



School Newsletter

Week 3 Term 1

February 14th 2019

Our settled start to the year has continued due in some part to the fine weather. Long may it continue as we finish off our Out and About trips over the coming days.

The Parent Teacher Barbecue

Thank you to many of you who came to meet us at our barbecue last week. More formal learning conferences will be held later in the term.

BYOD Notices and Digital User Agreements have been sent home. These are important as they determine online behaviour and share understandings between home and school. Please sign the User Agreement and return to school by this Friday February 22nd. Copies are available at the office.

Please also take time to read the information sheet attached to this newsletter. This was the essence of the presentation we had at the barbecue evening.

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 and 3rd trials also here on Sunday March 10th. Whaea Lena will send an email out this week 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.

Music centre

Our after school music centre will be starting in week 4 and will run for 8 weeks each term. Registrations for the classes in guitar, piano, flute and violin took place this week on Tuesday. The piano, flute and guitar classes are quite full but there **are a couple of spaces available in our violin classes.**

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

Performing Arts

Our students have already been busy auditioning for our dance troupes, choir and our Show Quest performance team. This year we are competing in Show Quest as our major Performing Arts opportunity in Term 2. This is an exciting opportunity for our elite dancers to develop their performance skills while telling a story about a current issue. Our students have chosen to focus on Irreversible Climate Change as their topic. Students choreograph and direct this alongside our Dance teacher Brie Jessen-Vaughan.

Uniform

We have noticed that there are a number of students wearing their PE gear to school instead of their uniform. Can you please support us by ensuring your child leaves home each morning in the correct uniform with their PE gear in their bag ready for physical activity.

School Fees and Donations

Next week we will send out invoices that cover our fees – Technology, Science Roadshow and Mathletics. Included in the invoice is also a request for 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.

As our curriculum becomes more digital we now have the costs of software licenses to manage. We have passed on Mathletics 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/>

Signing up for the Newsletter

Please go to our website Homepage and sign up to receive the newsletter digitally. This is the last newsletter sent home on paper as hard copies are not sustainable but will always be given to families who do not have internet access. Please let the office know if this is you.

Accessing Information

This is the last paper newsletter. Please visit our website and sign up for the newsletter electronically. It will be sent out every 2nd Thursday. The website holds all the important information you need. It is updated once a week. You will find copies of all important notices here and the school calendar. All students will be shown how to access this information also.

Important dates worth noting now:

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 19 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

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

Please check out our website for more details about community events