



School Newsletter

Week 3 Term 4

Thursday November 1st 2018

The weather forced us to postpone our annual Tawa Intermediate Cultural and Sporting exchange this year. We hope it can be re-scheduled for week 6. It is a shame when this occurs after the hours of work students and staff at both schools have done. We had a range of sports planned but also chess, My Kitchen Rules and theatre sports included in the day's programme.

Lateness

It has come to my attention just how many students are late for school each day. Some days we can have 30 students here up to an hour late with no reason provided other than they have slept in. When pushed further it appears that the online game Fortnite is one of the reasons our students up to all hours in the night. We are really concerned about this and need parents help to monitor online behaviour and habits. We have started noting who these students are.

The term 4 curriculum

This term the focus is on Future Selves. Year 8s are looking at "What type of learner am I, what strengths do I have and what might my future hold knowing this?" Our year 7s are building leadership capacity to be role models in 2019.

Our Puberty Education has run alongside the Life Education programme and both of these will finish sometime this week. These learning opportunities are focusing on making good decisions, peer pressure, the use of social media and general health and wellbeing.

Orientation Mornings

It has been confirmed that the Wellington primary and intermediate teachers will be taking strike action on Friday November 16th. Our current year 8s will continue as planned and spend that morning at the college. I understand the college will be contacting all students enrolled to confirm the arrangements for this morning.

We have shifted our Orientation Morning to Friday November 9th. Year 6 students from our major contributing schools will be delivered to school by bus at 9.15 and then return to school at midday. Only Rewarewa students will walk down.

International Food Fair

We have started planning for our international Food fair on November 29th designed to be this term's celebration event. It is an opportunity to acknowledge, share and celebrate the diversity of our school – "Ko Wai Matou? – Who are we?"

We have talked to all of our students and identified working groups within the school to support this project. We will rely heavily on the help and motivation of our parents. Previously a couple of parents from each ethnic community volunteered to organise and assist the students and families to prepare and serve at the event. Please think about how you can be involved. An information sheet came home this week.

Pasifika and Māori Hui

In week 5 and week 6 we invite our Maori and Pasifika families to share an evening to celebrate the year. More information will be sent closer to the dates.

School Sport

This is the term for Inter-intermediate Touch, Ki-o-Rahi and swimming. At school students are learning to play a multi-sport game that combines netball, rugby, football and touch.

The Construction Projects

The school has been a busy place over recent weeks as we remove asbestos, replace the wooden windows and re-clad the tech area. The roof in the admin and tech blocks is also being replaced. We have put a new ceiling into the old tech courtyard to create a new teaching and learning space. New doors and carpet will be in there over the next couple of weeks. The garage and caretakers workshop is nearly complete.

We are investigating the possibility of building 2 temporary teaching spaces in the shared learning areas. This is a really difficult decision but with an ever growing roll and a considerable wait for new school buildings we have to be creative.

Angela Lowe

Principal

Calendar of Events

BOT	Thursday November 1st
Inter-Intermediate Touch Bellyfull Opening	Wednesday November 7th Wednesday November 7th 7pm
Speech Evening Newlands School Cluster	Thursday November 8th
Orientation Morning for 2019 year 7s	Friday November 9th 9am to midday
Maori Whanau Hui Inter-Intermediate Swimming	Tuesday November 13th 6pm TBC Tuesday November 13th
Orientation Morning for 2019 year 9s	Friday November 16th 9am to midday

Strike Action	Friday November 16th
Pasifika Whanau Hui	Tuesday November 20th 6pm
PolyFest at Wainuiomata Intermediate School	Friday November 23rd
International Food Fair	Thursday November 29th
EOTC Week	December 3rd to 7th
BOT	Thursday December 6th
Music Centre Concert	Wednesday December 12th 6.30pm
Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Dance	Monday December 17th
Last day of school year	Tuesday December 18th 12.20pm