



School Newsletter Week 4 Term 3

Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

The term has started well with spring-like weather allowing everyone to be outside. Long may it last.

We hope the shift to level 2 due to the Covid outbreak in Auckland will be short-lived. We feel that life had just returned to normal with so much to look forward to this term.

Some successes to share –

- Last week our chess team won the Wellington Year 7 / 8 chess competition. This win has given them automatic entry into the national competition in Mt Manganui in September. Congratulations to Ryan Lobo, Lachlan Mataira, Thomas Booth, Khushal Chatla, Alessandro Marchesse
- This week we came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Inter-Intermediate Cross Country event. Our year 7 and year 8 boys' teams came first in their events. This is new ground for us and we are very proud of all of our runners and their coach John Cope.

**Netball and basketball** are well underway. The players are enjoying themselves and we are grateful for the parents who are supporting the teams in such positive ways.

At this stage we are going to proceed with our **Inter-Intermediate netball** event next Wednesday. If we remain at Level 2 there will be spectator restrictions and strict hygiene measures. We will send more information when we know the Covid alert level after Friday.

Our **student ambassadors** have done a great job promoting our school at the recent open day events. It is such a delight to see and hear our student leaders talking with confidence and enthusiasm.

**Sexuality Education** begins later this term and, as is our usual practice, we will hold a parents' information meeting sharing some of the content and contexts for this learning. This meeting is now on Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm in rooms 10 and 11. I hope the numerous emails I have sent out this week have confirmed this change of date for everyone. I realise it is the year 9 Information Evening at the college but our evening is intended for new, and predominantly year 7 parents. The content of my presentation and the resource we use for this programme is on our website under Our Curriculum.

Later in August a group of educators from Attitude will be making presentations to all our students. This year the presentations are focussing on **social skills, bullying and how to be a good friend** with a strong technology focus integrated in the presentation.

**Our production, Mary Poppins Junior**, will be performed in week 8, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are available for purchase from our school office. The cost of tickets - \$10 adult / college student and \$5 primary and intermediate students.

Our own students will be encouraged to buy a ticket and come along to see their friends and classmates perform.

A message from our librarian - *Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair; we are always overwhelmed with your continued support for our Library. Through such great sales, we were able to choose 36 free books.*

We have received a request from Victoria University to participate in a **research study**. Please consider participating in this research around the recall of COVID-19.

*Hello, we are the Applied Developmental Lab in the School of Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington. We are running a study with researchers in Canada and in the UK, to see how children (6-14 years) remember the different phases of COVID-19 Alert Levels. If you were interested, we would set up a Skype, Zoom or MicrosoftTeams video call with your child (you can be present) to ask them about a typical school and weekend day before the lockdown, during the lockdown, and now. We would also ask you to fill out a brief survey. If you are interested, click on this*

*link: [http://vuw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eA5DXxQj90izVSB](http://vuw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eA5DXxQj90izVSB) to read more about the study. You can sign up there if you would like to take part. You may contact the researchers directly at [Applied-Developmental-Lab@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Applied-Developmental-Lab@vuw.ac.nz).*

When you look at the calendar below you will see that we have scheduled our annual **Run for Us** on the last day of term. This is such great event, in terms of fun, physical challenge and fundraising, that we decided we still need to hold it. Better late than never! I know we can count upon our families to support this uniquely Newlands Intermediate event.

We are aware that there are still year 8 students who have not enrolled in **college for 2021**. All colleges have begun planning for next year and need to confirm their student numbers. If you need support with enrolling at any college, please give us a call and we will help you. Onslow College is coming along next week to talk to the students who have enrolled for 2021 and those who live in the Onslow school zone and are eligible to enrol.

### Calendar of events for term 3

BOT Meeting	Thursday August 6 <sup>th</sup> 7pm
School in Action Morning	Tuesday August 11 <sup>th</sup> 9-10.30am
Sexuality Education Information Evening	Tuesday August 18th 6-7pm

Inter-Int Netball Competition	Wednesday August 19 <sup>th</sup> ASB
Sexuality Education Programme begins	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August – to end of term
Girls Football with Raroa	Tuesday August 25 <sup>th</sup>
Attitude Youth Presentation	Tuesday August 25 <sup>th</sup>
2021 year 7 enrolments close	Monday August 31st
Dress Rehearsal for Production	Friday September 4 <sup>th</sup>
Production Matinee	Monday September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Evening performances for Production	Tuesday September 8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday September 9th
BOT meeting	Thursday September 10 <sup>th</sup> 7pm
College Market Day	Friday September 11th
Science Roadshow here	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
End of term assembly	Tuesday September 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2pm
Inter-Int Basketball – Boys	Wednesday September 23rd
Inter-Int Basketball – Girls	Thursday September 24 <sup>th</sup>
Run for Us and last day of term	Friday September 25th

### Community Notices

**Please see our website for more details**

Wonderplay Drama Classes  
 Bigair Gymsports Tawa  
 Paparangi Kindergarten turning 50 years  
 Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Open Morning  
 Rail Safety Week 10-16 August  
 Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures  
 New After School Computer Classes - Johnsonville Club  
 Inspiring Passion for Circus Arts