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## Lichfield Community Newsletter

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### Week 2 Term 1

Monday, 12th February 2024

#### Nau Mai Haere Mai

Welcome back to Lichfield School for 2024, I hope you all had a safe and happy summer break with friends and family. I would like to say a huge welcome to all of our new families that have just joined us in 2024, we look forward to supporting your child's learning journey throughout the year and celebrating their many successes.

You maybe aware of the recent Government mandate regarding mobile phones in schools- Phones away all day! Therefore student phones should be left at home or handed into the office before school to be locked up and ready for pick up at the end of the school day.

**Whakahokia te wara raa, ako mai** - Put the phone away, pay attention! A copy of our draft policy will be attached for consultation, please fill in the slip attached and return it to school to have your say. You may also be aware of the Government's focus on attendance because **Everyday Matters**. The Ministry of Education considers 90% and above attendance as "Regular". This allows for illness as a justified reason for being absent. In response to the Government's focus schools in the South Waikato now have several different agencies that can support your child's attendance.

As a parent you play a big role in helping your child do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they are sick. Please follow this QR code to find out more:



The teachers have an exciting term 1 planned. To start off, we have our Back to School BBQ to support our relationships first approach with lots of fun activities to strengthen connections, build community and **whanaungatanga** - shared experiences. We also have our school swimming sports and interschool swimming sports.

**Me tirohia whakama e maatou ki ngaa angitu maha o ngaa aakonga taihohi i teenei tau** - We look forward to the many successes of our young students this year.

**Hei konei ra**  
Whaea Karen

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#### Notable Quotes:

*"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."*

Oscar Wilde

*"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."*

Thomas A. Edison

*"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.."*

Abraham Lincoln

### Maths at Home

Fill in the missing numbers to complete the pattern:

, 6.60, 6.70, 6.80, , 7.00

Last issue's answer: 2000

Courtesy of: [nz.ixl.com](http://nz.ixl.com)

### Lichfield School Attendance Rate tracker (year to date)



92.96% of students have attendance rates of greater than 90%

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# My Summer Holiday Snapshots

By Room 3

**My Summer Holiday Snapshots**

Where I went...  
 beach  
 Na hua waiwai  
 waipahi  
 moana  
 Who I saw...  
 Kōwhiri  
 Kōwhiri  
 Kōwhiri

Games I played...  
 haka  
 Paid the way

Things I ate...  
 Mānuka oos  
 Būhū  
 COLIF  
 Our last day...  
 SIFVA

By April

**My Summer Holiday Snapshots**

Where I went...  
 I went to Whangāhau  
 and we were  
 was bone  
 and we went  
 to the maori  
 Who I saw...  
 I saw Floy  
 and I saw  
 Kyrle  
 and I saw  
 my nana and  
 my granddad

Games I played...  
 I played on  
 the iPad  
 and we played  
 SOPS

Things I ate...  
 a cokit bar  
 and a Swag  
 and a pak of  
 COPS  
 Our last day...  
 I played  
 Day

By Amelia P

# Term Dates 2024

## Term 1

Wednesday, 7th February - Friday, 12th April

Public Holidays:

Easter Friday, 29th March

Good Monday, 1st April

Easter Tuesday, 2nd April

## Term 2

Monday, 29th April - Friday, 5th July

Teachers Only Day:

Monday, 27th May

Public Holidays:

King's Birthday, Monday 3rd June

Matariki, Friday 28th June

## Term 3

Monday, 22nd July - Friday, 27th September

## Term 4

Monday, 14th October - Friday, 20th December

Teachers Only Day:

Friday, 15th November

Public Holidays:

Labour Day, Monday 28th October

## My Summer Holiday Snapshots

Where I went...  
 whinga  
 maunga  
 maunga  
 Who I saw...  
 maunga  
 maunga

Games I played...  
 Fun Fong  
 maunga

Things I ate...  
 ice cream  
 maunga  
 Our last day...  
 maunga  
 to get cakes

By Matilda

## My Summer Holiday Snapshots

Where I went...  
 splash  
 Who I saw...  
 I saw heeta  
 maunga

Games I played...  
 I played  
 maunga  
 maunga

Things I ate...  
 I ate  
 maunga  
 Our last day...  
 I went to the  
 maunga

By Caitlin

## What's On

### Regular School Events

Wheels Day: Wednesday's

Bible in Schools: Friday 10:55am

House Time: Friday 11:45am

Assembly (All welcome): Bi-weekly Friday 2:15pm

Sausage Sizzle: Friday

### February

Thursday 15th

Back to School BBQ

Meet the Teachers! 5-7pm

Tuesday 20th

Board Meeting - 6.30pm

Friday 23rd

LSSG Meeting - 1.35pm

### Nga Kupu o te Wiki

Ko te reo he taonga

Here's this week's kupu to

learn with your children:

### maumahara(tia)

- remember

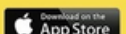
Kāore au i te maumahara ki te wā o te pahi tuatahi.

I can't remember the time of the first bus.

# A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!



DOWNLOAD OUR SKOOL LOOP APP TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024.



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# Welcome to our new Students

Max Williams, Te Ārahi Walker, Jackson Redelinghuys and Ella Bellew have all joined us in Room 1.  
Mia Henderson has joined Room 2 and Maia Robinson-Akkersma has joined Room 5.



Max is happy to be at school with his brother. He enjoys drawing in the classroom and playing on the swings at breaktimes.



Te Ārahi likes school and that he is finally back with his best friend Jacob. They like to play in the playground together and run back to class when the bell rings. Te Ārahi also likes playing with the toy.



Jax likes doing lots of things in his classroom including writing, drawing pictures and playing with the lego. He mostly plays on the swings during breaktimes and is loving his time in the pool!



Mia is enjoying being at Lichfield School with her cousin Bodhi. They play on the big field together during break times. Mia is really enjoying making rainbow fish in her classroom.



Maia is happy to be at Lichfield School and she has made lots of friends already. She likes to play with them around the big tree during the breaks. Maia also loves to write.

Ella has joined us in Room 1. Ella has already made friends and likes to play with them, especially Georgie. Ella also loves to draw.

*A big Lichfield welcome to you all and your families, we hope you enjoy your time at Lichfield School.*



## Putaruru Scout Group

Putaruru Scout Hall - Park Ave, Putaruru.

*Enrol today!*

A great opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and have lots of fun!

New leaders and new committee members are also welcome to join our fabulous team!

**Keas:** 5-8 Years, Wednesdays 6.30pm-8pm  
**Cubs:** 8-11 Years, Wednesdays 6.30pm-8pm  
**Scouts:** 11-14 Years, Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm

Phone Lady Jane on 027 287 6746 for more information.

### Lichfield School Support Group

The LSSG is a group of dedicated parents who run fundraising and community building events throughout the year. New members are welcome, so come along to our next meeting or offer to help out at our next fun event.

Our first meeting will be held on **Friday, 23rd February** at 1.35pm in the school hall.

All welcome.

email: [lssg@lichfield.school.nz](mailto:lssg@lichfield.school.nz)

### Lichfield School Board of Trustees

The Lichfield School Board welcomes back all teachers, students, parents/caregivers, whanau, as well as all of our new families joining us. Our first Board Meeting of the Year will be held on **Tuesday, 20th February** at 6.30pm in the school staffroom.

*The Lichfield Board trustees are: Rodney De Vorms, Vanessa Macneil, Thomas Scheres, Jonathan Cole, Ida Cloete and Karen Care.*

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Kia ora from Karen, Shona, Kirsty, Ashleigh, Olivia, Ida, Jess, Kim, Shiree, Dianne, Andrea,  
Kightley and Rick.



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Phone 883 6816

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

You may be aware that the Government has introduced a mandatory cell phone policy in all schools across the Motu. We have adapted a policy provided by the Ministry of Education to suit our unique context, and would like to invite you to provide feedback or suggestions. Once you have read the DRAFT policy please use the QR code to complete the community consultation survey or fill out the form below and return it to the office.



### Rationale

International research indicates some key challenges with cellphones at school such as being a major distraction for our students. These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying. Our approach is “**away for the day**”, meaning the device should be **turned off, and handed in to the office before 8.45am to be locked away during the school day.**

We strongly recommend students do not bring these devices to school with them. If a student does bring their cellphone for emergency contact or health reasons, it must be handed to the office to be locked away.

It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cellphone onto the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cellphone.

We understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school, cellphones will be available for students after 2.45pm. If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the front office.

### Health and emergency situations

Students with additional learning needs who use cellphones in class to increase or improve their ability to participate and learn will be granted an exemption. In matters related to a

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student's immediate health and safety concerns, a parent or caregiver can apply at any time to the principal for a period of exemption (e.g. medical conditions or protection issues).

**Education outside the classroom (EOTC)**

Whilst on school trips, phones should be switched off and placed in their bags. Permission may be sought to use the camera, but other mobile features should not be accessed.

**Inappropriate usage**

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately or without permission during the school day, we will confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day by a parent or guardian.

Breaches of the cellphone rules include (but not limited to):

- using the device when not permitted
- any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

If a student makes the decision to inappropriately use a cellphone multiple times in a week the cellphone will be confiscated and can only be retrieved by a parent or caregiver following a discussion with the classroom teacher.

**Please note** with all exemptions and exceptions appropriate usage guidelines and other relevant school rules still apply.

Kind regards  
Karen Care  
Principal

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I have read the DRAFT Lichfield School cell phone policy YES/NO

My child/ren regularly bring their phones to school YES/NO

I would like to suggest:

Signed: