



## **School Newsletter Week 8 Term 4**

**Wednesday December 3rd 2020**

It has been a great term, although it has just flown by. Playing sport, performing, finishing projects and planning for Out and About Week has lifted everyone's spirits.

This week students and teachers have planned activities both in school and in the community. The forecast is mixed so we are trying to be flexible with our days and times. On Friday we will have a Casual Dress Day, a sausage sizzle and if it's warm enough, our famous waterslide will be in action.

Next week the year 8 Leavers' Dinner and Dance is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and the end of year celebration assembly is at 11am on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>. While it may be a bit of a squash, you are all welcome to attend this event.

### **Year 8 Leavers' Dinner**

This most exciting event is happening on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. The venue is our school hall and the evening is from 6pm to 9pm. There will be a photo booth, dinner and dancing.

Tickets are selling now at the cost of \$25. Please pay online or bring cash to our front office in a named envelope. Tickets will not be distributed until Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> as experience has shown that these tickets often get lost before the day of the event.

### **Newlands Intermediate Music Centre**

The Music Centre offers tuition to primary school aged children in a wide range of musical instruments. The Music Centre provides opportunities for students in the Newlands/Johnsonville area to develop their musical education outside of normal school hours. Classes are held on weekdays during the school term.

In 2021 tuition will be offered in violin, piano, flute and guitar. Violins are available to hire. For further information please ring Kaye on 4788195

### **Out and About Week**

This week we are also having a morning of drama workshops. These workshops are being taken by Georgia Ball, a drama teacher who will be setting up after-school drama classes in our hall in 2021. Please look for the information about the 2021 drama classes on our website.

*"Drama Workshop" It's time to get creative in a fun, fast-paced drama session suitable for both the budding performer and total beginner! We'll be covering basic acting skills, ensemble work and having LOTS OF FUN!!!*

## **Sport Updates**

### **WRISSA TOUCH** - Runners Up

#### **SWIMMING** - 3rd place overall

Bianca Yeldon - Winner 50m and 100m Free, 100IM and 50m Fly, Runner Up 50m Breast and Back

Vinnie Tat - Runner Up 50m Fly

#### **ATHLETICS** - 3rd place overall

Sofia Whiteman - Jnr Girls Runner Up Long Jump

Desmond Reddy - Jnr Boys Winner 800m, Runner up 200m

Michael Lobo - Jnr Boys Winner 1500m

Ryan Lobo - Snr Boys Winner 200m, 800m and 1500m

Hera Maihi - Snr Girls Winner 100m, 200m and Long Jump

Aya von Dadelszen, Jacob Coombes, Hera Maihi, Ryan Lobo - Winner 4 x 100m Relay (and a new Record 56.02)

Congratulations to the 11 students have qualified for the Regional Athletics on 1 December

### **Parks for all Kids community project.**

I am seeking interest from our local community for support for an exciting accessible community project supporting all kids to play.

I have approached WCC to fit our local park with accessible swings for kids (and big kids) in the disability community in Newlands and Woodridge areas.

We have Newlands Intermediate and College with Learning Support Centres and a number of local students in wheelchairs. All kids love to play.

We have no accessible play equipment in our local parks. Kids with disabilities are missing out on being able to play.

The Council is working with me to draw up plans and quotes for the park redesign to include accessible swings in the Hauora Reserve playground. Plans are nearly finished!

Woodridge Homes, a local developer in the region, will also help contribute. Our local MP Greg O'Connor is also supportive. I am approaching more local sponsors for support and the local media to promote this inclusive project.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful project please contact me.

Kris 0274495900

### **Lost Property**

We have enormous amounts of lost property at this time of the year. Some of it is school uniform. We are laying it out in the sunshine today for students in the hope they recognise any of their clothing. If you know there is something missing from your child's wardrobe please ask them to look again tomorrow morning. Non-uniform will be given to the local Hospice Shop here in Newlands tomorrow afternoon.

## Staffing for 2021

Unlike past years our young teachers are unable to travel for their overseas adventures. Sad for them but good for us! Our staff remains stable next year with one addition – Leanne Stubbing from Churton Park School, is joining us a Team leader in 2021.

## Property

I know that many of you have been mindful of our growing roll and pressure on our buildings and space. The good news is that the Ministry of Education has agreed to give us a brand new prefab block to support our roll growth. These prefabs are being built now in Seaview, Lower Hutt. They will be onsite, beside the driveway and adjacent to the turf, early in 2021. This means our library will return to its original place and the 2 temporary classrooms built in the shared learning areas will be taken down. We are delighted.

Throughout 2020 we have been working with a design team to plan for the Newlands Intermediate of the future. The school is not able to grow any larger given its current site and building structures. The Northern Suburbs community is expected to grow significantly in the coming years so a master design concept plan is being developed. The 1<sup>st</sup> project as part of this master plan will be 6 new classrooms built over the next couple of years. I have learned however that projects like this generally take twice as long as predicted. Still, watch our space!

**Angela Lowe**

## Calendar of events for term 4

Out and About Week	Monday Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> to Friday Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>
BOT	Wednesday December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Gardasil Immunisation	Monday December 7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 8 Leavers' Dinner and Dance 6-9pm	Wednesday December 9 <sup>th</sup>
Final day and Awards Assembly 11am	Friday December 11 <sup>th</sup>

## Community Notices

A former student of our school, Chinmay Madhusudhan, has founded a company called Apollo Education. He has asked me to share the following information about his new venture.

At Apollo Education, we believe in empowering students with the study skills and learning resources they need to achieve academic success. Our talented team provides tutoring services to students of all, levels of experience, and subjects. We come to your home or connect remotely, whichever is most convenient and suits your particular needs. We will to the best of our ability, help your child achieve the success that they want, most efficiently and effectively. We will create detailed and unique roadmaps for your child's journey to success and work with them and you every single day until they achieve their goals.

We believe not only in success, but also service. Success comes with a responsibility to serve, and our vision is to serve those who are not able to help themselves. Those who need help but can't afford it. By joining us at Apollo education, not only are you helping your child, but also the children in low socioeconomic areas, who can't afford typical tutoring. This is our vision at Apollo tutoring. Not just "Your Dreams, Your Reality, Their Dreams, Their Reality"

You can visit our website for more information at  
<https://apolloeducationnz.wixsite.com/apollo>

You can follow our Instagram page: @apolloeducationnz

Or you can email us at:

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**Please see our website for more details about the following community events**

Second Hand Uniform - Newlands Intermediate and Newlands College  
Evolve Tennis  
Artrageous Kids Creative Christmas  
Free Routine Dental Care  
Spotlight Performing Arts