



School Newsletter

Week 5 Term 1

February 28th 2019

We had a very successful Athletics day. Take a look at our website over the next couple of weeks as we post some of the great photos taken on the day. Teachers noted how much effort students put into this event this year which was great to see. The running finals were held on Wednesday morning.

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. I will send more information closer to the time.

Signing in and absences

In the event that your child is not well and won't be attending school or is going to be late please call the office before 9am. If you email your classroom teacher with this information please also include office@newlandsint.school.nz in the email as teachers are often very busy in the mornings and don't always get a chance to share the information with the office. **It is also important for your child to sign in at the front office before going to class if they are late to school.** This will prevent the office calling you and creating extra stress. We will remind all students about this procedure also.

Phones

As you know phones are handed in each day at school. All phones are to be given to the classroom teacher for safe keeping. They will be stored in a locked cupboard and given out at the end of the day or for learning activities that require a phone's capabilities. Break and lunch times are device free.

Netball trials

Our netball trials will take place here at school on Sunday March 3rd trials and also here on Sunday March 10th. Whaea Lena has sent an email out sharing more details about these days. We have 10 teams most seasons and netball is a big part of our sports programme. We will be looking for coaches, managers and umpires so please give this some thought also.

Drum tuition

We have had the opportunity in recent years to offer drum tuition to students on Fridays. Our drum teacher, Kim Andrews has limited spaces now available for students wishing to learn the drums. Kim is a drum tutor with 18 years of drumming and music industry experience, and has done some amazing work with our students over the past year. Feel free to contact Kim kim.two.sticks@outlook.com

School Fees and Donations

We have sent out invoices that cover our fees – Technology, Science Roadshow and Athletics and the school donation of \$100. Although this is an increase of \$10 this donation is possibly the smallest in the northern suburbs and we aim to keep it that way. Thank you to families who have already paid their invoice in full.

As our curriculum becomes more digital we now have the costs of software licenses to manage. We have passed on Athletics as it is significant part of home learning. The school has absorbed the cost of the licenses for Write That Essay, Google Education and Seesaw. This amounts to \$35 per student.

It is incumbent on schools to make sure that parents are well aware of what the school donation is used for. I often hear that education should be free but unfortunately the demands on schools to meet the learning and teaching needs of our 21st century curriculum cannot be met by our Operations Grant and we try to limit our fundraising to just once a year – the Run for Us.

Our donation supports the extras we now take for granted; a librarian every morning; a school counsellor 2-3 days a week; a large team of Teaching Assistants to support students' learning; our turf kept in outstanding condition and upgraded and new devices every year. Each year we use our own money to subsidise the operating grant given by the ministry of education. Over the Christmas period it was used for the development of 2 new teaching spaces to manage roll growth, the re-development of the library area and the purchase of more digital devices to meet our school's growing needs.

Your donation is valued and appreciated.

Supervised After School Care

KA PAI KLUB - From Monday 11 February we will be operating a supervised after school care, solely for Intermediate students, from the premises of Christadelphian Church, corner Helston Rd & Jane Grove, (229 Helston Rd) Paparangi. Numbers are limited, so get in quick! All enquiries to Linda Robinson linda@kapaikidz.co.nz or enrol via our website <http://kapaikidz.co.nz/ka-pai-klub/>

Important dates worth noting:

Term 1 Wednesday January 30th to Friday April 12th

Term 2 Monday April 29th to Friday July 5th

Term 3 Monday July 22nd to Friday September 27th

Term 4 Monday October 14th to Tuesday December 18th

We have 2 Teachers' Only Days planned – Friday May 31st and Tuesday October 29th.

Angela Lowe

Principal

Calendar of Events

Sunday March 3rd	1 st netball trials
Wednesday February 20 th	School Athletics Day
Sunday March 10 th	2 nd netball trials
Tuesday March 26 th	School photos
Friday March 22nd	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

Is your NIS student looking for a fun activity after school?

- To help get fit?
- To learn a new skill?
- To see what martial arts are really like?

There's a Karate group that trains in our NIS Hall Thursday evening at 6.30pm & your student is welcome to check them out.

They also train Mondays at the Centennial Hall, 212 Newlands Road at 6.30pm.

There's no fees for the 1st couple of weeks & no special gear is needed to try them out, just comfy clothes with bare feet & no jewellery.

Jude.drum@gmail.com or 027430840 are their contact details

Dance Classes in Newlands
Harbour City Junior Hockey
Northern United Junior Hockey Club
Back to School Bay Checks
Te Māhuri After School group to practise te reo Maori
Kids go Free at Staglands on Childrens Day
North Island Springboard and Platform Championships 1-3 March
The Illustrating Man Designs

Please check out our website for more details about community event

