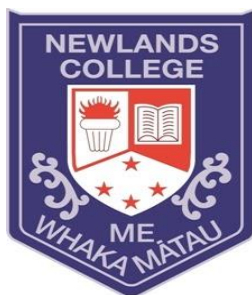




School Newsletter Week 6
Thursday June 4th 2020

We await with interest and cautious optimism that next week will see a decision to move to alert level 1. The immediate benefits to us will be full participation in sport again, assemblies together, normal school bus services and for me, perhaps a few less Zoom meetings!

Newlands College has 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*

Reflections on learning goals will be sent out from the week beginning Monday June 15th via Seesaw. It was very encouraging to see how many families engaged with Seesaw during the lockdown period and have continued to do so now.

We want to report to our parent community in a timely way – not stretched over terms and more than 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 will give 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 will be written **with** the students and sent out as they are completed, so expect a 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.

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.

We will postpone our **learning conferences** until term 3. These will be more successful when everyone feels comfortable being together, we have been able to work with our students to prepare for this meeting and the shared reflections can be discussed.

Thanks to those families who shared their feedback via the **Home Learning Survey**. We are reviewing all the feedback we have received and will use it to inform what we might include or change when constructing our home learning platforms.

Inter-intermediate **sport** is still on hold but we are expecting this to change as soon as there is a move to alert level 1. We are waiting for the various codes to share their expectations.

We will still hold our school Cross Country, 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!

Traffic before and after school outside the school gate is very heavy most days. As winter kicks in this will only get worse unfortunately. There are a number of parents who are dropping their child on the yellow lines immediately in front of the school. This is dangerous and is causing us concern. Please allow enough time, especially in the morning, to pull over further up the street and drop your child off. We know all of our students are capable of walking a few metres into school. There is no need to drive into our school grounds to deliver your child either – again a very unsafe practice before and after school.

If poor driver behaviour continues I will ask the local traffic police to have a presence. We all have a duty of care to keep our roads and children safe.

The bus company has advised us that from next week drivers of the MoE rural school buses will be asking students to show their passes in all cases. The bus company has issued the following statement – “We are now well into Term 2 and believe all those needing passes will now have them. From next week drivers will be wanting to see passes in all cases. Just a reminder there are two passes, the rural bus pass issued by the schools valid for one year (for eligible students) and the Mana Term Passes issued by Mana valid for the current term (for non-eligible students). To clarify, students will need to have one or other of the passes mentioned, not both.”

This message is from Brent Blann at Mana Coach services.

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

We have set August 31st 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.

Calendar for term 2

Vision testing	Monday June 22 nd
Immunisation for year 8s	Monday June 29 th
School Cross Country	Tuesday June 30 th / Wednesday July 1st
Open morning (for schools west of the motorway)	Friday June 26 th 9am - 12

As you can see most of the extra-curricular events have been put on hold or cancelled. I am sure the calendar will fill up again as we move to level 1. Let's hope that is not too far away.

Thank you again for all your support and goodwill during these challenging times.

Angela Lowe
Principal

Community Notices

Students Catching Metlink School bus services
Community Fitness Challenge