



School Newsletter Week 1 Term 4

Thursday November 5th 2020

Our major events for term 4 are already underway or still on our calendar – Life Education programme, Run for Us, Orientation Days for years 6 and 8, Out and About Week. The Wellington spring weather appears to be our greatest obstacle at this point. An email confirming **Run for Us** will go out to all students and parents today after school. With the weather so changeable we will wait until the final moment to postpone. Again.

One of the major disappointments for us this year has been the lack of opportunities to perform. We have planned a couple of events in the coming weeks that we hope many of you will be able to attend.

Firstly, there is a **Kapahaka performance evening on Thursday November 12th at 6.30** in our hall. On **Tuesday November 17th our Poly Club will be performing** as part of a Pasifika Fono evening. We are having a **short “community” concert at 10am on Wednesday November 18th – Kapahaka, Poly Club, Ukulele Orchestra, and a scene from Mary Poppins.** The next performance opportunity is at our end of year assembly on Friday December 11th at 11am. You are all welcome to attend every one of these events. I know our students would be grateful for a crowd of supporters.

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>

Nominations for our two **board of trustee members** close tomorrow. We have received 2 nominations at this point.

In the 1st weekend of the recent holidays our **chess** team competed in a national tournament in Tauranga. Scott Wastney, our chess coach had this to say:

The team came 11th out of 16 teams, with a respectable performance of winning 3 matches but losing 4.

The nature of the close competition being that an extra match win would have jumped the team to 5th place.

The effect of covid-19 was that many regional qualifiers in smaller regions were either not run, or travel arrangements were too difficult since, up until the final week, it was in the balance whether or not the national event could go ahead. This led to a very Auckland centric field and there being just a single South Island team taking part. In total there were 10 Auckland teams and one team each from Wellington, Christchurch, Rotorua, Hawkes Bay,

Palmerston North and Hamilton. Overall the matches were hard fought, and watching the games in progress I felt that Newlands were particularly unlucky to end up losing their match to the Christchurch champions, Colham.

Many thanks to the parents and Scott who supported this team.

We have only 5 weeks left of this year and despite everything else that has gone on, the year seems to have sped by. We are working hard to keep our students engaged and committed to their learning to the end. But we are also aware that our staff and students are enjoying opportunities to get out and about, perform and play. I hope our parent community can be involved in one or two events also.

Angela Lowe

Calendar of events for term 4

Term 4	
Newlands School Community Speech Festival	Thursday November 5th
RUN for US (at long last)	Friday November 6 th 7.30am – 2.30pm
Kapahaka performance evening	Thursday November 12 th 6.30pm
Open Day – Yr8s to college / Yr6s to us	Friday November 13 th
Pasifika Fono	Tuesday November 17 th 6.30pm
Community concert	Wednesday November 18 th 10am
Sports and Cultural Exchange with Maidstone Intermediate	Tuesday November 24 th
Music Centre Concert	Thursday November 26th
Sports and Cultural Exchange with Tawa Intermediate	Friday November 27th
Out and About Week	Monday Nov 30 th to Friday Dec 4th
BOT	Thursday December 4th
Gardasil Immunisation	Monday December 7th
Year 8 Leavers' Dinner and Dance	Wednesday December 9 th

Final day and Awards Assembly	Friday December 11 th

Community Notices

Please see our website for more details

Newlands Intermediate Secondhand Uniform Event
BigAir Cheer 2021
Springboard Diving - Kilbirnie Pool
The Inspiration Garden
Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures
Hutt Valley Volleyball Club