



# Newlands School

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## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Week 8, Term 1, 2019

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

**It is Happiness Day today and the school is a sea of colour and joy. The children are wearing clothes that make them happy, as are the staff. It was very tempting to stay in our pyjamas for many of us!! Thank you to all whanau who took the opportunity to donate a gold coin to support victims of the Mosque attacks. You raised an incredible \$807.70. Your generosity supported our day as we thought of making other people feel a little happier in the face of recent sadness.**



### Measles

There is a large and ongoing outbreak of measles in Christchurch, with 26 cases as at 14 March. Auckland and Dunedin now also have measles cases. While there are currently no reported cases in the greater Wellington region, people will move around NZ during the school holiday period of 13-28 April, which includes Easter (19 April—22 April), and ANZAC Day (25 April), and it is likely measles will spread. Regional Public Health have produced an information sheet and FAQs regarding measles for primary, intermediate and secondary schools. This can be found on our website under community information or [click here](#) to go directly to the publication. Also just released is an update regarding modified measles immunisation advice in light of current vaccine supplies. [Click here](#) to go directly to this publication.

### Reverse evacuation or Lock down procedures

We are having a school practice of lockdown procedures so every student understands the signal and what to do when they are in a safe place. The students will experience being in the class with the doors locked, the blinds down and devices off. They will talk with their teacher about the types of activities they can do to pass the time.

### Emergency Water Tanks from the Wellington City Council

Got your 200L emergency water tank yet? If not, you'll have a chance to buy one (or more) between **11.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 30 March**. Northern Ward councillors will be selling them for **\$110 each** outside **Newlands New World**. To ensure one is reserved for you, pre-order and pre-pay by emailing [malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz). Mention the name of this school in your email, and \$10 from each tank sale will be donated to this school.

## Newlands School Emergency Evacuation Practice Day Thursday 28 March

It is 18 months since Newlands School has practised a full school emergency evacuation and reunification of children with their parents and caregivers. We have many new whanau and families and we need to ensure that everyone knows and understands what the procedures are for a full school evacuation. A full school emergency practice means you will **receive a text notification that the school has had an emergency** and you, or a designated caregiver, needs to **sign your child out of the school** as soon as possible. It is always good to have **updated contact lists for your child** so that if you are unavailable you know someone else is able to sign for your child and take them home. **Every child is signed out of the school on an emergency practice, even if it is after the usual school finish time of 3 pm.** As you sign for your child, your child will be brought from the hall to be reunited with you or the designated caregiver. **The signing out area will be the Toetoe Room 12 veranda where there will be four people with school rolls ready to help you.** Lines do form so we ask for your patience as we follow the procedures to practice the reunification of families in an ordered and systematic way that ensures that everyone would be safe and accounted for if this was a real emergency.

### Paid NZEI meetings postponed

The teachers were all due at nationwide paid union meetings this week. We had organised the meeting attendance for our teachers so the children were not impacted and school was carrying on as usual. The meetings were postponed in light of the Christchurch attack and the need for all teachers across Aotearoa to keep schools and classrooms calm and routined for the next little while as the country grapples with feelings of grief and disbelief. We will let you know when these paid union meetings are rescheduled. The organisation will remain the same and the school will be open as usual.

### Three Way Goal Setting Interviews – booking your interview for Term 1

The interviews are taking place on **Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 April**. We have attached the information about booking your interviews to this newsletter. Tuesday will be the late night, with Thursday finishing earlier. It is quick and easy to book online, and spaces fill up fast, so if you need particular times due to other commitments book as soon as possible.

### Second Bookclub for 2019 – Offer 2 – closing tomorrow Thursday 21 March

The second **Scholastic Book club order for 2019, Issue 2**, is out and orders are due back at school tomorrow on Thursday 21 March. If you would like to use your credit card to pay for your book club order this is available online through the Book club LOOP (Linked online ordering and payment scheme) The instructions are on the order form and the process is easy. You can, of course, still pay using cash or cheques by sending the order and money in a sealed envelope to school. **Happy reading everyone.**

### Jane McCauley working in Kawakawa

Newlands School welcomes Jane McCauley to Kawakawa for a teaching placement with Mrs Esther Walker. Jane will teach on the next three Thursdays, 21, 28 March and 4 April. In Term 2 Jane will be teaching full time in Kawakawa with Esther from Monday 29 April to Friday 7 June. Jane has two children of her own and has worked in many roles in parent and early childhood education. We are really looking forward to working with Jane, sharing our practice with her and also benefitting from her wide experience.

### UP AND COMING EVENTS

The following are the up and coming events for the next month. [Click here](#) to go to calendar on website:

**WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH**  
BOT MEETING AT 7PM

**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH**  
BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2 CLOSES

**THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**  
PRACTISE EVACUATION DAY

**TUESDAY 2 APRIL & THURSDAY 4 APRIL**  
(NOTE CHANGE FROM WED TO TUES)  
GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

**FRIDAY 12 APRIL**  
LAST DAY OF TERM

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**MONDAY 3 AND TUESDAY 4 JUNE**  
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND—SCHOOL CLOSED

**THURSDAY 27 JUNE**  
TEACHER ONLY DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

## Newlands School Goal Setting Interviews: Term 1 2019

### Tuesday 2 April & Thursday 4 April

Our first parent interview for this year involves a three-way parent/teacher/child conference. This will take place on Tuesday 2 April and Thursday 4 April 2019.

A follow up conference is planned for the end of term two and a written report at the end of the year for all students. The written report will outline your child's progress and achievement over the year. All written reports for 2019 will be available through the Caregiver Portal.

This is what you can expect to happen when you attend the goal setting interview:

- The interview will be up to 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time for your interview.
- You and your child will have time to discuss their book work and the classroom displays.
- You, your child and the teacher will discuss your child's strengths, any concerns, and set learning goals for next term.
- There will be opportunities for you and your child to ask questions, make comments and discuss learning opportunities.
- You will review and sign your child's digital safety agreement.

### **Booking your interview:**

You can make bookings anytime from now.

1. Go to [parentinterviews.co.nz](http://parentinterviews.co.nz), click on 'book my interviews' enter the event code C7TP6NT5 and click 'start my booking'.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for and then click 'get started'.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the 'choose times' button at the bottom of the page.
4. Click on 'book' beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking. Continue until you've booked all teachers.
5. To add any questions you have about your child's learning you can add a comment on your booking. Click on the 'my timetable' tab and click on 'add' under the comments heading.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking on the 'my timetable' tab at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews by clicking the 'save timetable' button. You will receive an email to confirm your bookings & also confirming your parent interview account. If you need to cancel or change any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

**NEED HELP?** If you require any help, or would like the school office to make bookings on your behalf please come and visit us or call on 04 461 6900.

## Community Notices

For details on the activities and events detailed below, click [here](#) to visit our website.



Newlands Junior Rugby Club Registration Event - Wed 20 March	Harm Ends Future Begins Tour 2019 21 March 2019	Paparangi School—Gully Gutbuster 31 March	Everyone Out Adventure Games Sunday 7 April
Everyone Out Holiday Programme April School Holidays 2019	Tawa Recreational Centre Holiday Programme—April 2019	Yvonne Godfrey—Raising Resilient Kids— 15 April 2019	First Aid for Kids—Free Tues 23 April 2019
Free Parenting helpline details	Measles Information for Schools March 2019	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge 22 & 23 May 2019	ASB Bank—supporting success in your school

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