



School Newsletter

Week 5 Term 1

February 27th 2020

We have been very lucky with the weather in past few days and our school athletics day was highly successful. We were all particularly impressed with the attitude and effort of the students – giving everything a go and with a smile!

Big Day Out

As part of getting to know each other and developing a class and syndicate culture, we have booked a Big Day Out for all students at the ASB arena. This is a great venue for our students. Everybody will get a chance to play a variety of new fun games that we do not always offer at school. The cost is \$7.00 per student – this covers a bus and the activities. Please check your emails for a message via Ketenet. The information is also on our website.

Signing in and absences

In the event that your child is not well and won't be attending school, or is going to be late, please call the office before 9am. If you email your classroom teacher with this information please also include office@newlandsint.school.nz in the email as teachers are often very busy in the mornings and don't always get a chance to share the information with the office. **It is also important for your child to sign in at the front office before going to class if they are late to school.** This will prevent the office calling you and creating extra stress. We will remind all students about this procedure also.

Phones

As you know phones are handed in each day at school. All phones are to be given to the classroom teacher for safe keeping. They will be stored in a locked cupboard and given out at the end of the day or for learning activities that require a phone's capabilities. Break and lunch times are device free. We rely on all students to take responsibility for this.

The School Driveway

I notice that there are still parents and caregivers using our driveway during the busy times before and after school. Drop off and collect your child outside the school grounds. If your child is injured, i.e. on crutches, and needs transport please pick them up 5 minutes earlier in the afternoon. Please be aware that we have taxis delivering and collecting a group of students each day also. These vehicles have priority.

Netball trials

Our netball trials are complete now. The selectors are working on the teams' composition over the next couple of weeks. We are planning for 12 teams this season which shows that netball remains a big part of our sports programme. We are looking for coaches, managers and umpires. If you would like to be involved,

please contact Whaea Lena. I am pleased to see that already 3-4 teachers have stepped forward for these roles.

Music centre

Our after school music centre has started for this term. There **are still a couple of spaces available in our violin and flute classes.** Call Kaye Good in the office if you are interested.

Uniform

There are a number of students wearing their PE gear to school instead of their uniform. Can you please support us by ensuring your child leaves home each morning in the correct uniform with their PE gear in their bag ready for physical activity.

School Fees and Donations

Last week we sent out invoices that cover our Technology fees. Mathletics has already been sent out by Mr McAtamney, Lead Teacher Maths. Included in the invoice was also a request for the school donation of \$150.

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.

Hats

We encourage all our students to wear their favourite hat during terms 1 and 4. Please make sure that your child packs one every day to wear at break and lunch and during PE or sport. I see some students have taken advantage of the dark blue bucket hats sold at NZ Uniforms. These are not branded and fit with our uniform very well.

Supervised After School Care

KA PAI KLUB - From Monday 11 February we will be operating a supervised after school care, solely for Intermediate students, from the premises of Christadelphian Church, corner Helston Rd & Jane Grove, (229 Helston Rd) Paparangi. Numbers are limited, so get in quick! All enquiries to Linda Robinson linda@kapaikidz.co.nz or enrol via our website <http://kapaikidz.co.nz/ka-pai-klub/>

Lunches

New suppliers – Libelle, are pleased to be able to offer Newlands Intermediate School an easy order system for food made fresh daily out of Newlands College tuck shop, delivered to our students at lunchtime. For more information and to view the menu, please see www.lunchorders.co.nz or for more about Libelle, www.libelle.co.nz

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

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

- Big Day Out – March 2, 3, 4 and 5th. One syndicate per day at the ASB.
- NZ Opera school visit – Wednesday 11th

Angela Lowe

Principal

Calendar of Events

March 2, 3, 4 and 5	Big Day – one syndicate per day at the ASB Arena
Wednesday March 11 th	NZ Opera school visit
Wednesday March 11 th	Newlands Resilience presentation – student-led
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

Community Notices

Please check out our website for more details about community events

North Wellington Junior Football
 Staglands - Kids Go Free 1 March 2020
 Wonderplay Drama Classes
 North United Junior Hockey Club
 Atareira Children - Understanding Mental Health
 Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures
 Squash - The Healthiest Sport in the World
 Quiz Night - Come Out and Play
 Living with AN ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator)
 Johnsonville West Kingergarten

