



## School Newsletter Week 1 Term 4

Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

While we have tried to resist the temptation to squeeze all we missed during terms 1, 2 and 3 into term 4, I fear there may be a little of that going on!

Good news though, we have already done a few – Lit Quiz, Tough Guy/Tough Girl, Netball prize giving, College Market Day, National Shake Out and our school Production. The major events that lie ahead – Life Education programme, Run for Us, Orientation Days for years 6 and 8, Out and About Week – are fun activities that we all look forward to.

**Our production, Mary Poppins Junior** was a very challenging show to put on and I am so proud of our students, and indeed our teachers, for putting on such a polished and engaging performance. Thank you to the families and friends that supported us and came along to watch.

We had a great team of students take part in the year 7/8 **Lit Quiz** last week. They did so very well – 15<sup>th</sup> out of 50 teams. Seatoun Primary, Wellesley and Marsden were 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Thanks to our librarian Heather Taylor for supporting this group with such enthusiasm.

**Life Education** is with us now and the focus is on making good choices – when faced with peer pressure for example. This is a good follow up to our Sexuality Education Programme from last term.

Next week Wellington **Cricket** is visiting us to run girls' "taster" sessions. They are keen to have more girls involved in cricket, especially in light of the current profile of the White Ferns.

Next week we are participating in an Inter-intermediate **Ki-o-rahi** tournament. There are a few sports events on this term which is great news to many of our students.

Wellington City Council has spent quite some time observing and recording **the traffic problems in Bracken Road** before and after school. There are a number of recommendations proposed, including more broken yellow lines near the bus stops. I will keep you informed but in the meantime please exercise good judgement around our students at busy times.

I have been asked to share the link to a survey that builds on **resilience** capacity and readiness in our community. The organisers need 200 responses to make the survey valid. If you have a few minutes, please support the local community by completing the survey.

Many thanks. <https://newlandsnz.weebly.com/resilience.html>

Please note that we are not having a **Teachers Only Day** over the upcoming long weekend. We can barely fit in all we have planned and need every day we can at school!

On Wednesday we opened the **Parent Portal on Edge**, our Student Management System. Rama Smith sent out an email last week advising everyone how to access this new feature. This feature allows for credit card payments of any costs and gives everyone an opportunity to check if any changes are needed to contact details.

Nominations for our two **board of trustee members** close in 2 weeks. Please contact me or our BOT chair, Susie Ellis, for more information. There is a BOT meeting next Wednesday at 7pm in the staffroom here at school and if you are interested to find out how the board operates feel free to pop in.

I have tried to include as many activities and events as possible in this calendar. Unfortunately, school life being what it is, some of these times and dates may vary but in the meantime please note anything that you and your child might need to be aware of.

**Angela Lowe**

#### Calendar of events for term 3 / 4

<b>Term 4</b>	
Girls' Cricket Sessions	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> / Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Labour Day Holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Ki-o-rahi tournament	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
BOT	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Pasifika Festival – Levin Intermediate	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Newlands School Community Speech Festival	Thursday November 5th
RUN for US (at long last)	Friday November 6 <sup>th</sup>
Open Day – Yr8s to college / yr6s to us	Friday November 13 <sup>th</sup>
Sports and Cultural Exchange with Maidstone Intermediate	Tuesday November 24 <sup>th</sup>
Music Centre Concert	Thursday November 26th
Sports and Cultural Exchange with Tawa Intermediate	Friday November 27th
Out and About Week	Monday Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> to Friday Dec 4th

BOT	Thursday December 4th
Gardasil Immunisation	Monday December 7th
Year 8 Leavers' Dinner and Dance	Wednesday December 9 <sup>th</sup>
Final day and Awards Assembly	Friday December 11 <sup>th</sup>

### **Community Notices**

**Please see our website for more details**

Second Hand Uniform - Newlands Intermediate and College  
Singing/Performance Teacher available for lessons  
BIGAIR Gymsports Tawa  
Samuel Marsden Collegiate School - Open Morning  
Free Parenting Course