Kaihautu Korero Week 3 Term 4 2026

Important Dates

Agricultural Club Group Day at Tai Tapu School – Wednesday 4th November

Lincoln Zone Athletics – Friday 6th November

Weka Camp – Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November

Anniversary Day – Friday 13th November

Prize Giving – Wednesday 16th December

Ham Night – Thursday 17th December

Term 4 Ends – Friday 18th December



E roroku ana te raumati, e oho ana te ngākau

When summer is at its peak, the heart is awakened

As the weather begins to change and we begin to feel the first hints of Summer, it is worth reflecting on how the seasons flow throughout the year. The Summer heat gives way to the bracing cold of Winter and the shoulder seasons of Autumn and Spring provide a little of each. While we might not enjoy all of a particular season, we learn to adapt to these changes to get the best out of them.

Right now there is a seasonal change occurring in our National Curriculum. There is lots being discussed about the importance of an explicit curriculum and a nationally consistent one. Schools are being flooded with news about the changes and the expectations. Some of them seem good while others will be judged once they are fully embedded.

What we all need to do though, is to reflect on the importance of our children and their learning. Some of this learning will happen by watching a PowerPoint on the Ching Dynasty or learning the different landscapes that are found in Australia (actual indicators in the refreshed Social Science curriculum) but much learning will happen while taking part in athletics sports or learning to look after an animal. No one element

will. Ake a child's life richer, but by removing the richness we will not make a better child.

The whakatauki above is not just about Summer (though many of us will be looking forward to jandals at the beach, barbeques with our families and a few weeks of relaxation) it is about enjoying the different seasons of our lives and making the most of them.

The refreshed curriculum speaks nothing of trips outside school, of the fun of being with our friends in a running or sack race or building a bottle rocket with our parents to see if we can get it to land on Barnes Road. If we read it in its entirety (as there are 8 curriculum areas – English, Maths, Social Science, Science, Learning Languages, The Arts, Heath and PE, Technology) there is not much space left for those other things that bring richness to our children's school life. As a teacher and a learner, it can make one a little sad.



So it is that ,as a school ,we need to continue to find the Summer moments in the lives of our children. Pet Day, talent quests, sports days and all the other things that make learning a pursuit worth following. Because, not everything can be learned in a classroom and not everything learned in a classroom is worthwhile.

Our role is to make school a worthwhile place to learn and grow. Bring on the Summer.

Assemblies this Term

Assemblies for this term will be in the Ladbrooks Hall starting at 2.15 –

3 November

17 November

1 December

Everyone is welcome to come along to these assemblies.

PALS

PALS are an important part of the success of our school. Their often unnoticed work in organising events like the quiz night, providing the Friday lunches, running events like the Sound of Thunder, garden tour and the sunflowers, mean our children are supported in ways that they wouldn't be without the work of people in this group.

If you think that working with PALS might be for you, have a chat to Sean and he can help you to make contact with the right people to help you.

Congratulations Tash



Tash has worked at Ladbrooks School for several years in a variety of capacities. We are pleased to announce that she has accepted a position as a full time, permanent member of our staff.

Sam continues at our school in a fixed term role for 2027. Gemma and Shelley are returning in part time roles for 2027 as they return from maternity leave.

Teachers for 2027

Now that staffing has been finalised, we can let you know how staffing will look for next year.

Weka – Amy Year 0&1

Tuatara – Year 2

Term 1 Shelley and Anne

Term 2 onwards Shelley and Gemma

Kakapo – Sam Year 3

Toroa – Ali Year 4

Kowhai – Tash Year 5&6

Pirita – Sarah Year 7&8



Athletics

It was a great day at Brookside Park and Broadfield School last week for our annual athletics days. 95% of our children attended which is an amazing effort. We have 35 children who have qualified for the Lincoln Zone athletics sports at Nga Puna Wai next week. We wish them all the best.

A big thank you to the parents who support these events.

Anniversary Day

Over the past few years, the staff have had a teacher only day on the Thursday before Anniversary Day. This will not be occurring this year.



As a result, the Thursday will be a regular school day. If you choose to take your children out of school on this day for an extended weekend, it will be counted as an unjustified absence in line with the Ministry of Education official guidance.

Farewell Dot



Dot leaves our school today after tremendous service to our school over many years. We wish her all the best in her retirement and thank her for everything she has done.

Pet Day

While Pet Day wasn't as busy as usual due to the weather, we managed to get some of our regular events completed. Thanks to everyone who turned up and bought food from PALS.

Board Meeting

The School Board are holding their regular meeting at 6pm at the Lincoln Events Centre on Monday 2nd November.

Selwyn Responsible Business Award

Our school has been nominated in the Selwyn Responsible Business Award. Tonight, at the event we will find out how we went as a school who uses sustainable practices in our day to day activities.

PAT Testing

Week 5 of this term will see PAT testing for our Year 3 to 8 children. Once they are completed you are welcome to speak to your child's teacher about the results. Please be aware they are one test on one particular day and not the complete picture of your child's learning. In fact their purpose is to help teachers to understand a little more about the learners they work with.

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Sean