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Principal's Report

Tēnā koutou

It has been another busy year with students and staff fully immersed in learning and extra-curricular activities.

Increased flexibility, increased engagement and stronger student-teacher relationships are key aspects of what we want to achieve in our new timetable.

We are trialling our new timetable structure with our Year 9 and 10 students. The new timetable has been developed after 18 months of consultation with parents, staff and students; researching into longer periods using NZCER research; visiting other schools (primary, intermediate and secondary) and attending conferences relating to future focused learning. Students wanted more 1-1 time with teachers, and a stronger relationship with their teacher. We believe mentoring is a critical part of guiding students through their secondary school years. Linc time has been introduced, where a group of students from the same year level will meet with their Linc teacher for 45 minutes per week. Already this programme has focused on cyber safety, and development of our school value "doing good for others" with the juniors.

All senior classes and some junior classes will have a 120 minute period (currently all seniors and some juniors have a 100 minute period in their timetable). We believe teachers can focus on a number of activities to reinforce learning and the teachers have been doing professional development to change the structures of the lessons to fit the longer session. Teachers have reported that it is good to be able to introduce and finish a task in one lesson that previously could take a week. There is a lot of learning time lost in transitions from class to class and we believe we can increase engagement for students with longer lessons. Please be assured that we are continually reviewing and will formally review the new structure in 2016, and will seek parent, student and staff feedback as part of the review.

Building update: We anticipate the new 6 classroom block, which will replace much of F Block, will be started in 2016.

We farewell our Year 13 students in our special graduation ceremony and wish them all the very best, as they leave us empowered for the future and prepared to embrace a rapidly changing world. Our senior leaders have contributed enthusiastically and competently to the school this year and we thank them for their commitment to their roles.

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I thank our large, dedicated teaching and support staff who have all contributed fully to our successes for the year. Their hard work and commitment is very much appreciated.

With the Xmas break almost upon us, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working alongside the Lincoln High School community in 2016.

Nāku, nā

Kathy Paterson
Principal



A large number of students received awards last Thursday from the Principal.

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Final Day of the Year

School finishes on Friday, December 11, at 11:45 am. The morning will include an end of year celebration assembly and students who have gained industry, class or distinction awards will receive these certificates. The buses will run at 11:45 am.

Uniform 2016

Please ensure your son/daughter has full correct school uniform for the start of 2016. In particular, we ask that your daughter's skirt length is checked and is no more than 3cm above the knee. If your daughter has outgrown her skirt she will need to purchase another skirt.

New uniforms are being sold at the Lincoln Event Centre on the following dates:

- ◆ 3,10,16,17 December 4.30 - 8.00 pm
- ◆ 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 January 10.30 am - 5.00 pm
- ◆ 1 February 10.30 am - 5.00 pm

The LHS PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sales

Calling attention to the parents of all Year 12, Year 13 and other students who have uniform that is no longer worn. The large 2nd hand Uniform Sale is coming up and we need your uniforms to sell.

We are operating a different system this year.

If you would like the PTA to sell your uniform on your behalf, then each garment that is offered for sale must have a PTA label attached to it.

We are having two large sales: Saturday 12th December 2015 - 9.00am to 12.00 noon
Thursday 28th January 10.00am to 12.00 noon - both days in the Hall

Any garment unsold may be collected after the sales or donated to the school.

For those who already have uniform in the shop, you will be contacted at a later date as to what you want us to do with your unsold articles.

When dropping off your uniform at the school office there will be an information sheet available regarding the new system. If you have any questions, please contact the 2nd hand Uniform Shop Co-ordinator: trish@gilberts.co.nz

2016 Year 12 and 13 Course Confirmation

Following the release of NCEA results in mid-January, course confirmation details will be sent out to next year's Year 12 and 13 students. Parents/students will then be able to book an interview time online. The interviews will take place on January 25 – 27th for both year levels. It is important that all students are available for interviews, as timetables are finalised at this time. Parents are welcome to attend.

NCEA Assessments and Holiday Absences

Early next year all Year 11, 12 and 13 students will receive an NCEA Assessment Procedures Handbook. This booklet refers to entitlements for catch-up opportunities for NCEA assessments. In preparation for next year, it is important for this year's Year 10 students and families to realise that if a student misses an NCEA assessment due to a family holiday (during the school year), they are not entitled to a catch-up opportunity.

NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship 2015 Results

Publication in 2016

The following information is from NZQA (www.nzqa.govt.nz).

- NCEA students need to remember that NCEA results (including exam results) will only be reported online (unless they have requested a result notice through the Learner login prior to 31 December).
- Students will be able to access their NCEA results in mid-January 2016 and their NZ Scholarship results in mid-February.
- Students who have never logged in to the NZQA secure learner site should [register now](#) using their National Student Number (NSN) and date of birth.
- Reconsideration and Review forms will continue to be available from the Learner-login area only.
- Certificates, School Results Summaries and Records of Achievement can be requested from the Learner login for standard delivery in 15-20 days. The first copy of each of these documents is free, but additional copies will cost \$15.30 each.

Scholarship information:

- Students will be able to access their NZ Scholarship results in mid-February.
- All NZ Scholarship students will receive a result notice in February 2016.
- Reconsideration and Review forms and NZ Scholarship monetary award application forms (where appropriate) will be available from the website only.

Tony Melton

Assistant Principal

Term Dates

- Term 1** 1 February 2016 – 15 April 2016
- Term 2** 3 May 2016 – 8 July 2016 (Work Day 2nd May)
- Term 3** 25 July 2016 – 23 September 2016
- Term 4** 10 October 2016 – 15 December 2016

Start of 2016

Detailed information will be sent out early next year.

Year 9 – first day of school is Monday, February 1.

Years 10 and 11 – school begins on Wednesday, February 3. All classes will run that day.

Year 12 – first day is Thursday, February 4. Students will only be required between 8:45 and 10:45 am.

Year 13 – first day is Thursday, February 4. Students will only be required between 11:15 am and 1:15 pm. (Peer Support leaders will be needed earlier in the week. Details will be given to them separately.)

All buses will run as normal from February 1.

Stephen Rout

Deputy Principal

English Set Texts

As the year draws to a close, all students need to return any books that were issued to them by the English Department. Please return them to the school Library. This is important for senior students to do before they go on exam leave, particularly Year 13 students. Any English text books that are not returned to the library will be charged to the student's account.

Vanessa Lamont

HOLA English

Lincoln and Community Care Survey

Fill in the survey and be in to win \$100 worth of petrol!!

The survey is available on the website: www.lincolncomcare.co.nz

We are encouraging our school community to fill in the survey in the hope that extra services will become available for young people e.g. after school clubs, car maintenance for teens, and more.

The survey needs to be completed by 16 December 2015.

Linda Chapman

HOD Counselling

Kes Brosnahan

A large number of our Lincoln High School community farewelled Kes Brosnahan recently after her unexpected death on the 16th November. Kes will be remembered for her involvement in school. She was popular, intelligent and extremely sporty so has touched the lives of many. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

Linc Group shoebox appeal

Our recently launched mentoring programme (Linc time) has just completed a four week trial alongside our new timetable. Over the past four weeks our junior students have been working on getting to know each other, writing a letter to their Year 13 self, Introduction to NCEA (Year 10's), cyber safety/bullying and our shoebox appeal. The Year 9 Linc groups have been filling shoeboxes with Christmas goodies for the City Mission's Men's Shelter, and the Year 10 Linc groups have been filling boxes for the Woman's Refuge. The focus of this appeal was to live our Lincoln value of 'Doing good for others'. It has been fantastic to receive these boxes this week and see the pride and effort that has gone into creating these gifts for members of our Christchurch community, who will need these things over Christmas time. Thanks to all families who have helped to support this appeal.

Marama Lynch
Assistant Principal



Claire Broughton - was awarded a Distinction in the ICAS English Competition.

Billy Harrison - for being chosen to represent Ellesmere in the Under 16 Boys Tennis team.

Benjamin Tyson - Zonta Sports Award nomination for outstanding individual achievement by a young sportsman specialising in one sport, and nominated for a School Sport Canterbury Award for the most outstanding male Clay Target Shooter.

Steffi Whittaker - was nominated for the most outstanding female Equestrian rider in the School Sports Canterbury Sports Awards.

Lucy Turner - was the winner of the award for the most outstanding equestrian rider in the School Sport Canterbury Sports Awards. Lucy was also a finalist in the “best all round young sportswoman who has achieved in more than one sporting code” category at the Zonta Sports Awards.

During September 39 staff and 17 students here at Lincoln High School took part in **'September'** raising money for the Cerebral Palsy Society of New Zealand. This meant we all committed to walking 10,000 steps a day for the whole of September. We are proud to announce that we made a total of \$1145, as well as getting a bit healthier!

Congratulations to the following students who supported this initiative:

Jake Gardiner
Gareth Crofts
Maria Ilalio
Sinead Neil

Courtney Phillips
Zak Scotson
Aaron Hoyland
Lily Nicholas

Anam Wilson-Taylor
John Evans
Matthew Sands

Millie Thompson - won the children's elementary grade in the NZL section of the NZ FEI World Challenge Dressage competition. It was a great honour as she was judged by international judges.

Josh Brown - made the Canterbury Softball U15 team and is in the extended squad for Baseball NZ U15s.

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Please note: while we attempt to publish all the details that we are aware of, we are largely dependent on the wider community for information about student achievements. Please feel free to contact us if you have such information.

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James Crafts and **Benjamin Tyson** were highly recommended in the “most outstanding team” category at the Zonta Sports Awards.

Frania Cowie - successfully auditioned for the 2016 NZ Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra. She plays the viola.

Staff

The NZ Board of Geography Teachers awarded **Mrs M Marshall** an “Excellence in Geography Award”. This award was for her passion, commitment, teaching as inquiry methodology, SOLO use, differentiation in the learning processes and her outstanding unit on Cyclone Pam.

Mr C Hogan and **Mr W Tolhoek** for gaining study awards for 2016 (5 hours per week).

Mrs R Saxton for gaining a 32 week study award for 2016.

Congratulations to **Ms Barrett** and her partner on the birth of their son.

Gateway

A big thank-you to the students who have completed Gateway this year. It has been fantastic to see some of the students enter employment, apprenticeships, or be accepted for courses next year. Gateway is an excellent programme and I urge students to take advantage of the opportunities that are offered to them while at school. If you would like more details about Gateway, please see Mrs Gray at Student Services, or email ggr@lincoln.school.nz

Message from your Tutors

We hope the exams have gone well, and for those still waiting to sit exams, good luck! We are looking forward to working with students as they head into 2016.

Year 13s in 2016 - start thinking about pathways – where do you see yourself going in 2017. Your last year at school always feels the shortest and there is a lot to pack in.

Have a wonderful summer break and see you next year.

Our best wishes for the season, regards to you all.

Mrs Senior, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Bamford.

Royal Business College in Blenheim (Christchurch Campus)

Royal Business College is offering a National Diploma in Computing Level 5 and RBC Diploma in Computing Level 6. Both zero-fee programs are diverse and interesting, on which a great and attractive career in IT can be built. The courses will be delivered at the Christchurch Campus— 447 Blenheim Road, Upper Riccarton.

Places are limited, so **ENROL NOW**.

Start date: 18th January 2016

Telephone: (03)374 9888 / 022 170 4252/ 021 0233 8506

Email: agent@royalbusiness.ac.nz

Address: 447 Blenheim Road, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

For further information please look at the Careers and Pathways Class Site in Office 365.

CPIT

The next Community Open Day will be held on Saturday 23rd January. More information can be found at <http://www.cpit.ac.nz/explore-cpit/open-days/community-open-day>.

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Sussed – Study Link

It is important that if you require a student loan or allowance that you have begun the application process. The sooner that you look at and complete the Sussed Online tool, the better. Applications for loans and allowances should be made by 16 December. Please go to www.studylink.govt.nz for further information about applying for the first time as this requires a range of information which includes providing identity.

University of Otago Course Planning

Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December the University Liaison Officer, Prajesh Chhanabhai, will be in Christchurch for one-on-one course planning. This is to be held at the Chairman's Suite, Addington Events Centre, Twigger Street, Addington, Christchurch. Times are 9am to 4pm. If this interests you, please book an appointment by calling 04 460 9805 or emailing paula.watson@otago.ac.nz.

CPIT and Aoraki Polytechnic

CPIT and Aoraki Polytechnic have advised that they have received the go-ahead to create a new organisation. The new organisation will provide applied tertiary education to the Canterbury region with access to a greater number of programmes, in a larger number of centres, supported with better services. For more information visit www.aoraki.as.nz or www.cpit.ac.nz.

Market Day Photos

Rose Robinson

Teacher: Commerce



Counselling and Support Services in the Holidays

During the holidays young people may wish to contact someone for information, support or to listen to their concerns. Parents and caregivers might also be looking for support.

Lifeline: 0800 543 354 www.lifeline.co.nz (24 hours/365 days a year)

Youthline: 0800 376 633 talk@youthline.co.nz Free txt: 234

298 Youth Health Centre, Free medical consultations and counselling sessions for 10 - 25 year olds, www.298.org.nz 298 Barbadoes Street, Call or text: 022 081 2991

Skylight (because grief happens and support matters) www.skylight.org.nz

Family Planning: 9 Washington Way. Phone: 379 0514

Bounce is a multimedia wellbeing campaign run by NZ Red Cross for people aged 12 - 24 years old to help cope with post-earthquake life. The five key wellbeing messages are *“keep doing what you love, treat your body well, connect with others, make a difference and know yourself”*. See www.bounce.org.nz

Recovery Matters Workshop for Lincoln and districts

Red Cross offers these free workshops which draw on the experience of other disaster-affected communities internationally, and gives strategies on how we can improve and maintain our wellbeing when under stress. If you are interested in attending a workshop contact Lincoln Com Care. Phone: 325 2007. They hope to run one early next year if there is enough interest.

Our best wishes to all for a good summer holiday.

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Bruce McNatty bmy@lincoln.school.nz

Carmen Hazlett cha@lincoln.school.nz

For Counsellors, phone 325 2121 until school finishes.

Linda Chapman

HOD Counsellors

Bright Sparks Competition

We are very happy to announce that Aurelia Wilberforce won the Bright Sparks competition she entered with her Wakey Wakey Alarm clock! She went to Auckland recently, where each finalist got the chance to show off their work, and then participate in the awards ceremony. Here she learned that she had been selected as the winner of the Best Junior Concept award!

She is an excellent example of a true 21st Century learner. She saw a need - teenagers unable to wake up in the mornings, she researched the science and found out why this is so, but also a potential solution to the problem. She used her knowledge to develop an idea for an innovative alarm clock for teenagers. She then investigated available materials, technology and know-how and came up with a conceptual design. She planned for the creation of this design and created a prototype so that it could be tested in context. She used the entire Technology Development Cycle and the result - a successful, innovative app, a lot of learning and an amazing prize from Bright Sparks! The judges said that the app had amazing economic potential.

Aurelia was surprised that various companies were talking to her about future employment opportunities. I am not at all surprised. The IT industry does not currently have enough qualified personnel available to employ for all the jobs that need doing. There are not enough programmers or digital designers, making this a great subject to learn, as it leads to great career choices in the IT industry.

Well done, Aurelia! We at Lincoln are so proud of you and your achievements. Thank you for showing us what is possible when you put your learning into practice in a very practical context.

Students learn about Tech Opportunities at Lincoln University

Recently a group of Year 10 students visited Lincoln University where they joined other schools, all being treated to a bunch of new experiences as part of the Include IT Day. The day was designed to expose students to some of the interesting technology they could potentially study in the field of Digital Technologies, either at school or when doing a degree at Lincoln University.

They got to see a quad copter flying over campus, heard about how problems with the quad are resolved and saw the images taken by the quad on the tablet held in the pilots hands. Quads are used in many applications where it is difficult or expensive to send in an expert. Much easier to send in a tiny flying machine with an on-board camera!

They got to program robots to perform tasks and built and programmed little Arduino boards so that they flashed lights and interacted in other ways with various sensors. This activity was a resounding hit with all the students and easily voted as their favourite activity of the day (besides lunch of course!).

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They did some programming in either Scratch or Visual Basic, where they learned how to code different activities. and the saw how GIS data can be viewed, analysed and understood.

Altogether it was a very successful trip. Year 10 students now know more about what Digital Technologies has to offer.

Girls from Lincoln win again at PC4G

Last Friday, four Year 10 girls went to the University of Canterbury to take part in the annual Programming Challenge for Girls or PC4G. Here they formed teams of two and competed against a number of teams from several other schools. This year, participants included girls from as far away as Nelson and Cheviot as well as other Christchurch schools. The day is designed to encourage girls to study this interesting subject.

The girls were taught to write code to animate their characters in a language called Alice. No previous experience was required, as Alice is very easy to learn and to use. They were also treated to talks done by video from the “Made in Code” series on YouTube, and shown some Computer Science concepts. They then had to perform three programming challenges on which they were judged.

This year Lincoln High achieved a Bronze medal! All our students enjoyed the day tremendously and know more now about the opportunities for coders in our modern world.

Next year we will take new teams of girls to participate in this challenge, so see Mrs Davey if you are in year 9, a girl and interested in taking part. You don't need to be doing Digital Technologies as a subject to take part.

Codeworx Competition

Jonathan Borrill was awarded highly commended for his project ‘Techno Gardening’ in the Codeworx Competition. Jonathan developed an automated plant watering system that calculates moisture levels in the soil and waters the plants accordingly. Jonathan has won a \$100 Westfield voucher. You can check out the winning submission on <http://www.codeworx.co.nz>

Ruth Davey

TIC Digital Technologies

Footloose

Don't forget that rehearsals start on the 9th and 10th December, during the AKO episodes for both juniors and seniors. We will be completing a large number of whole group scenes. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The Court Youth Company

The Court Youth Company is going to be auditioning senior students to join their company. For further details, visit: <https://courttheatre.org.nz/education/the-court-youth-company/>

Beyond The Camera

At last! You can do it! Be that director, producer, or actor that you've wanted to be. You can sing or dance in a real television studio. One that has all the lights, cameras and microphones you need to make a proper TV show. You can drive one of the cameras, manage the 28 channel sound board, present, vision switch, or even direct the live show.

Make a film, commercial, documentary, music video... Record your own band!

You will learn from people who work in the TV and film industry – taking you from understanding just a touch of how to make a TV and films, to producing your own live television show by the end of the week. Spend a whole week with students just like you, who love the thought of making movies, music videos, TV shows.

Beyond the Camera is for you, if you're over 13. Most BTC Beginners (we call it that) are at a New Zealand secondary school, but you don't have to be. We get teachers, we get older or younger students; we've had people from all over the world. You can come from anywhere!

For further information, please contact Franc Bol on 021 666 921, or email btc@stac.school.nz Visit www.beyondthecamera.org.nz

The SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

The Festival is an annual event that involves more than half the secondary schools in the country. During the Regional Festival, students engage with Shakespeare's plays by performing 5-minute and 15-minute excerpts from them with schools in their area. Schools from each region are then selected to go on to participate in the National Festival.

The Festival scope is wide as students act, direct, serve as crew, compose music, write essays; and create costumes, posters, static images and dvd covers for their performances. For further information, visit their site:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/humanities/about/otago077780.html>

Sandra McLean

HOD Drama

Kī-o-Rahi

Our Junior Students have been enjoying the weather and taking part in Kī-o-Rahi.

Kī-o-Rahi is a traditional Māori ball sport that is unique to Māori, that is fun to play and easy to learn. The game is based on myth of Rahi, who must overcome numerous obstacles and opponents which are represented in the game. Kī-o-Rahi is a great way for anyone and everyone to learn a bit of the Māori language, a bit about Māori mythology, and also to stay in shape!



Tihirangi Brightwell
TIC Te Reo Māori

Confucius Classroom Award.

At the recent end of year Confucius Classroom Lincoln High School was awarded the award of “Confucius Classroom of the year”.

This was a great honour and reflects the hard work and commitment to the teaching and learning of Mandarin in our community.

Mrs Terina Yee and our wonderful Mandarin Language Assistants work hard to make language learning engaging and fun. The learning of Mandarin is seen as a very important way our students can be “Asia Ready” as our trading opportunities with China increase. Congratulations to Rebecca Mingard, Charlotte Walker, Taylin Smith and Mandy Herman, who received awards .

Rachel Austen

Head of Learning Area: Languages

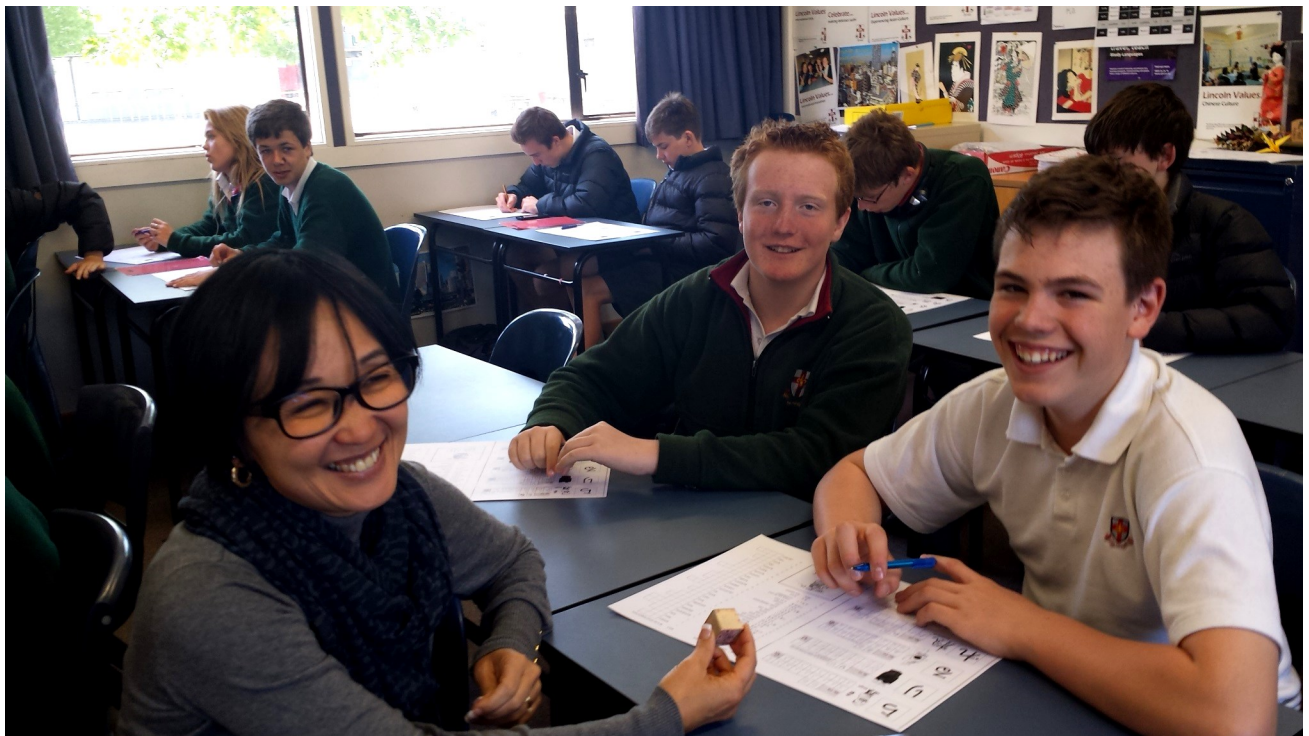


Japanese Language Assistant

We have been thrilled to have Mrs Yurie Tiltman working with the Junior Japanese classes.

During lessons we have been able to have small conversation groups and the opportunity to learn Japanese with a native speaker.

It has been wonderful to see students strengthening their language skills and gain confidence when engaging with people from Asia.



Rachel Austen

Head of Learning Area; Languages

As the end of the school year draws near we are making a concerted effort to collect all library books and English set texts that are on issue to students. Please ensure that any school books that your child may have are returned to the library.

An excellent way to encourage reading over the holidays is to make use of our school **eBook** collection. We are gradually building this collection and currently have approximately 440 titles to choose from.

eBooks can be downloaded from our platform anytime, anyplace. Our eBook facility works across a large range of devices and instructions are available for PCs, MACs, iPhones, iPads, iPod Touches, Kobo, eReaders, Sony eReaders and Android devices.

Here's how to borrow eBooks from our library:

- ◇ You'll need an Adobe ID from <https://www.adobe.com/cfusion/membership/index.cfm>
- ◇ Follow the instructions specific to your device at <http://lincoln.wheelers.co/help/guides>
- ◇ Browse the eBook titles available for loan at <http://lincoln.wheelers.co./browse>

OR, they can be accessed using the new **wheelers ePlatform app**.

Instructions on downloading an eBook using the new **ePlatform app** are as follows:

- ◇ Search for and download the **wheelers ePlatform app** from your app store
- ◇ Find our library (i.e. Lincoln High School) and log in using your school username and password
- ◇ Browse and borrow an eBook to read on your device

N.B. These instructions are also available on the Library homepage, via the school Portal.

Bronwyn Rickerby
Library Manager



Canterbury Volleyball results

The team was made up of four Year 10 and four Year 9 girls. They played in Division 2 at the Canterbury championships. They played seven games in the round robin stage, winning six. A great performance, as there were a number of Year 9 players in our team and they were playing against Year 10s. They beat STAC A and Rangiora New Life A along the way. The only loss was to Avonside Girls A. These three teams were the best volleyball teams from their schools. We played Avonside again in the final. Even though we pushed them really hard in the first set, losing 28-26, we were not quite good enough to win, so were placed 2nd.

Matthew Stevens

Teacher: Physical Education



Key Dates 2015

Term 4 : 2015	
Friday 4 December	NCEA exams end Y13 Graduation Ceremony
Monday 7 December	Year 9, 10 Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 December	AKO15
Friday 11 December	End of Term 4, buses will run at 11:45am
Term 1: 2016	
Monday 25 January	Course Counselling
Tuesday 26 January	Course Counselling
Wednesday 27 January	Course Counselling
Thursday 28 January	Teacher Only Day, Orientation for new International students
Friday 29 January	Teacher Only Day, Orientation for new International students
Monday 1 February	Year 9, Mihi whakatau, new Year 10 -13 Orientation
Tuesday 2 February	Year 9 (whole day)
Wednesday 3 February	Year 9, 10 and 11 (whole day)
Thursday 4 February	Year 9, 10 and 11 (whole day) Year 12 - period 1 and 2 only (8:45 am- 10:45 am) Year 13 - period 3 and 4 only (11:15 am - 1:15 pm)
Friday 5 February	Full School (Athletics Day)
Monday 8 February	Waitangi Day
Wednesday 17 February	Townsport Starts
Thursday 3 March	Academic Awards Ceremony
Friday 25 March	Good Friday
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 March	Easter Tuesday
Friday 15 April	End of Term 1