



School Newsletter

Week 3 Term 4

November 2nd 2017

Term 4 has started with fine settled weather and we are enjoying being outside every lunchtime - long may it last!

There are lots of things going on this term.

Health and Wellbeing Our puberty education programme is well underway and as always it is very popular and enjoyed by all. We hope it encourages conversations at home.

Last week I attended a workshop in Auckland aimed specifically at intermediate and middle schools on health and wellbeing of our students. Judge Andrew Beecroft and one of the researchers for the Otago University longitudinal study were among the speakers. Both talked about the impact self-control has on the health, wellbeing and future lives. They also reaffirmed how valuable these early adolescent years are for shaping character.

Please make an effort to put sunblock on your child or send them to school with sunblock. Every class has sunblock available. Please also encourage your child to bring a hat to school as we will be spending more time outside.

Sports Last week we participated in the Inter-intermediate Touch Rugby tournament. We found ourselves in a challenging pool and didn't do very well in our early games, finishing 12 out of 16 teams.

This week we were involved in the Inter-intermediate basketball tournament. After our success at NZAIMS it was great to see our boy's team come 1st! Our girls struggled a little against some outstanding teams and finished 9th overall.

The Monday Touch competition has also begun this week. We have 3 teams entered.

Performing Arts Next week about 35 students from our kapahaka and Poly group are taking part in a cultural festival at Hutt Intermediate School.

Last week our band and dancers performed at the Brandon Performing Arts Festival. It was a great event and our students learned a little more about stage presence as they performed with 19 other dance and music groups.

This week our band performed at the annual Battle of the Bands in Lower Hutt.

Noho Marae I hope you all know the programme for Noho Marae by now. In week 5, two weeks away, all students will have the opportunity to stay here at school over night as if experiencing a marae stay. There will

be fun and engaging activities each day. Dinner, breakfast and lunch for each group staying will be provided. Please talk to Whaea Lena if you have any questions.

Assessments Over the next few weeks as we write reports and prepare data for the ministry and the college all our students will be having their reading, writing and maths assessed. We can now tailor our assessment tasks to the student so we can bring out the best in them. On Friday 17th our year 8s will visit Newlands College for an Orientation morning and all year 6s will be here with us.

Looking ahead... Later in the term we will have an EOTC experience over 3 days for all our students. We will use a lot of the money raised from Run for Us but the “top up” cost for this experience is \$5 per day per student, so \$15. The days include a trip to the ASB stadium, the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre, Laser Force, the Cable Car and a day of sports activities locally. Some students will also have an opportunity to try their hand at sailing.

Lots to enjoy and look forward to this term.

Angela Lowe

Principal

From Room 5 As part of a Student Volunteer Army Community Project in Term 3, Room 5 has been supporting the efforts of Newlands Predator Free 2050 project. We have made 100 tunnel boxes which have been furnished with traps. Newlands Predator Free has a target of 800 traps out in the community across Woodridge, Papararangi, and Newlands. Our 100 traps make up a large portion of this target and we just need homes for them now. Kiwibank has supplied the traps, ITM Tawa gave us discounted Timber and Room 5 has funded part of the project themselves. We are selling the traps at \$10 which we intend to use to build a conservation fund to help us work on future community projects around Newlands, Papararangi and Woodridge. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact dan.m@newlandsint.school.nz to arrange purchase of your trap.

Calendar of Events

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| BOT | Thursday November 2nd 7pm |
| Pasifika Festival | Wednesday November 8th |
| Noho Marae | Monday 13th, 14th, 15th November |
| Open Morning Year 8s to college / Year 6s to us | Friday November 17th |
| Gardisal Vaccinations | Monday November 20th |
| Music Centre performance | Monday November 27th 6.30pm |
| Tawa Intermediate Sport and Cultural Exchange | Wednesday November 29th |
| Newlands Cluster Speech Festival | Thursday November 30th |

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| EOTC Day 1 | Friday December 1st |
| EOTC Day 2 | Tuesday December 5th |
| EOTC Day 3 | Wednesday December 6th |
| BOT | Thursday December 7th 7pm |
| Celebration Assembly | Wednesday December 13th 1.30pm |
| Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Dance | Thursday December 14th 6.30 – 9.00pm |
| Last Day | Friday December 15th 12.20 |

Community Notices

Check out our website for more details about these events and groups.

Onslow Amateur Athletics Club

Newlands Community Cleanup Sunday 12 November

St Brigid's School Fair - Sunday 12 November

Wonderplay Drama Classes

Khandallah School -Kaukau Challenge Sunday 12 November

Kula Kids Yoga