

# WEEK 2, TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

## Notices:

### 2024 Term Dates

**Term 1:** 7th Feb - 12th April

**Term 2:** 29th April - 5th July

**Term 3:** 22nd July - 27 Sep

**Term 4:** 14th Oct - 20th Dec

**School is closed for the following dates:**

**Teacher only day 31st May**

*King's birthday, 3rd June*

*Matariki, 28th June*

*Labour Day, 28th October*

**Teacher Only Day 8th Nov** (day 2 changed due to teachers at camp)

### Upcoming events

#### May

10th Westpac Chopper Visit

13th Firewise, Rm 1 & Rm 2

16th Indoor Bowls, Yr 7-8

19th Southland Swim Champs

23rd Cross Country

25th Social Science Open at

Working Mens Club, Invercargill

27th Cross Country Postponement

28th Oreti River Trip, Rm 4 & Rm 5

30th Central Cross Country

31st Teacher Only day - School

Closed

#### June

4th -7th Young Leaders Camp, Yr 8

4th Oreti River Trip, Rm 4 & Rm 5

Postponement

14th Southland Cross Country

17th BoT Meeting, 7pm

18th Southland Cross Country

Postponement

19th School Photos

20th Central Cup, ILT Stadium

26th Young Einstein Quiz, Yr 5-8

27th Show & Glow - Matariki at

School

27th Nga Putake Korero - ILT

Stadium

#### July

5th End of Term 2

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term 2! We are fortunate our new boiler is heating the school extremely well just as the weather has turned. If you could pack a change of clothes for the students so they can layer up after break and lunchtime or change clothes if they have got really muddy on the field, that would be appreciated. Please ensure the students have suitable footwear to run in, as they are practising for the upcoming Cross Country. They can change back into their crocs afterwards which are very popular with our tamariki!

Thank you for the positive feedback around the Hero app. I am pleased it is working well for you. Using Hero allows multiple options that can enhance and share further information between home and school. In previous years at the end of Term 2 and Term 4, a written report for your child/ren's progress across school came home. I would like to get your feedback regarding this approach because now we have Hero, school reporting can be done in different ways:

- It can be done traditionally with a written report in Term 2 and Term 4; or
- We can use Hero to report regular progress for subject areas; Reading, Writing and Mathematics, curriculum and key competencies across the year without the written reports; or
- A combination of Hero reporting regular progress and a final end of year written report.

So I can gather your feedback. Please complete the short survey at this [Google Form link](#). I would appreciate your response before Friday 17th May 2024. I will then consider your feedback, alongside the teachers' feedback, in shaping how school reporting is done in the future at Limehills School.

Ngā manaakitanga,

*Whaea Kat*

Tumuaki (Principal)

**Police Vetting Service** - This is a reminder to ensure you have applied for a PVS check if you would like to volunteer and help at school or school camp. This process can take a few months. We have no control over the length of time this takes as it is an external service. Forms can be collected at the school office. When you return your forms to the office please bring your Primary I.D with you. There is a small cost for this service, which unfortunately we do need to pass onto you.

### Westpac Chopper Appeal Bike Ride!

The event is taking place tomorrow, 10th May, and it's all about raising funds for our local rescue helicopter services.

The cyclists will be making their way from Queenstown to Invercargill and they'll be stopping for a lunch break at Limehills School along the way. The cyclists and the rescue helicopter are expected to arrive at around 12:30 pm, and we invite the Limehills Community to join us in supporting and meeting the riders. It is going to be an incredible day, and we kindly ask that you bring a gold coin donation tomorrow. All funds raised from the chopper appeal will go to the local rescue helicopter trusts, making it a great cause to support. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Limehills School tomorrow.



**Remember**

Send your tamariki with spare clothes as the weather can turn, our tamariki will need warm dry clothes after play.

**NEWSLETTER**

The content will be shown on the community feed on Hero. If you would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with your eldest child, can you please let the office know and we can arrange this for you.

**Assemblies Schedule**

- 10th May - No Assembly
- 17th May - Rm 1 & 3
- 24th May - Rm 8
- 7th Jun - Rm 6
- 14th Jun - Rm 4
- 21st Jun - Rm 5
- 28th Jun - No Assembly
- 5th Jul - End of Term, RIPPERS

**Absences**

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

**Buses**

Thank you to all the whanau who have updated the office on 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)

**BE SEEN .Wear Hi-Vis**

Please send your child to school with a hi-vis vest to ensure they are seen and safe with our busy bus & vehicle traffic!

**Sausage Sizzle**

"Friday Sausage Sizzle and Juicies" is back!  
 \$2 for Sausage  
 Remember to send your order along with the money and any taste preferences by Thursday of each week.

**Subway for lunch on Fridays**

Subway is delivered to school on Fridays, please order directly with Subway  
<https://accounts.subcard.co.nz/exp/ress/school/login>

**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 Hero, or emailing your child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss the matter.

Discuss with the Principal - Kat Thompson

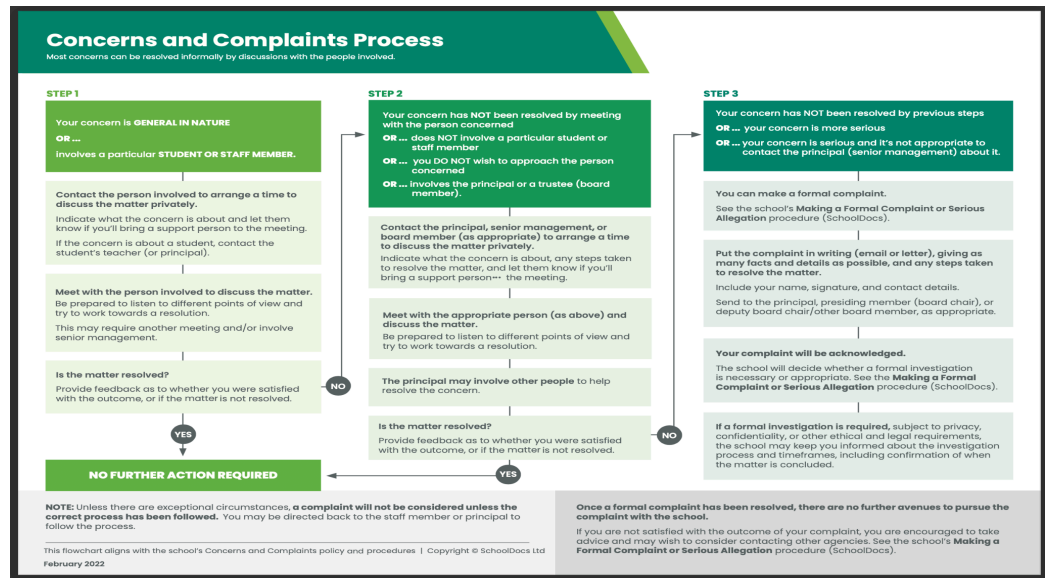
If the child's teacher has been unable to resolve the issue, please contact the principal either by calling the office or if it is urgent call 027 518 4894 to speak to the principal or make an appointment, or contact via email [principal@limehills.school.nz](mailto:principal@limehills.school.nz)

Discuss with the Limited Statutory Manager - Kate Keddell

If neither the teacher, or the principal has been able to resolve the issue you have raised please contact the Presiding Member Jared Collie on the Board at [lsm@limehills.school.nz](mailto:lsm@limehills.school.nz) or 021 024 15819

Discuss with the Presiding Member - Jared Collie

If your concern is governance related contact the Presiding Member on the Board at [presidingmember@limehills.school.nz](mailto:presidingmember@limehills.school.nz) or 027 295 9987



**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 2**

- Employer Responsibility Policy
- Appointment Procedure
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Classroom Release Time / Timetable

**Wool Needed**

If anyone happens to have any spare balls of wool lying around, we would be so grateful if you could donate them to the school. We promise to put them to good use!  
 Thank you so much!

**Glass Jars Needed**

If anyone has any spare glass jam jars for preserving that they no longer use, Room 8 would greatly appreciate it. We plan to use them for cooking relishes and sauces from the produce in our garden. Please ensure that the jars are cleaned and drop them off at the office.  
 Thank you.