

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to 2024 and I hope that you and your whānau have had an enjoyable break. We started the year with 1402 domestic students and 31 International students. This is over 30 students more than at the same time in 2023.

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**New principal – Adrian Fastier**

From Ben Olijkan

Acting Presiding Member

Following the announcement of Kathy Paterson's retirement at the end of Term one this year, the Lincoln High School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Adrian Fastier as Lincoln High School's next Principal.

Adrian brings with him significant educational knowledge and experience, and since 2019 he has been a Deputy Principal at Cashmere High School. During his time at Cashmere, the school saw significant increases in student numbers, large-scale building re-development, and both outstanding academic and co-curricular achievement. In addition, Adrian has an extensive academic research background including a Master's Degree in the effective use of educational technologies and leadership, and is in the final stages of his doctorate focusing on supporting teachers to deliver best-practice teaching methods.

Adrian is passionate about delivering an outstanding all-around education that fosters not only academic excellence but also the values and skills required to succeed and lead beyond the school gates. This includes an intentionally crafted academic program, outstanding sporting and performing arts opportunities, cultural competence, the development of social and emotional skills, and giving back to the community through service. Adrian is a strong believer that a key driver in achieving these outcomes is a positive and aspirational school culture, in which students are supported, acknowledged, and challenged to continue their learning and take pride in their school.

Outside of education, Adrian has a strong family and community focus. Living at the base of the Port Hills with his wife Lorna and their two children, they enjoy trail running, tramping, skiing and mountain biking. With their most recent adventure being tramping the length of the south island via the Te Araroa Trail over the summer break.

Adrian will begin as Principal of Lincoln High School at the beginning of Term Two.

### **Year 9 Linc Teacher Meetings**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January we officially welcomed our 310 Year 9 students to Lincoln High School, and they spent the first week getting to know their way around school, meet their teachers and learn more about our kura. An opportunity for our Year 9 whānau to meet their student/s Linc Teacher will take place on Monday 12th February commencing at 5pm here at school in the hall.

### **Literacy**

In Term 4, 2023, we introduced Literacy Starters with Year 9-10 classes to work on basic literacy skills. The students responded well to the trial, so we are continuing with these starters at the start of period 1 in all junior classes this year.

### **NCEA Results (2023)**

We were very pleased with our provisional results – after a small amount of intervention we expect to have the following levels of achievement for Level 2 and 3.

	<b>2023 Provisional data</b>	<b>2023 Endorsement rates</b>
Level 2	96%	39%
Level 3	88%	32%

### **School policies, Phones & Non-Uniform items**

LHS has been using SchoolDocs for its policies since late in 2023.

Our SchoolDocs site (URL) is <https://lincoln.schooldocs.co.nz> with a username **lincoln** and password: **boundary**

In Term 4, 2023, we implemented a new cellphone policy which you can find on our SchoolDocs site. Students must keep their cellphone out of sight in their bags from 8:15am – 3pm each day. Whānau can approach the Head of Level if they wish to discuss this further. We were very pleased with the increased engagement in learning, the higher level of activity on the field at break times and the general behaviour of students.

If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- The device should be kept turned off and out of sight in the student's bag until the end of the school day.
- Students are not permitted to wear headphones.
- If personal digital devices are used for a learning activity, this is at the discretion of the teacher, and their use is supervised by school staff.

If a student is seen with a device from 8.15 am to 3 pm, the student is required to hand it in to the school office when asked. For the first occurrence, the student collects the device from the senior leadership team after the bell at the end of the day has gone. For the second occurrence, a parent/caregiver needs to collect the device from the senior leadership team. The third and ongoing breaches are a behaviour management issue. The senior leadership team contact the parents/caregivers to arrange a meeting and collect the device. Breaches are tracked using our student management system. (see SchoolDocs for further details of our ***Cellphone and Other Personal Digital Devices Policy***)

In 2024, we are using the same approach for handing in phones that are seen at school, for non-uniform items.

1. First occurrence: Students will be asked to take the non-uniform item to the office and it will be returned at the end of the day.
2. Second occurrence: A parent/caregiver will need to collect the item.
3. Third (or more) occurrence: A member of the senior leadership will contact the parents/caregivers to arrange a meeting and collect the item.

### **Year 11-13 Diploma**

Attendance is a very important part of students being engaged in their learning. Our diplomas in the senior school require a 97% attendance rate which is attainable by students who regularly attend or have justified reasons for their absence. Please note that holidays overseas during term time are considered explained by unjustified absences and will count against the student's attendance percentage. Your Year Level Team will send you further information on the LHS Diploma. Please let the school know if your young person is going to be away.

### **Athletics Sports**

We will have our annual Athletic Sports Day on 22 February with a backup day (23<sup>rd</sup> February). This is a great day for students to immerse themselves in House Spirit. No classes will run on this day.

## Term 2 – Teacher Only Day's

We have been notified that all schools are to hold a Ministry of Education Teacher Only day within certain dates in Term 2 in preparation for the latest NCEA changes. LHS will have this teacher only day Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## Building progress

Unfortunately, at the end of 2023, we were informed that the Stage 1 rebuild of the Admin and Science Block had come in over the financial threshold permissible to proceed. The project has been split into two parts with the Science block still in progress but needing some changes due to being over budget. It is anticipated that the Science block is signed off to proceed before the end of Term 1. Enabling work was completed at the end of January to remove the concrete slab where J block stood in preparation for Stage 1. I have not been able to get any further update from the Ministry regarding the Admin block.

## Term 1 Important dates

12 February	Year 9 Whanau Meeting 5pm	Normal School Day
21 February	Year 12 (2023) Prizegiving 6:30pm Gym 3	Normal School Day
22 February	Athletics Sports (whole School)	No normal classes
12 March	Swimming Sports (Optional)	Normal school Day
21 March	Professional Learning for Staff	Wednesday Bell times
29 March	Good Friday	School Closed
1 April	Easter Monday	School Closed
2 April	Easter Tuesday	School Closed
4 April	Whanau/Kaiako Interviews 3-7pm	Wednesday Bell times
10 April	Whanau/Kaiako Interviews 3-7pm	Wednesday Bell times
12 April	End of term 1	Normal School Day

Kia pai te mutunga wiki – have a good weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Kathy Paterson

Principal