

# WEEK 1, TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

## Notices:

### 2023 Term Dates:

**Term 1:** 7th February to 6th April

**Term 2:** 26th April to 30th June

**Term 3:** 17th July to 22 September

**Term 4:** 9th October to 20th Dec

**School closed for the following dates:**

*Teacher Only Day 24th April (day 1 of 2 days from the MoE to train for the NZ Curriculum Refresh, 2nd day tbc)*

*Anzac Day 25th April*

*Kings birthday 5th June*

*Labour Day 23rd October*

*Teacher Only Day 20th November*

### Upcoming events:

#### February

12th - 16th Bikewise

17th Limehills Triathlon

24th CSC Triathlon

#### March

7th Athletics at Dipton School

9th Athletics postponement

15th Central Athletics

22nd Southland Kids Lit Quiz

23rd Steel Netball visiting

25th Southland Athletics

#### April

6th End of Term Assembly

**Absences:** If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please notify the school office by 9am. For coding purposes, we need to know why they are away from school.

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to all of our new students and whānau beginning their journey here with us. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mihi Whakatau on Tuesday and welcoming our new staff & students. What a great way to start the year.

We warmly welcome Annaretta Davids, Georgia Kelly and Kirsty Rodger onto the teaching staff. We are very fortunate to have them join the Limehills teaching team! Annaretta is teaching in room 2 and Georgia is teaching room 5 tamariki in the hall. Kirsty who will be teaching in room 7. Thank you to Ange Frazer for returning to Limehills in a full time teaching capacity for this term! Welcome to Julie Hall and Leticia Frew who are our new admin team in the office! If you see the new Limehills staff, please introduce yourself. (from left to right - Annaretta, Kirsty, Leticia, Georgia & Julie)



Limehills in 2023 is a donation free school. What that means for you as a whānau is there will be no request for a school donation / fees for the school year. The only charges from Limehills School in 2023 will be for School camps, any extra curricular sports outside of school hours or goods that you choose to purchase. These will be put on your School Kindo account.. This is the first year we have been eligible for the school donation scheme. Due to schools moving away from the Decile system to an Equity Index number instead.

Our staff had 2 staff only days last week where we had an opportunity to come together, have fun, take part in new learning and prepare ourselves to be the very best that we can be for the year ahead! We focused on Team Building and Professional Learning Development around the MiTey programme from Belinda Brown. We are continuing with the MiTey Wellbeing programme for our tamariki. The MiTey team will be in school this term, upskilling our teachers. Thank you to all of the staff for all of their mahi and

## Principal Certificates:

### Awarded for Excellent Leadership

- Angus Collie
- Flynn Roskam

### Awarded for Respect

- Harper Collins Mann
- Manawa Wilson

## House Captains

We would like to formally announce our House Captains. These students will be leading their houses.

### **Oreti:**

- George Howard
- Sienna Saunders

### **South Hillend:**

- Kate Pulley
- Emily Newell

### **Otapiri:**

- Angus Collie
- Ferguson Hammond

### **Kauana:**

- Marika O'Brien
- Flynn Roskam

## **2023 Buses**

Thank you to all the whanau who have updated the office ladies of their child's travel arrangements this term. If you haven't been in touch please call or email [office@limehills.school.nz](mailto:office@limehills.school.nz)

Each bus line is supervised by a teacher, children are expected to line up wearing their hi-vis vest, then they will be escorted onto the bus. Whaea Kat or one of the team leaders will be at the gate farewelling the students.

preparation over the holidays. A massive thank you to Trev & Linda Caldwell, Hunter & his son for all of their hard work, and effort they put into preparing the school grounds, it is very much appreciated! A special thank you to Chris Brand for pruning our trees and chopping 1 down, especially on such a hot day!

Our 5 YA Building project continues from last year. We are working in phase 4 at the moment where the ramp and extension of outside the juniors is being worked on. Our library area is under renovation in room 9. Gravel is being placed to form the pathways and asphalt area near the new mai mai. Room 5 & 6 is currently empty as work starts to get underway on the breakout space. This means rooms 5 & 6 are temporarily in the hall. For the first few weeks there will be no assemblies, as they fall on triathlon days. We will update you with the progress throughout the term.

Please remember to keep sending your tamariki with their sun hats, water bottles & swimming togs if your child is swimming. We are looking forward to the great weather continuing to shine and the children being outside and enjoying what we have left of summer! Any students that do not have hats will be expected to play under the shade trees at the front of the school.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Kat  
Tumuaki (Principal)

**SchoolDocs** [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) login: **limehills** password is **rippers** This allows you to access school policies and procedures and make any suggested edits to the policies and procedures of Limehills school. At the start of each term there is an opportunity to review set school policies. If you would like some help showing you how SchoolDocs works please get in touch with Kat. **Review Topics Term 1**

- Legislation and Administration Policy (board)
- Student Attendance
- Enrolment
- Privacy (board)
- Official Information Requests (board)
- Uniform / Dress Code

## School day timetable

**All the tamariki will be sitting together as a whole school enjoying their morning tea & lunch. Whilst the weather is dry.**

**This gives the students the opportunity to sit together alongside their big & little**

**Parent pick ups**

All children being picked up, will be waiting under the sandpit by 3pm, please collect the children from the sandpit. These children will be supervised by a teacher. If your child has not been collected by 3:15pm the office will contact you and your child will be waiting by the office.


**Limehills Netball Club AGM**

**Tuesday 21 February  
7:00pm**

Top Pub Private Lounge.  
All old and new members are most welcome.  
Any queries to our Facebook page.

## Limehills School 150th Jubilee

**SAVE the DATE  
3 - 5 November**

Register your interest on Facebook Events.  
Registration details to follow.

9.00-9.15	Roll - Notices - Karakia - Greetings - Waiata
9.15-10.00	Learning Block 1:
10.00-10.10	Brain Break
10.10-11.00	Learning Block 2:
11.00-11.20	20 min Active break
11.20-11.30	Morning tea / Kai
11.30-12.30	Learning Block 3:
12.30-1.15	45 min Active break
1.15-1.30	Lunch / Kai
1.30-2.50	Learning Block 4:
2.50-3.00	Notices / Bus Book

**buddies and get to know each other.**

### Complaints or concerns - our policy is online at [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

#### Discuss with your child's teacher

If there is an issue please contact your child's teacher. You can do this via Seesaw, or emailing your child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss the matter.

#### Discuss with your child's team leader

If your child's teacher has not been able to resolve the issue, please contact your child's team leader:

Junior Team Leader Taylor Anderson [taylor@limehills.school.nz](mailto:taylor@limehills.school.nz)

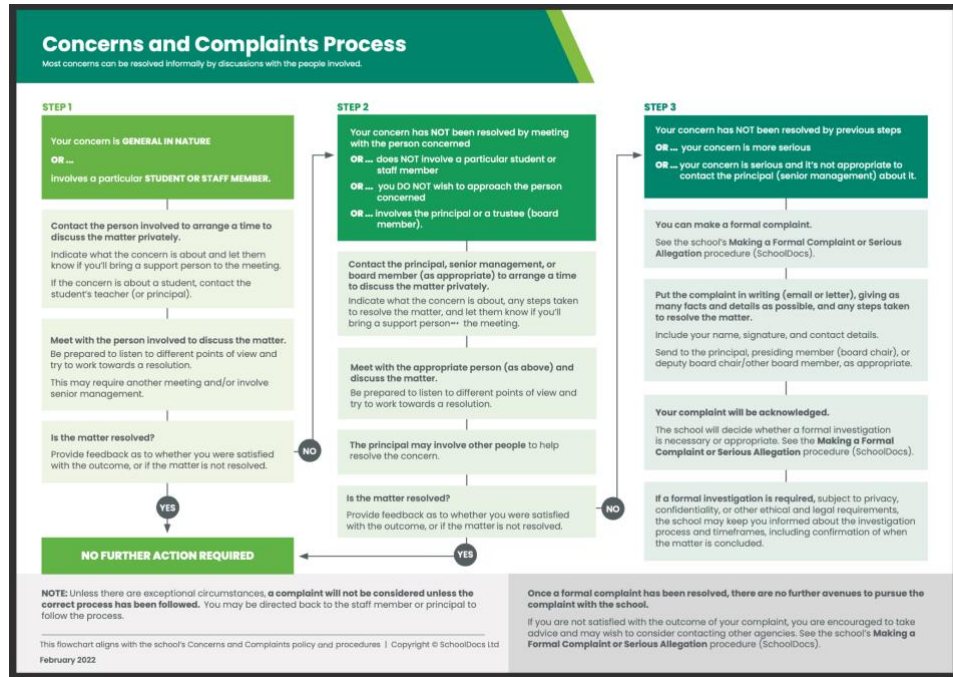
Senior Team Leader: Hunter Murray [hunterm@limehills.school.nz](mailto:hunterm@limehills.school.nz)

#### Discuss with the Principal

If neither the child's teacher nor the team leader has been able to resolve the issue, please contact the principal either by calling the office or if it is urgent call 027 518 4894 to speak to the principal or make an appointment, or contact via email [principal@limehills.school.nz](mailto:principal@limehills.school.nz)

#### Discuss with the Presiding Member

If neither the teacher, team leader or the principal has been able to resolve the issue you have raised please contact the Presiding Member Chris Cairns on the Board at [presidingmember@limehills.school.nz](mailto:presidingmember@limehills.school.nz) or 027 579 6287



### Paid Union Meetings for Teachers & Principal

This year the Teachers & Principal Collective Agreement is up for renewal, this happens every 3 years. All teachers & Kat will be attending Paid Union Meetings during the school day this term. These meetings are important as they help form the next steps of our negotiations with the government.

In Term 4 these meetings were split at different times and locations. We were able to keep the school open as we had the staff ratio to do so. I will update you next week with further information on how/if this impacts school opening times.

We appreciate your ongoing support.