



Newlands School Newsletter

Wednesday 02 December | Week 08 Term 4 2020



Dates and Reminders

Thursday 3 December

Te Pihi fun day @ school
7pm Board of Trustees meeting

Friday 4 December

Year 5 & 6 leadership day @ Karori Pools
Te Kakano (Year 1 & 2) fun day @ school

Monday 7 December

2:30pm Thank you afternoon tea

Tuesday 8 December

5:45pm-8:00pm Year 6 dinner

Wednesday 9 December

Students visit classrooms for 2021

Thursday 10 December

1:30pm Year 6 prizegiving assembly
School reports emailed home

Friday 11 December

1:00pm School finishes for the year

Wednesday 3 February

First day of school for 2021

Click [here](#) to view 2021 school dates

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Our school year is quickly drawing to an end and we have lots of information packed into this newsletter. On the next page is an update for our community about staffing changes for the new year.

Citizenship award

Last Friday night the Wellington North Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards ceremony was held at the Johnsonville Community Centre. Yusuf Quazi was our worthy winner as voted by his classmates and teachers. Yusuf is an outstanding young man who is a natural leader, a listener and an extremely kind and true friend. His biggest asset is his huge empathy for others, always with a caring word for everyone.

Congratulations to Yusuf and his family.



Garden to Table



Next year we are going to start implementing a programme called Garden to Table. Garden to table is a fantastic programme that is real, hands on learning that teaches tamariki to grow and harvest food that they then cook and share with others. Next year we will be looking for community members who might be interested in volunteering to support this programme in the kitchen or garden initially one morning a week. We will also need a Kitchen Specialist and Garden Specialist (paid positions) who will work with a lead teacher to lead the weekly sessions. If this sounds like something you may be interested in please email me at principal@newlandsprimary.school.nz.

More information can be found at the following link:
<http://www.gardentotable.org.nz>

STAFFING UPDATES

Introducing Mrs Spencer

Sarah Cooper, our lovely teacher in Manuka class got married last weekend. Sarah will now be known as Mrs Spencer.



Staff leaving at the end of 2020



Lynn Wallace has been with us since 2008 when she first started working with Liz Debney and our new entrants. She has worked in a variety of roles and classrooms since then and in recent years has provided quality learning support for students across the school and supported our junior team. Thank you Lynn for your many years of service, you have made a huge difference for our learners and we wish you all the best in the future.



Nancy Burdan has been our Reading Recovery teacher since 2015. This is a very specialised and important role and we thank her for her committed effort with our tamariki. Nancy is moving with her family to the South Island. We wish her all the best in the future.



Jess Complin currently in Toetoe joined us in Term 2, firstly relieving and then starting our roll growth class in Term 3. Thank you for all your hard work and care for our tamariki Jess. We wish you well as you return home to England and look forward to seeing wedding photos one day!



Donna Miles started with us online during lockdown and the Miro students and our school were very lucky with how she positively managed this unusual situation. Donna is an experienced leader and teacher and has won herself a leadership role at Adventure School for 2021. Thank you for all your efforts this year Donna, we wish you well with your exciting new position.

We are currently underway with appointing a new teacher for Miro class. The staff and students will be saying farewell to all of these wonderful people at an appropriate time before the end of the term.

Staffing for 2021

A major change to our staffing for 2021 is that **Danielle Matthews**, our wonderful Kanuka teacher and Deputy Principal will be leaving us at the end of Term 1 next year to move north. Danielle has resigned from her Deputy Principal position but will return for Term 1 in 2021 to continue providing a range of support for our tamariki across classes.

After relieving for us this year we are happy to say **Chris Pike** will be returning next year in a variety of roles. The key one being a job share role in Kahikatea with Sally Chamley. Sally will be training as our Reading Recovery teacher and Chris will be the class teacher during this time each day. The remainder of Chris' role will be around special needs and learning support.

Carly Stanford will be rejoining our team in the new year in a part time teacher release role. Many of you will know Carly well who is very familiar with Newlands School and it's staff and students.

We welcomed **Rebecca Patterson** to our staff in Term 4 and we are pleased that she will be continuing in her teacher aide role in 2021.

STAFF ORGANISATION 2021

Senior Management Team	
Principal	Shirley Porteous
Acting Deputy Principal	Fiona Schwarz
Acting Assistant Principal	Kylie O'Dea
Acting Syndicate leader	Emma Blake
Te Kakano Syndicate	
Kawakawa Class (New entrant)	Esther Walker
Horopito Class (Year 1)	Fiona Schwarz
Kahikatea Class (Year 2)	Sally Chamley
Miro Class (Year 2)	To be confirmed
Toetoe (new Year 1 class from Term 2)	To be confirmed
Te Pihi Syndicate	
Pohutukawa Class (Year 2 & 3)	Ruby Braam
Rata Class (Year 3 & 4)	Cath Kirkpatrick
Tawa Class (Year 3 & 4)	Kylie O'Dea
Manuka Class (Year 3 & 4)	Sarah Spencer
Te Kohuri Syndicate	
Nikau Class (Year 5 & 6)	Andre Jaques
Rimu Class (Year 5 & 6)	Lizanie de Villiers
Karaka Class (Year 5 & 6)	Emma Blake
Kowhai Class (Year 5 & 6)	Kayle Riley
Teachers in specialist and support roles	
Classroom Support (full time Term 1)	Danielle Matthews
Learning Support & SENCO cover	Chris Pike
Senior Management Release	Carly Stanford
Support Staff	
Teacher Aide	Christine Ryan
Teacher Aide	Mike Robinson
Teacher Aide	Rebecca Patterson
Office Manager	Megan Chisholm
Office Accounts & Administration	Rachel Fitzpatrick
Caretaker	Carlos Diaz

Student Class Placements for 2021

This year we are planning a different process to notify students, parents and caregivers of classes for 2021. We would like our students to know who their teacher will be before the end of the school year and to have had a chance to visit their new room and spend time with their new class and teacher.

To this end, on Wednesday 9 December visits to students classes for 2021 will take place and students will bring home a letter from their new teacher. This process will support a great transition for our students at the start of school next year.

Year 2 & 3 Class in 2021: Each year the number of students we have in each year group fluctuates. In 2021 this means we will have a Year 2 and 3 class which will be in Te Pahi syndicate. As a general rule the year 2 students in this class will be our oldest Year 2 students. Year 2 & 3 mixed classes are very common in other schools and as always the teaching and learning is focused on meeting the needs of the individual students regardless of their year group.

2021 Stationery

This year we are introducing ordering stationery online directly through a stationery supplier. On Friday your child will be bringing home a flyer with details on how to order stationery for the new year and we will also send out an email to all our families regarding the process on Friday as well.

Library refresh and update project

A **big thank you to the wonderful ladies** who helped out in our library on Monday and Tuesday morning this week. They made amazing progress in starting a refresh of our library collection. We will continue to work hard at updating our library books to ensure they are a wonderful resource for our students.

Opportunity to donate a book to our library: We often have families of Year 6 students ask how they can make a small donation as a leaving gift to our school. We would very much appreciate any donations of new non-fiction books to add to our library. A small note will be put inside the front cover of the donated book with the year and name of student who has donated the book. It is a long-lasting gift to our school which will benefit many students. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Thank you afternoon tea—Monday 7 December

Newlands School is incredibly grateful for the huge amount of support we receive from our school whanau and friends. We could not do what we do without your support and we want to take the time to personally thank our wonderful helpers.

An invitation has been emailed to all our helpers to join us for morning tea next **Monday 7 December, 2:30pm in the school hall.** We hope you can join us! Please rsvp to: admin@newlandsprimary.school.nz. If we have missed sending an invite to any of our wonderful helpers we apologise for this. Please know that you are welcome to attend and we would love to see you there.

Students to bring own sunhat for next week

School sunhats will be washed and stored away ready for next year at the end of this week. We ask all students to bring a sunhat from home to wear next week. This can be brought to school anytime this week.

Community Notices

Click [here](#) to see all our community notices on our website.

RECENT ADDITIONS:

- **NZ Tennis Champs & Christmas Market**
17-20 Dec, Renoulf Tennis Centre
- **Artrageous Summer Holiday Adventures**
- **Evolve Tennis Coaching**
Hot Shots/Teen Holiday Camps
- **Johnsonville Christmas Parade**
Saturday 5 December
- **Kelly Club**
Pre-xmas and holiday programmes
- **Kelly Sports**
January 2021 holiday programmes
- **Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club:**
Summer pass for friends and family
- **Pridelands Summer Holiday Programme**
- **Secondhand uniform event: 13 & 14 Jan**
opportunity to donate or purchase second-hand Intermediate & College uniforms

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