



**School Newsletter Week 6  
Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2020**

We have been so pleased to see life return to normal at school. All our students have returned and everyone has settled into routines again. Would appreciate the fine weather we had during the lockdown returning too after this week's rain.

**Newlands College** has asked me to continue to share their enrolment information with you. The college decided not to visit our year 8 students this year for an information session. The Open Evening has also been cancelled for this year as this was due to happen in the next few weeks. The enrolment process for the college is well underway and I encourage parents of our year 8 students planning to attend Newlands College, to follow the link below and enroll now.



***Newlands College - Enrolments for 2021***

- *For planning purposes we request applications from the parents of students who live in our home zone, for entry into Year 9 in 2021, to be submitted by Monday 22 June 2020.*
- *For students that live out of zone, applications are required to be received by 27 July 2020.*
- *All enrolments are to be completed on-line via our website - **Enrolments***
- *Please do not hesitate to contact the College for any further information - 4734136 X 701 or email [newcol@newlands.school.nz](mailto:newcol@newlands.school.nz)*

**Reflections** on learning goals are being sent out in a staggered way via Seesaw. Our goal with this new format and timetable is to report to our parent community in a timely way – not stretched over terms and more than just a list of what students have been learning. We are basing our reflections around the students' learning goals in reading, writing and maths. There will be comments on health, fitness, social interactions, the key competencies and other curriculum areas as appropriate. We are giving both students and teachers the opportunity to share what and how students are tracking towards their goals. Next steps will be identified, along with successes and challenges.

The reflections are being written **with** the students and sent out as they are completed, thus the staggered release. We want these to be useful for everyone but particularly for our students who are beginning to take more ownership of their learning. Teachers tell me that the opportunity to sit for a period of time just talking one to one with their students has been invaluable and a very positive outcome for everyone.

We will send out these reflections each term so parents can track progress, achievements and learn how to support next steps.

For those of you who have not accessed Seesaw yet, your classroom teacher has the access code so please get in touch with them.

Our **learning conferences** will be held early in term 3. We will work with our students to prepare for this meeting and the shared reflections posted on Seesaw this term, can be discussed. We will follow the college's model and hold these conferences from 1.30pm to 5pm. I have prepared a note to employers supporting a request to take some time from your work to attend, if that is useful.

We will hold our school Cross Country in week 10, although I suspect this would not be most students' first choice of an event to kick start sport again. Resilience and perseverance plays a big part in cross country! The date for this event is Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>. The state of the track will influence our decision to go ahead on the day.

Our school, and just a handful of students, were **photographed for the Education Gazette** during the lockdown at alert level 3. This issue was published online only during this period. Paste the link below in your browser and check us out.

[https://issuu.com/edgazette/docs/ed\\_gazette\\_99-6](https://issuu.com/edgazette/docs/ed_gazette_99-6)

We have set August 31<sup>st</sup> as our closing date for **2021 enrolments**. While many of our local Newlands families may query why this is so early in the year, it is important to note that a large number of students from schools west of the motorway, Johnsonville, Churton Park and Amesbury, have a choice of intermediates to attend. We have coincided our enrolment date with Raroa to keep things simple. A morning has been set aside for these students to visit our school before the end of term.

A letter will be sent to the parents of every year 6 student in our community, via the local schools, sharing our important enrolment dates with them.

As part of our ongoing relationship with the **Newlands Resilience** Group I encourage you to take part in the latest survey they have prepared. Please feel to complete the survey but note the final date - **wellbeing survey by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** [\[here\]](#)

#### Calendar for term 2

Vision testing	Monday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Immunisation for year 8s	Monday June 29 <sup>th</sup>
School Cross Country	Tuesday June 30 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday July 1st

Open morning (for schools west of the motorway)	Friday June 26 <sup>th</sup> 9am - 12
Mufti Day	Friday July 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$2

Angela Lowe  
Principal

### Community Notices

Piano Lessons  
Elements Nature Based Play Programmes  
St Mary's College Open Day  
Big Air Cheer Holiday Programme  
Mary Potter Hospice  
Tawa Floorball Trainings Winter 2020  
Renouf Tennis Centre - Kids Holiday Camp  
Mystical moments NZ - Magical Sleepovers