



School Newsletter

Week 7 Term 1

March 14th 2019

Board of Trustees Elections

In June three positions will become available on our board of trustees. One of these positions is a current member who will be applying for re-election. Our board is a committed, easy-going group that meet twice a term.

On March 19th there will be a public meeting at Newlands Primary School for any parents interested in knowing more about becoming a school trustee. The meeting will be in the Newlands School hall, starting at 6.30pm. Current board members from all the schools in the area will be there to talk about the role they play and hopefully how much they enjoy it. Supper will be provided and there will be plenty of opportunities for informal chats.

Netball trials

Our netball trials took place here at school over the past couple of weekends. The selectors are still putting the teams together. When this is completed the teams will be posted on the student notice board here at school and a follow-up newsletter will be sent to everyone on the netball data base. If you are able to support a team in any capacity please contact Lena – lena.m@newlandsint.school.nz

Run for Us

Our annual Run for Us is scheduled for Friday March 22nd. This is a highlight for us not only as our major fundraiser for the year but also as great social event and a physical challenge for nearly all of us. It starts at 7.30am and finishes at 3.00pm. Teams are organised for the entire day and your child will know when they are first scheduled to run on the day.

It is so good to see the Give-a-Little page being used by friends and relatives all over the world – the link is <http://bit.ly/run4us2019>

Our goal is to raise \$26,000 which is \$1500 a class. We will use this money to buy new Chromebooks, a new 3D printer, some sewing machines, new musical instruments, better staging and curtains for the hall and a more robust computer for the digital technology classes. These are extras that our operating grant can't stretch to unfortunately. Please encourage friends and family to support your child with this event.

If you can help click the lap cards for each student as they pass the start / finish mark we would love to see you on the day. Please see the Google form sent by Mr McAtamney last week. <http://bit.ly/nishelper>

We have been very lucky to receive sponsorship for our breakfast and lunch stands. Thanks to the Animal Medical Centre in Johnsonville and William Yip from Harcourts Real Estate. Please send your child to school with some money to buy some of the delicious food on offer. Eating is a highlight of the day for most of our students!

Learning Conferences

On Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child and their teacher to discuss the learning goals identified for this year. The booking form is available via our website. This form will be open next Monday, March 18th at midday and will close at midday on Tuesday March 26th. These time slots are for 10 minutes to discuss the learning objectives for the year. An opportunity to review progress will be available in term 3.

In some classes only 50% of parents responded to this opportunity last year. The students and teachers prepare for these evenings and it is important to include families in what we are all trying to achieve. Please make a booking and come along.

Home Learning

We expect home learning each night but do not have a model of compulsory home learning at this school. All students are encouraged to read each evening and complete or continue with their Mathematics. Each term teachers will set a research topic that students can undertake that supports the Big Idea of that term. This is not compulsory but rather an opportunity for students with time and inclination to show how they can manage their learning, follow their interests and hone their research and presentation skills. These research topics are examples of the integrated curriculum whenever possible. We encourage students to follow an interest on Khan Academy, read the newspaper or a suitable online news source.

Paid Union Meetings

Next week sees our teaching staff attend paid union meetings. We are working hard to keep the school open and have split the meeting attendance across 4 days all over Wellington so we can keep adequate teachers on site at all times. It will be business as usual next week.

Angela Lowe

Principal

Calendar of Events

Tuesday March 26 th	School photos
Friday March 22 nd	Run for Us 7.30am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 27 th and Wednesday 28 th March	Goal Setting Conferences
Week beginning March 18 th	Paid Union Meetings – school will remain open with reduced staffing.
Tuesday March 19 th 6.30pm	Board of Trustee Information Evening – Newlands Primary School
Wednesday April 3 rd	Inter-Intermediate 7s tournament

Community Notices

Please check out our website for more details about community events

