



# Newlands School Newsletter

Thursday 18 February | Week 03 Term 1 2021



## Dates and Reminders

**Thursday 18 February**

Bookclub order due (today)

**Fri 19 February–Thu 25 February**

Life Education Programme

**Tuesday 23 February**

10am Fun & Fundraising group meeting

**Thursday 25 February**

6pm Fun & Fundraising group meeting

**Thursday 4 March**

Dental bus arrives

**Friday 5 March**

2.15pm Te Pihi (Yr 3 & 4) Parent Assembly

**Friday 19 March**

2.15 Te Kakano (Year 1 & 2) Parent Assembly

**Monday 22 March**

Waikanae Pool School Picnic

**Wednesday 24 March**

School Athletics Day

**Fri 2, Mon 5 & Tue 6 April**

Good Friday, Easter Monday & Tuesday  
(school closed)

**Friday 9 April**

2.15 Te Kohuri (Year 5 & 6) Parent Assembly

Click [here](#) to view the school calendar

**Kia ora, assalam-o-alaikum, ni hao, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste and greetings to everyone**

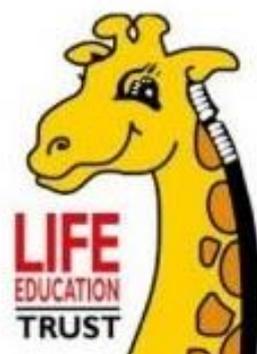
## New date for Waikanae Pool school picnic

It was unfortunate that we had to postpone our school picnic at Waikanae pool scheduled for this week. The great news is we have been able to secure a new date which is Monday 22 March. We will keep our fingers crossed for warm sunny weather.



## Life Education

Our Life Education lessons start on Friday 19 February (tomorrow). Thank you to all the families who have contributed with the \$4 donation to date. Marsha Chiet our wonderful Life Education teacher will have the mobile classroom open for a parent drop in session between 8:45 and 9:15 tomorrow if parents and caregivers would like to pop in and see what it is all about. You might even get to meet Harold!



## COVID update

We would like to thank everyone for supporting us with our Alert level 2 procedures earlier this week. We are now operating under Alert level 1, and following the appropriate procedures.

Here is a reminder of Alert level 1 procedures:

- In alert level 1, people need to be ready in case Covid-19 reappears in the community.
- Maintaining good hygiene is important.
- If people are sick, they are expected to stay home and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms.
- People are expected to continue keeping track of where they have been and who they have been with. We will still have our COVID-19 tracing app signs up around the school and we encourage you to continue to use these whenever you are on the school grounds.
- Maintaining social distance in public is also encouraged.

## Fun & Fundraising Group



**Newlands**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fun and Fundraising 2021

We would like to re-establish a Fun and Fundraising group. As you will all be aware while Ministry funding for schools allows us to cover the basics of our day to day operations, extra fundraising enables us to provide wonderful opportunities for our students that we might not be able to otherwise.

To this end I would like to start chatting with anyone who has an interest in supporting us developing a **Fun and Fundraising Group** who will help us plan activities for our students and community. We are planning two get-togethers where you can come along and hear about some of our plans so far and see if this is a group you might like to be a part of.

Coffee morning Tuesday 23 February - meet in the staffroom at 10am

Evening meeting Thursday 25 February - meet in the staffroom at 6pm

## School fundraising event: Raffle

While we are still in the process of getting a school fundraising group up and running again (see message above) we have started planning a school raffle.

If you would like to contribute there are two ways that you can participate in supporting this fundraising activity.

- In the week beginning 1 March until Friday 5 March we are asking for donations for a giant food hamper which will be one of our raffle prizes. One donation per family would be very welcome from one of the following categories: Standard everyday grocery items (packet and tins of food), luxury grocery items (chocolates, coffee, condiments, biscuits), or toiletries. Please bring to the school office.
- If you know a business contact or you yourself are in the position to donate a substantial prize for the raffle (e.g. hospitality or activity vouchers) please contact me at [principal@newlandsprimary.school.nz](mailto:principal@newlandsprimary.school.nz).

## Parent Assemblies

We have 3 syndicate parent assemblies planned for Term 1. They are as follows:

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| 2:15pm Friday 5 March  | Te Pihi (Year 3 & 4) Parent assembly   |
| 2:15pm Friday 19 March | Te Kakano (Year 1 & 2) Parent assembly |
| 2:15pm Friday 9 April  | Te Kohuri (Year 5 & 6) Parent assembly |



Newlands School is currently being painted with a fresh new colour pallet. It's great to see our school looking sharp and modern as the work progresses!

## Newlands School Board

### Casual Vacancy for parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Claire Mortimer  
Board Chair  
Newlands Primary School Board of Trustees  
[clairem@newlandsprimary.school.nz](mailto:clairem@newlandsprimary.school.nz)

by: Thursday 4 March

### Kapahaka Tutor wanted

Newlands Primary School has a proud tradition of Kapa Haka performance and celebration of Tikanga and Te Reo Māori thanks to the wonderful work of Whaea Danielle and the support of the whole staff. As Danielle will be leaving us at the end of Term 1 it is important that we plan ahead so that we continue to grow this kaupapa in the future.

We are seeking a Kapa Haka Tutor to work with our tamariki with the support of a lead teacher. This will be a paid role and we would welcome any one who is interested to get in contact Shirley Porteous. You can give her a call 04 461 6900, pop into the school office for a chat or email her: [principal@newlandsprimary.school.nz](mailto:principal@newlandsprimary.school.nz)

### New Chairperson for our Board of Trustees

Last night at our first Board of Trustees meeting for 2021 we elected a new board chairperson, Claire Mortimer. We congratulate Claire on being elected to this position.



#### Message from our new Board Chairperson:

It's a privilege to be elected as Chair of the Board of Trustees, and thank you to the Board for the nomination. I look forward to working on behalf of the school community to make sure that our school continues to support all of our tamariki to achieve their fullest potential. We have

lots of exciting things happening this year and together with all of you, the Board, Shirley and the teachers I am confident that we can make 2021 a success.

Claire Mortimer

### Internet Banking payment referencing

Just a reminder that when paying by internet banking you need to provide the following information in the payment description fields available to you: Your child's name and a short description of what the payment is for (e.g. 'Jane Smith Athletics', or 'J Bloggs School picnic'). Thank you!

## Community Notices

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

#### RECENT ADDITIONS:

- Petone Fair—\$5 parking at Petone Central School
- Northern United Junior Hockey Club
- 'Super Dancers' Bollywood Dance classes
- Dancewell Centre Dance classes
- SKIDS—new booking system
- Good Time Music Academy—bookings 2021

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