



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 12 December 2018

Week 8, Term 4, 2018

Kia ora, ni hao, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste and greetings to everyone.

What a great year it has been with so much learning in a wide range of areas, physical, academic, social and cultural. Everyone has worked themselves to the bone and we are ready for a sunny break, some festive food, and lots of whanau time to do fun things without the routine of work and school. Take care and have a wonderful summer.

We farewell Carolyn from the office to a peaceful and relaxing retirement, Andy, Jennifer, Briar, and Carmel heading to new kura in 2019, and Christina who has supported the teaching programme in Ngaio this year. Thank you team for the hard mahi, the aroha, and the special magic you all brought to our kura. You will be missed.



Action at the swimming pool – Abdulbaasit dives in for his swimming lesson last Friday. Te Pihi students completed their ten swimming lessons with a flourish. Thank you to all whānau who were able to pop in last Thursday to see their child's lesson. Everyone has done really well, and one boy beaming to me on the last day proudly proclaiming, 'Mrs Arthur, I can swim.' This is a fellow who had trouble getting his head under at the start – one proud fellow and one proud teacher!

The big move

Yesterday the staff had quite a day. Juggling our students into our classrooms for 2019 has been quite an exercise. We have four junior classes, five middle classes, and five senior classes next year, so to accommodate the syndicates into logical 'communities' we have had a big move around.

Te Kokano, the junior syndicate will be clustered in Kawakawa, New Entrants with Esther Walker; Horopito, Year 1 with Fiona Schwarz; Miro Year 2 with Satvinder Bains; Kahikitea, Year 2, with Sally Chamley. Lynn Wallace will work with her groups in Toetoe.

Te Pihi, the middle syndicate of five Year 3 and 4 classes will be clustered in Pohutukawa, with Ruby Braam; Rata, with Chris Williams; Tawa, with Kylie O'Dea; Manuka, with Sarah Cooper; and Nikau, with Sandy Cole. Te Kohuri, the senior syndicate of five Year 5 and 6 classes will be clustered in Kowhai, with Emma Blake, Karaka, with Lizanie De Villiers, Rimu, with Andre Jaques, Puriri, with Kayle Riley, Kanuka, with Whaea Danielle.

We had a planned and synchronised move of all the teachers' resources, as well as some of the furniture, to fit the size of the students for 2019, yesterday – it was like poetry in motion!! Everyone had a task, and a special big thank you to the teachers who supervised students in the hall as the move was happening.

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We have some blue swivel chairs that are surplus to our needs. They are in excellent condition and need a new home. They are suitable for adults. Please see Robyn if you are interested in having one for a \$10 donation.



HARAKEKE PLANTING BY YEAR 6 LEAVERS

Every year, each Year 6 leaver plants a harakeke on the school bank. We are gradually 'greening' the school with these important symbols of students who have left.

Giovanni is off to intermediate next year and he proudly planted his harakeke as a memory for us all of his time at Newlands School.

Reminder about School Reports

End of year reports for students are now available from the Caregiver Portal. If you are new to the Caregiver Portal please contact Megan in the office to receive your sign in details. Further information on how to use the caregiver portal are on our website: <https://newlandsprimary.school.nz/parent-info/caregiver-portal/>

School Stationery for 2019

A separate email is being sent out today with details of Stationery costs for 2019. Newlands School orders stationery packs in bulk and once paid for, we send your child's stationery pack directly to their classroom.

School Picnic 2019 - An online information sheet and permission slip will be emailed out this week which has the details of our school picnic scheduled at the start of next year. Just click on the link included in the email to access this. Further details about our new online permission slip system is included in this newsletter.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

The following are the up and coming events for the next month.

- WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER**
YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER 5:45-8:00PM
- THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER**
YEAR 6 PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY @ 1 PM
- FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER**
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR YEAR @ 1 PM
- WEDNESDAY, 30TH JANUARY 2019**
SCHOOL STARTS FOR 2019 @ 8.55 AM
- TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY**
MEET THE TEACHER @ 6 PM
- WEDNESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY**
WAITANGI DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
- FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY**
SCHOOL PICNIC @ KHANDALLAH PARK

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COMMUNITY NOTICES For more details on notices detailed below, go [here](#) to our website.

Free Parenting Helpline	ASB Home Loan School Promo	T4 Health Newsletter	Khandallah Tennis Summer Pass
Newlands Intermediate Music Centre	Raroa Intermediate Music Centre	Northern United Hockey Club	Paua Art
Banana Boat OceanKids Series	Kiwi Tryathlon	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge	

Newlands School is now using an online permission slip system designed especially for schools by EdSmart. With the aim of making communication between school and home more streamlined, we have researched several options and are confident that the product offered by EdSmart will work well for our Newlands School community.

EdSmart is a digital system that replaces all those paper forms we used to send home for you to complete and return. You do not need to download any apps or remember extra passwords, registrations or logins.

Here's how it works:

Instead of paper forms coming home in your child's school bag, caregivers will be sent an email notification with a link to click that opens a secure web page version of the form to complete and submit. You can do this on your phone, tablet or computer at your convenience. All of the data you submit in the forms is held in a secure database only accessible to selected school staff. You will receive all the information you require about the event or activity with the online form, and also be provided with details of payment options, including a link directly to the caregiver portal for quick and easy payment when required.

What sorts of things will the online permission slip system be used for?

We will use the Edsmart online permission slip system whenever the school requires a response or permission from parents and caregivers. Examples of these are:

- Permission for student child to participate in a sports team
- Permission for student to attend a school or class trip
- To gather responses from parents with regards to their availability to help with school activities such as PMP, Road Patrol, reading programmes etc.
- To reconfirm contact details for caregivers of students.

What do parents & caregivers do to sign up to the Edsmart online permission slip system?

Absolutely nothing! Although now is a good time to check that we have your correct email contact. A good indicator of this is if you (or someone in your household) receive our weekly newsletter. The online permission slip system links directly into our main database of parent and student information, the same database our newsletters are sent to you from. We have many families for whom we only have one email contact, and that is fine. Where we have an email contact for each parent or caregiver, both will receive this information via a link sent to their email address.

And don't worry, you cannot send us duplicate information if both caregivers decide to complete the online permission slip. Whoever sends through the online permission slip response first is the data we will have on record. So for instance, if Dad is the first one to submit the online permission form for their child, the information dad has provided will be what we have on record. Then if Mum tries to submit the same online permission form that Dad has filled out several hours earlier, Mum will get a message to say that the form has already been submitted by Dad, and she will get a copy of what Dad completed on the form. This means Mum can double check what Dad has submitted, and correct any errors if need be!

What if my family doesn't have an email address?

The 2 or 3 families for which we don't have an email address will be provided with a paper copy of the online permission form.

You can learn more about EdSmart at <https://edsmart.com/parents> or pop into the school office and speak to Megan who can help you with any questions you have.