Johnstone

Assistant Principal

Street Talk Defensive Driving Courses 2016

Lincoln High School: F9

Tuesdays and Thursdays - after last class at school

Enrol online: www.fusiontrust.co.nz

Contact: Carole 027- 229 - 8108 DD Course/Pre-Test drives/Lessons

Cost: \$170 includes 4 sessions in class and 1 hour practical session

February	Tues 23 rd February - Tues 1 st March
May	Tues 10 th - Thurs 12 th May Tues 17 th - Thurs 19 th May
August	Tues 2 nd - Thurs 4 th August Tues 9 th - Thurs 11 th August
August/September	Tues 30 th Aug -Thurs 1 st September Tues 6 th Sept -Thurs 8 th September
October	Tues 11 th - Thurs 13 th October Tues 17 th - Thurs 20 th October

'Make Bullying History' Parent/Caregiver Seminar

A reminder that this is happening on Wednesday, 24th February, from 6:45 to 8:45 pm in the school hall. The presenter is Brett Murray, and feedback from people who have attended his seminars is extremely positive. If you wish to attend, and have not already let us know, then please RSVP using this link: [RSVP](#)

Please note that this is not for students – they will be attending a seminar with Brett during the school day. You are welcome to invite any friends as we would like as many people as possible to have the opportunity to hear Brett.

Stephen Rout

Deputy Principal

Jesse Felicia Honor Cox

4.3.1999 – 29.1.2016

It is with much sadness that we farewelled Jesse on Tuesday 2nd February. Jesse passed away after a brave battle with cancer. She was a determined and enthusiastic player in our premier netball team. Jesse will be sadly missed by all her friends at Lincoln High School.

Kathy Paterson

Principal



Jesse's friends have organised a Relay for Life Team comprised of friends, students and staff.

Any offer of support would be very much appreciated.

Go to <http://www.relayforlife.org.nz/index/donation>

Then enter as follows. You can additionally select a specific team member to sponsor if you like.

* Select where you want your donation to be assigned

choose team	or search for someone you know
* Event	
Relay For Life Selwyn 2016	
* Team	
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Team member	
-- Select Team Member --	
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Kylie Wissel

Assistant Principal

Head of Level - Year 9

Introducing the 2016 School Council

After an intensive selection process last year the following students have been selected for the 2016 School Council. Embracing our school value “Doing Good for Others” many of them volunteered to help out for a day at Camp Quality at Living Springs in January. The activity they ran was to create a 'loom band chain letter' themed on "what makes me smile". Here is a picture from the day and look out for 'loom band' possibly coming to a primary school near you to get added on to. This was a really great effort and more photos can be viewed on our Facebook page.



2016 sees each Head student overseeing a portfolio of councils within the school.

Elin Harris Head Girl	Academic Council	Emily Walker Rafi Clarke
	Environment Council	Chrizzanne Kilian Courtney Jones
	Junior Council	Hayden Vallance Yashar Sholehpk
Katelyn Beer Deputy Head Girl	Sports Council	Simon Lancaster Sarah Freeman
	House Council	Callum McGregor Olivia Thomas
Duncan Finlayson Head Boy	Services Council	Nilani Ekanayake Pippa Dold
	Arts Council	Drew Noble Devon Bolger
	International Council	Elizabeth Neill Dana Visnovsky
SJ Agafili Deputy Head Boy	Social Council	Travis Egerton Hannah Long
	Year 13 Committee	Lucy Collins Spencer Hampson

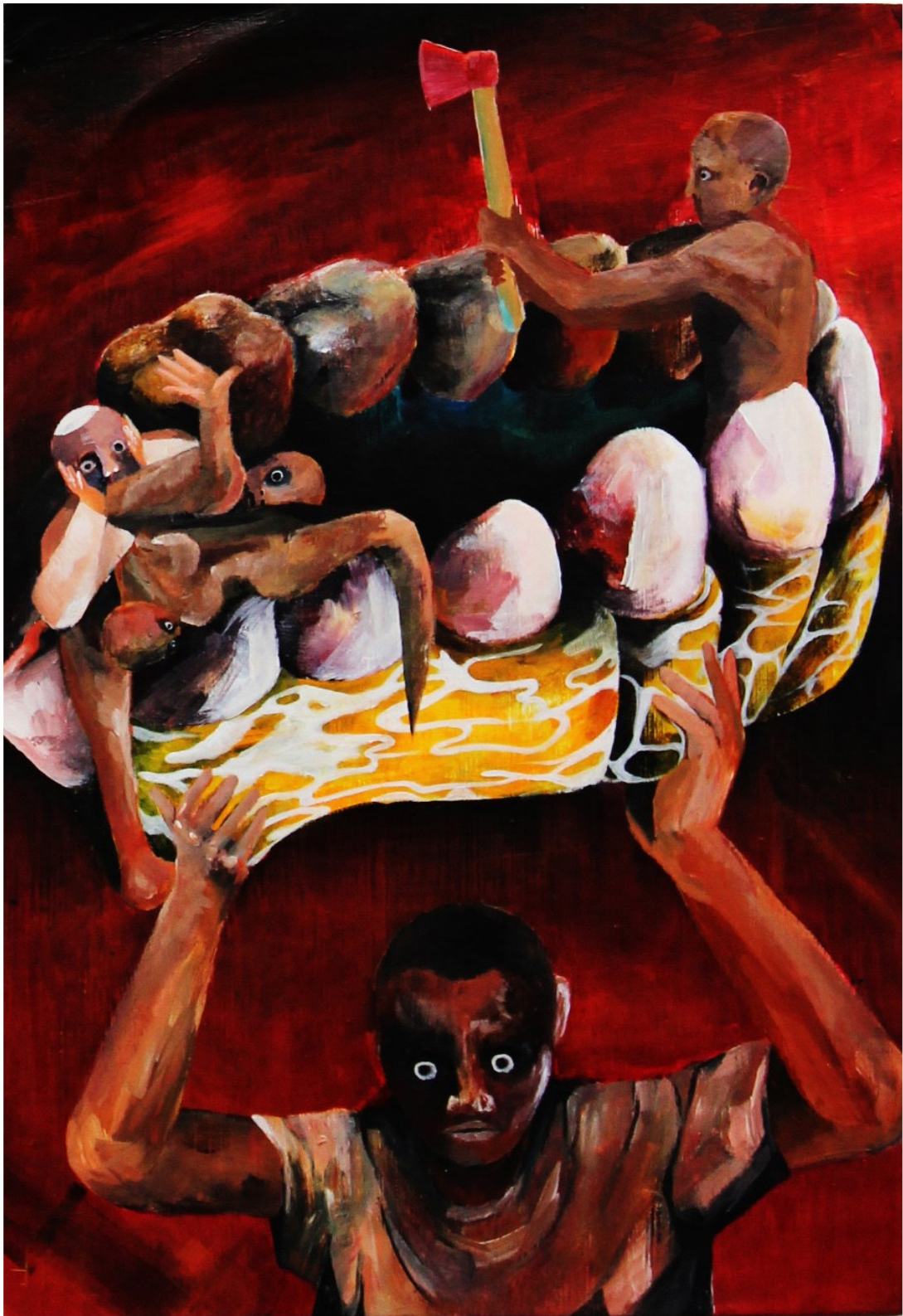
Kylie Wissel
Assistant Principal



Although we have only been together for a month or so, there is no lack of enthusiasm in this year's school council. As a council we have come up with a vision that specifies what we represent and more so, why we exist. Our vision is that all students feel valued and connected. It was imperative to us that we include the words "all students", as this year we hope to bring the whole student body together through encouraging participation in all aspects of school life. Alongside this, a main goal of ours is to promote the Lincoln Values, with particular emphasis on doing good for others. This value really stuck out to our council as one that needs to have more enthusiasm around.

We hope to provide a platform for students to participate in significant acts of doing good for others, whilst still encouraging the small things, such as holding the door and using manners. Overall, we are all extremely excited for 2016 and hope to make it a memorable year for all of Lincoln High School.

Duncan Finlayson and Elin Harris



Min-Young Her Year 13 Painting
Acrylic on Board

Welcome back to all students. The Careers and Pathways team has had a busy start to the year and is still in the process of sorting timetables and students' subjects.

Glenys Gard'ner is on leave for Term 1 of this year. We welcome Alice Mackintosh who will be taking the role of S.T.A.R. Co-ordinator for Term 1. Gaye Gray, who has been working as Gateway Co-ordinator, will be co-ordinating Work Experience for Term 1.

This year Larisa Thatcher, who has been working as Careers Advisor, has also taken on the role of Year 12 Tutor this year. The Tutors are the people to see if you would like advice on subjects and classes. The other tutors are Mrs Bamford for Years 9 and 10, Mrs Johnson for Year 11 and Mrs Senior for Year 13.

Students may apply at Student Services to change one of their options. However, there will not be any changes made until Week 3.

Here are some important dates for those students considering tertiary education.

Upcoming Event	Location	Date
TERM ONE		
Lincoln University Liaison Officer visit Yr 12 & 13	LHS	Tuesday 8th March 2.05 - 3.05pm
Massey University Liaison Officer visit Yr 12 & 13	LHS	Monday 14th March 2.05 – 3.05pm
Have a Go Day	CPIT	Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Canterbury University Liaison Officer visit Yr 12	LHS	Monday 4th April 2.05 – 3.05pm
Victoria University Liaison Visit	LHS	To be advised
Otago University Liaison Visit	LHS	Term 2

Universities Open Day Information

List of Tertiary Open Days 2016

Otago University and Otago Polytechnic are holding a combined Open Day on Monday 9th May 2016.

http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open_days.html

CPIT Open Days - 2016

June Open Day - 16th June, 2pm - 5pm

Industry Expo and Open Day - 25th August, 2pm-5pm

<http://www.cpit.ac.nz/explore-cpit/open-days>

University of Canterbury, Thursday 14th July 2016.

<http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/campus-tours-and-future-student-events/uc-open-day/>

Lincoln University Open Day, Friday 15th July 2016.

Massey University Open Days:

<http://www.engine.ac.nz/open-days/>

3rd August 2016, Manawatū Campus 9am – 2pm

20th August 2016, Albany Campus 10am – 3pm

26th August 2016, Wellington Campus 9am – 2pm

Victoria University, Friday 26th August 2016.

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/events-visits/study-at-victoria-day>

Auckland University, Saturday 27th August 2016.

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/future-undergraduates.html>

Gateway 2016

Do you have an idea of your future career? Gateway is a programme where you complete workplace learning in the industry of interest *and* gain NCEA credits. So what are you interested in? Retail, hospitality, building, electrical, aviation, nursing, plumbing, sports, hairdressing? The possibilities are only limited by your choice.

If you would like to be considered for the Gateway Programme or require more information, please see Mrs Gray at Student Services or ggr@lincoln.school.nz

Lincoln High School is currently funded for 24 places and placements runs from Term 1 to Term 3. Gateway is available to Year 12 and Year 13 students.

Gaye Gray

Gateway Co-ordinator

Languages

We would like to welcome our two new Mandarin Language Assistants, Ms Fran Yang and Ms Sandee Xian. They are from Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

Sandee and Fran will be working both at Lincoln High School along with some of the contributing primary schools in the Selwyn area.



Rachel Austen

Head of Learning Area; Languages

We offer counselling and support to young people at Lincoln High School.

Yr 9 Survey and Travellers Programme

All Year 9 students will complete a survey early in the year and from this we will offer some students the Travellers Programme. The programme assists with adjusting to secondary school and helps build resiliency. Please contact us if you would like your student to do the programme or if you wish to know more.

Spirit of Adventure Sailing Ship

Our school is offered several berths every year on these voyages. If your young person is interested, contact me for ideas of sponsorship and funding, and/or to go on the waiting list Ich@lincoln.school.nz

Selwyn Parenting Network

Offers parenting support, education and activities. See www.spn.org.nz

Some family fun days are being held and they regularly organise parenting seminars. See their website for information.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to contact us.

Counsellors: Phone: 325 2121, if no answer ask office person to leave us a message

Linda Chapman Ich@lincoln.school.nz

Wiremu Gray wgr@lincoln.school.nz

Bronnie King bki@lincoln.school.nz

Bruce McNatty bmy@lincoln.school.nz

Carmen Hazlett cha@lincoln.school.nz

24/7 Youth Workers

For many years we have had 24/7 youth workers working at Lincoln High School offering a positive connection between students and a young adult. Our two youth workers this year are Sasha Marks and Daniel Jones. They complete a training in youth work and give generously of their time matching voluntary hours with paid hours. The youth workers assist with coaching sports teams, lunchtime activities and events, act as role models and assist students settling in at school. Most importantly they have a presence in the school over lunch times to assist where possible. Their role is different to counsellors. They refer any concerns to the counsellors or senior leadership team if they arise.

See www.24-7youthwork.org.nz for more information on the 24/7 programme in NZ.

Linda Chapman
HOD: Counselling

Drama Calendar of Events:

Date	Event	Place	Time
24 February	First meeting for all new and existing tech crew	Hall	2-4pm
29-31 March, Showcase 3 April	Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition	29-31 March Charles Luney Theatre Showcase - Court Theatre	TBC
5 April	Year 11 Major Production - 'The Blame Game'	Hall	7:30pm
12 April	Year 13 Major Production - 'The Baby Farmer'	Hall	7:30pm
16-24 April	National Youth Drama School	www.nyds.co.nz	
6 July	Senior Devising evening	Hall	7:30pm
27-30 June	Musical - 'Footloose'	Hall	7:30pm
4 July	Year 9 Drama and Dance Evening	Hall	7:30pm
6 September	Year 12 Major Production - 'The Chalk Circle'	Hall	7:30pm
13 September	Year 11 Melodrama evening	Hall	7:30pm
1 December	Year 10 Drama performance evening	Hall	7:30pm
5 December	Year 9 Drama and Dance Evening	Hall	7:30pm

Welcome to 2016 and what is looking to be a really exciting year ahead! There are still many outstanding events, including student directed productions. Be sure to read the notices or look at the noticeboards outside PA1. Or speak directly with Mrs McLean in PA1.

Mrs Sandra McLean

HOD Drama

smc@lincoln.school.nz

It is with much pleasure that we wish you, our Lincoln Community a Happy New Year. Our Health & Physical Education department wish you all a very healthy 2016 and welcome you to read about a few of the programme changes in our department.

This term we are introducing four new department members: Mr Dunn, Miss Eaton, Mrs Forward and Head of Learning Area, Mr Goodfellow. All of these teachers will be teaching a combination of junior and senior Health & Physical Education programmes. They are very excited to be part of our department and are looking forward to working with their classes.

There is a change in the junior programme this year with Health Education being incorporated into the Physical Education programme. Over the last few years Health Education has been delivered on a rotational basis, thus students receiving Health Education for a term in Year 9 and then again for a term in Year 10. Students in Year 9 and 10 will now receive approximately x 3 hours of Health & Physical Education throughout the year and the concepts will be delivered by the same teacher. It is hoped that this will create more meaningful learning as many of the concepts from both subjects are intertwined. Their programme will be designed around learning areas available (e.g. classroom, gym, pool areas) throughout the year.

In the senior school it is pleasing to report that we have two HED 101, two HED 201 and one HED 301 classes running this year. These courses allow students to develop knowledge and understanding in many facets of health – world events, differences in opinions, social issues, ethical issues, possible career pathways and occupations and courses, but also skills to enhance their own and others wellbeing. If you think you have anything you could offer, a reading, a visit, a resource, anything which would benefit our students, I would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact me at school (djo@lincoln.school.nz). On that note I would like to sincerely thank the parents who have emailed already to say how pleased they have been with the Health Education programme in the junior school. Your kind words are very much appreciated! As mentioned above, please get in touch if you think you can benefit our students or if you have questions about our programmes.

Debbie Jones
TIC Health Education





LHS Learning Support – Shining a light on dyslexia

What is dyslexia? Dyslexia is a general term used to describe students who have difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols. Dyslexia does not affect general intelligence.

Who? It is estimated that one in ten New Zealanders have dyslexia.

What are the signs?

Problems with labels, rhymes, sequences

Letters or numbers reversed or confused b/d/p/q, n/u, 13/31

Being slower to process and needing repeated exposures to retain learning

Retrieval issues – learns something one moment, gone the next

Large gap between oral and written capabilities

Poor sense of direction – difficulty telling left from right

Reluctance, embarrassment or avoidance around reading out loud

A preference for face-to-face meetings/phone calls rather than email correspondence, and for charts/graphs over text

Frequent misspelling of words and mixing up words which sound similar (recession/reception), in speech or written work

Poor handwriting, punctuation and grammar

Misunderstanding or misinterpretation of teachers' instructions

Problems meeting deadlines, despite working hard

Fine motor coordination may be problematic, e.g. tying laces, doing up buttons

Where can you learn more about dyslexia? <http://www.dyslexiafoundation.org.nz> and <http://www.speld.org.nz>

Who can you contact at LHS? Nicola Allison, Acting Head of Learning Support, nal@lincoln.school.nz

Mathematics Problem Solver Shines on NZ Stage

Congratulations to **Alan Li** of **Year 10** who has been selected as one of only 12 students from across NZ to be a part of the **training squad for the NZ Mathematics Olympiad Team**. From this group of twelve, six will be selected to represent NZ at the International Mathematical Olympiad which is to be held in Hong Kong in July this year.

This is a huge honour for Alan and recognition of his incredible mathematical and problem solving ability. Alan is the youngest in the squad, with most others being in Years 12 and 13, and is also the only representative selected from the South Island.

We, in the Lincoln High School community, are very proud of what Alan has achieved and wish him well for the challenge ahead.

David Phillipps

HOLA Maths

Sports

People who have made sporting/academic honours in the holidays

Touch:

Canterbury U15 Girls:

Ruby Keno
Shaunagh Poutoa
Nicola Bruce
Millie Thompson

Canterbury U15 Boys

Josh Brown

Canterbury U17 Girls:

Tessa Collins

Canterbury Country U17 Mixed:

Oliva Taka
Te Rina Keno
Hayley Hallinan
Bradley Morgan
Logan Crofts
Josh Davidson

Hands on Otago:

Scholarships - Te Rina Keno, Nicole Spriggs, Aleisha Melhopt

NZSS Touch Nationals 2015, Auckland

In early December, 2015 our Mixed Touch team played in the NZSS Touch tournament in Auckland. After three days of hard matches the team finished eleventh out of the sixteen qualified schools. Apart from one blow-out match against Mount Albert Grammar School, our defeats were close and these games tended to swing on referee decisions or dubious tactics from opponents. Our win over Queen Charlotte College in our final game of the tournament was extremely pleasing given that they were the South Island champions this year. Nick Saunders was our top scorer during the tournament with nine touchdowns. We named Logan Dick and Xenia Llauro-Traill Most Valuable Players; great reward for their service to the team over several years. As usual, the team represented Lincoln High superbly on and off the field, carrying on the legacy of the Turtles. Roll on the 2016 season.

Results:

Day 1 – Pool Play

vs Cullinane College	LOST 2-4	(Half Time 2-2)
vs Mount Albert Grammar	LOST 3-9	(Half Time 3-3)
vs Hauraki Plains	LOST 4-5	(Half Time 2-2)

Day 2 – Divisional Play

vs MacLeans College	LOST 4-5	(Half Time 1-3)
vs Opotiki College	WON 8-2	(Half Time 4-2)
vs Paeroa College	DREW 7-7	(Half Time 4-3)

Day 3 – Plate Finals

vs Hauraki Plains College (9-12 semi)	LOST 4-5	(Half Time 3-2)
vs Queen Charlotte College (11/12 playoff)	WON 8-5	(Half Time 3-2)

2015 Lincoln Mixed team at NZSS Nationals

Logan Dick (Captain), Nick Saunders, Logan Crofts, Katelyn Beer, Bradley Morgan, Xenia Llauro-Traill, Millie Thompson, Tessa Collins, Lucy Collins, Jack Thorp, Jack Hardacre, Josh Davidson, Olivia Taka, Henry Miller, Thomas Cockburn.

Stu Gilpin & Blair Johnstone

Lincoln High School Touch

Key Dates 2016

Term 1: 2016	
Wednesday 24 February	'Make Bullying History' - Parent/Caregiver Seminar
Thursday 25 February	Cando Card Photos
Thursday 3 March	Academic Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 15 March	Canterbury Secondary Schools Athletics
Wednesday 16 March	Swimming Sports
Thursday 17 March	School finished at 1.15pm
Friday 25 March	Good Friday
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 March	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 30 March - Tuesday 12 April	Year 10 Camps
Friday 15 April	End of Term 1
Term 2: 2016	
Monday 2 May	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 4 May	Parent Interviews 3 to 7pm
Wednesday 11 May	Parent Interviews 3 to 7pm
Wednesday 18 May	Open Night 4 to 6pm (school finishes 1.30pm)
Saturday 28 May	School Ball
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday