



School Newsletter

Week 7 Term 1

March 12th 2020

The Arts

It has been very satisfying to have been part of two performing arts events in the past 2 weeks. The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and New Zealand Opera. At a time when we fear the downplaying and the undervaluing of the Arts curriculum across all educational sectors, we are doing our best to promote and sustain this vitally important area within our own curriculum. This year especially we are lucky to have a very talented group of teachers with a wide range of skills and strengths in the performing arts curriculum.

Run for Us

Our "World Famous in Newlands" Run for Us is fast approaching. This is the major fundraising event of the year, not to mention one of the best days of our school year for everyone! Thank you to the families who have been keen to support us with sponsorship and donations. Please support your child with their fundraising endeavours.

School Photos

Our 2020 photos are scheduled for Tuesday 24th March. Please check our community notices for ordering these photos.

School Uniform

Our lost property bins are already full. Please take some time to name your child's uniform. We can have up to 12 size 14 polar fleece all unnamed in our lost property at any time. NZ Uniforms have a very good naming system and we have asked them to make it part of the service they give us next year.

Newlands Community Resilience Evening

Our student leaders did a great job of leading a community resilience event last night. I hope everyone who attended learned something about the community we live in and what else can be done to build resilience and community connectedness. Thanks so much to our students and Whaea Lena for showing leadership in this area.

School Fees and Donations

I checked with Glennis our finance manager this week, and she tells me we have received around 60% of our Technology fees. Thank you for this prompt payment. It certainly helps sustain the most popular and costly part of our school curriculum. Please consider paying before the term is over if you have not already paid these fees.

As a decile 9 school, we receive significantly less funding from the Ministry of Education (MOE) than most other schools. The MOE determines the decile rating for each school based on its community profile. This

includes, among other factors, things like employment, education and home ownership rates etc. The higher a school's decile rating, the less Operations Grant funding provided by the Government to run the school.

It is incumbent on schools to make sure that parents are well aware of what the school donation is used for. I often hear that education should be free, and while we would love to achieve this outcome, we would need to significantly reduce the school resources, which would result in your children missing out on the many opportunities that the Board of Trustees and our staff are determined all students have access to.

The demands on schools to meet the learning and teaching needs of our 21st century curriculum cannot be met through just the Operations Grant. We also try to limit our fundraising to just one major event a year – the Run for Us. This is a significant community event that assists with purchasing a number of additional resources for your children.

As our curriculum becomes more digital, we also have the costs of additional software licenses to meet. We have passed on the cost of Mathletics as it is a significant part of home learning that will significantly benefit your child's mathematics skills. The school has however absorbed the cost of the licenses for Write That Essay, Google Education and Seesaw, which amounts to around \$35 per student.

The Board of Trustees has also made a commitment to invest in people, through extra staff and professional development to support the learning of your children. We have a team of 12 teacher aides to support teachers and students; you may have met many of this team on Getting Connected Days and discovered what we know, that they are amazing people to have in our school community.

Your donation supports the additional resources we are able to provide your children, such as a librarian every morning; a school counsellor 2-3 days a week; our team of teacher aides to support students' learning; maintaining the turf in outstanding condition and upgraded new digital devices every year. Each year we rely on the school community to assist with topping up the Operating Grant given by given by MOE.

A donation of \$150 equates to \$3.75 per week. You can also claim a donation rebate via the Inland Revenue, meaning you would receive \$50 back. This is a 5-minute process completed online.

The school community appreciates and values your donation in assisting with delivering the best possible learning outcomes for your child.

Thank you for the very positive response to this request. I do hope those families who have not been able to make a payment will be able to make a payment to us before the end of term 1.

Lunches

We have access to school lunches via www.lunchesonline. These lunches come from Nada Bakery in Johnsonville.

Our other providers are still in the process of setting up their systems. We will let you know when this is up and running. It appears I was too quick to publicise their services.

Accessing Information

The website holds all the important information you need. It is updated once a week. You will find copies of all important notices here and the school calendar. All students will be shown how to access this information also.

Important dates worth noting now:

Term 1 Wednesday January 29th to Thursday April 9th

Term 2 Tuesday April 28th to Friday July 3rd

Term 3 Monday July 20th to Friday September 25th

Term 4 Monday October 12th to Friday December 11th

We have 2 Teachers' Only Days planned this year – Friday May 29th and Tuesday October 27th. We have tried to coordinate these days with our local schools to help with child care and supervision.

Coming Up

- Tuesday March 24th – School photos
- Monday March 30th Gardasil Immunisation for year 8 girls and boys
- Learning Conferences – Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday April 1st 12.30pm to 5.30pm.

Angela Lowe

Principal

Calendar of Events

Friday March 20 th	Run for Us 7.30am – 3.00pm
Tuesday March 24 th	School photos
Monday March 30 th	Year 8 Immunisation (2 nd booster October 12 th) (Year 7 Immunisation on June 29 th)
Tuesday 31 st March and Wednesday 1 st April	Goal Setting Conferences

Newlands Intermediate School on Tues 24th March, 2020

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Pack A \$40.00</p> 	<p>Pack B \$35.00</p> 	<p>Pack C \$30.00</p> 	<p>Pack prices (do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 30.00 D = 20.00 E = 16.00</p>
<p>Packs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class ☐ Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class ☐ Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class ☐ Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class ☐ Pack E: Class only <p><small>Complimentary Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return. A, B & D include complimentary B&W 5x7's.</small></p>			
<p>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</p> 			
<p>Pack E (Class) \$16.00</p> 			

Siblings (In School only) Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

Community Notices

Please check out our website for more details about community event

School Photos Tuesday 24 March

Ka Pai Klub - After School Care

Samuel Marsden School Open Morning

Recycling for Charity

Elements Nature Based Play Programmes

Newlands Rugby Club

Wellington Football Club (Axemen Junior Rugby)

Science Laboratory Technician

Grand Training Computer Class now in Johnsonville

