



Newlands School Newsletter

Wednesday 23 September | Week 10, Term 3 2020



Dates and Reminders

Friday 25 September

Last day of Term 3

Sunday 11 October

Online orders for calendar art closes

Monday 12 October

First day of Term 4

Friday 23 October

Teacher only day (school closed)

Monday 26 October

Labour day (school closed)

Friday 6 November

2:15pm Te Kohuri parents assembly

Friday 13 November

2:15pm Te Pihi parents assembly

Mon 16 to Fri 27 November

Te Pihi Swimming (2 weeks)

Friday 20 November

2:15pm Te Kakano parents assembly

Dear Parents & Caregivers

As Term 3 draws to an end we are feeling very grateful that our students and teachers have finally had one whole term at school. Although we haven't been able to do all the things we would have liked in terms of trips and connecting with whanau we are pleased our tamariki have had a positive, settled, focused term of learning and fun.

Our learning focus this term has been guardianship—kaitiakitanga. On the next page you can see more information about what we have been up to.



Carlos and his helpers from Te Kakano

Staff Updates for Term 4

Lauren Thompson has been a part time teacher with us this year and is now returning to Scotland. We thank Lauren for her efforts with our students and wish her all the best for the future.

Tim Thomson, who many of you will remember from a few years back, will be covering some of our classroom release time next term. Welcome back Tim!

Whaea Danielle will be returning to Kanuka next term. We are really looking forward to welcoming her back. Chris Pike who has been doing a fantastic job in Kanuka this term will revert back to covering classroom release time in term 4.

Thank you for all your support with Level 2 restrictions this term. We look forward to a Term 4 that is as 'normal' as possible and really hope we can plan some events where we get to connect more with you all. Have a safe and happy term break.

Shirley Porteous
Principal

Welcome to our School!

We welcome the following students to our school:

Shayaan Sheraaz (Kahikatea Class)
Sam Cook (Kawakawa Class)



Guardianship—Kaitiakitanga

Our learning focus of Guardianship - Kaitiakitanga has resulted in a range of actions by our students including:

- setting up a pest traps to monitor
- creating stickers to stop birds flying into big windows
- recycling and creating paper
- creating content to inform others
- making bird feeders
- making beeswax paper for lunches

Te Kakano bank planting

The children in Te Kakano have been learning about growing plants and how they help us in our local environment. They noticed a big problem with the Te Kakano bank. The bank gets very muddy. They had lots of ideas to solve the mud problem but decided the best way to solve the problem was to plant it to stop erosion. They selected Kawakawa, Toetoe, Horopito and Harakeke plants as these are special plants at Newlands School. Twigland Garden Centre and a voucher from Mrs Arthur provided the plants. Carlos worked with the children to plant them. All the children are Kaitiakitanga as they will be the guardians, looking after the plants and saying goodbye to the mud forever! Te Kakano have asked that we all now keep off this bank and use the paths around this area to allow the plants can flourish!



Looking after our bird population

By Azura, Rameen and Ally

Did you know that every year 8 million tons of plastic ends up in our oceans? Most of this plastic is carried to the oceans by estuaries and rivers. This is really harmful to our native birds in New Zealand. Birds can get tangled and stuck in plastic which can cause injury and sometimes death.

If you want to help our birds by reducing the amount of plastic in our water here are some things that you can do from home.

- Use reusable bags and pouches.
- Avoid the use of plastic disposable material.
- Avoid plastic packaging.
- Do not buy water in plastic bottles.
- Avoid plastic microbeads in personal care products.

Can you try to do one of these things this week? If you're already doing some of these things then great job! What else can you do?



Weetbix Tryathlon 2021—parent co-ordinator required

Each year we enter a school team into the weetbix triathlon. This is a great opportunity for students to be a part of a big sporting event alongside their schoolmates.

Nathalie Leamy has kindly been our parent co-ordinator for our school team for several years and has done a fabulous job. Because Nathalie's youngest child is moving to Intermediate next year we are looking for another amazing parent to co-ordinate the Newlands School team.

If you are interested please contact the school office on 04 461 6900 for further details.

Calendar Art - online ordering open now

This year we have a new system for viewing and ordering your child's calendar art, should you wish to purchase this.

Last week an A4 sheet came home with your child with information about how to order online. If you have misplaced this sheet that has a unique entrance code you need to view and order your child's art work then please email the office as we can provide you with the website address and your child's ordering code: admin@newlandsprimary.school.nz

All payments are to be made online through the Kids Art works website and we cannot accept payments and orders at school. However if you would like assistance in placing an order online we are happy to help you with this. Please contact the office if you require help.

The online ordering is open now and you can place an order anytime up till the end of the holidays—Sunday 11 October.



Community Notices

Click [here](#) to visit our website to view further details about the following community organisations and events:

- NEW: LOVE TENNIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT—NEWLANDS
- NEWLANDS SOFTBALL FOR 2020-2021 SEASON
- SKIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
- PRIDELANDS SPRING FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES
- EVOLVE TENNIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY COMPUTER CLASSES
- JOHNSONVILLE CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATION DETAILS
- CHILDREN UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME
- TAWA RACKLETON SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
- KELLY SPORTS SUMMER SERIES FOOTBALL AND NETBALL
- LOCAL FRUIT AND VEGE CO-OP
- FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS
- PARENTING HELPLINE

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