



School Newsletter

Week 7 Term 4

Thursday November 28th 2018

We are looking forward to this week's International Food Fair. Despite the weather we will be open for "business" from 5.30pm in Shared Learning Area 1.

Keeping an eye on our school

There has been a number of incidents in the community recently where property has been damaged or vandalised. Our local youth aid officers have advised us to take extra precautions over the holiday period in light of these "events". We have arranged for extra security patrols both day and night. I would like to ask our parent community to keep an eye on our school too. Please feel free to use the grounds, walk through the area and generally give our school a well-used community feel over the break. If you see anything suspicious or notice any damage please call the police on our behalf. Thank you.

The Community Centre

The Newlands Community Centre has been offering an after school drop-in centre for a couple of years now. In recent months we have been made aware of some of poor behaviour at the centre from both our students and those from the college. We have been working with the community centre to support their programme but we remain concerned about the behaviour and attitudes shown by our young people.

If your child takes advantage of the after school drop-in programme please be aware that the police have been called in the past couple of weeks in response to some violence and vandalism. At times the centre is unable to manage the behaviour of this small group.

The Pasifika Festival

Some of our Poly Club students took part in the Inter-Intermediate Pasifika Festival in Wainuiomata last week. It was such a fun event and everyone enjoyed themselves.

International Food Fair

We are very excited about this week's food fair. Tickets are on sale from the office for \$5 but you can buy a ticket and a bowl on the night. **Each person, including our own students, who attends the food fair will buy an empty bowl for \$5** and can then taste all of the delights we will have available – possibly many times over! If the last event is anything to go by you will need to be at school around 5.30 as the food is delicious and very popular. All students will wear school uniform as it is a school event. There is only a small group who are dressing in their national costume for the evening.

We have around 8 items for our concert too which will run from 7pm in our hall. Our teachers and teacher aides have been putting in a lot of work.

School Sport

Ki-o-Rahi has been postponed due to bad weather this week. Our students did very well in the recent swimming competition with many finishing in the top 3.

EOTC Week

Next week, when the weather is finer, all our students will be involved in EOTC Week. The variety of activities on offer is a tribute to our teachers who have planned every event and programme.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Dance

The tickets for this event on sale now. The cost of this event is \$30 which includes a DJ, a Photo Booth and dinner for all. The dress code is smart.

Check these podcasts out:

Generation Next podcasts are essential reading and listening for parents and teachers alike. A lot of these messages are relevant right now. Andrew Fuller has worked with us on several occasions in recent years.

<https://generationnext.podbean.com/>

Angela Lowe

Principal

Calendar of Events

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 6pm to 9pm
Last day of school year	Tuesday December 18th 12.20pm

Community Notices

BigAir Gym

Recycling For Charity Sales

School Holiday Computer Classes

Draw like an Illustrator – Holiday Illustration Camp

Shuttle Time Programmes

Code Camp

Movie Making Holiday Programmes – January 2019

Tawa Recreation Centre School Holiday Programme