



NORFOLK

SCHOOL

Newsletter

26 July 2017



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Kia ora koutou, Ni hao, Talofa Lava, Guten Tag, and Hello to you all!

It is great to see everyone back after the holidays and rearing to go again in Term Three. Once again we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned and we're looking forward to seeing where our learning inquiries take us. Our sustainability theme will continue this term as well as a focus on cultures that make up our society. Like most people, we're sick of the rain but we're making the most of every sunny day we get while we have it.

School Focus: Make responsible choices, especially when the weather is wet and we can't use the outdoor spaces and we are inside together a lot.

Lunch Eating Changes - This term we are trialling a change to the ways and times that we are eating during breaks. Instead of eating at the beginning of morning tea and lunch times, we are eating at the end. This allows the children to get out and play straight away. We were finding that children were rushing their eating so that they could get out and play and they were not eating properly or disposing of their rubbish properly in their haste. Now they are able to enjoy their food at the end of play and will hopefully be able to finish their food properly. As with any change, there will need to be some tweaks to cater for all needs, but we are aiming for a more flexible eating routine that allows children to eat when they are hungry throughout the day. We will review the trial, with student input, in a couple of weeks and decide what happens next.

We are also asking children to take the majority of their rubbish home with them so that parents can see what they have eaten. This has another benefit of less rubbish being blown out of bins and around the school grounds, which supports our environment as well.

We encourage everyone to explore options for less food wrappers in their lunch boxes such as reuseable sandwich wraps and 'nude lunchboxes'. Together we can all make a big difference to our environment. Thank you all for your support.

Hot Lunches - These will continue for the first four weeks of this term and will be prepared so they are ready for the new eating times.

Fonterra Milk in Schools - We had our first milk this week, which was very exciting. Children must have parent consent to have milk at school. Consent forms are available at the office.



Digital Citizenship and Cyber Safety - This term we are also spending time re-focusing on our responsibilities to use digital technologies and the internet safely and sensibly when at school and at home. We will be re-visiting our School Digital Licences and talking about the importance of keeping ourselves and others safe on the internet.

It is extremely important that parents continue to monitor the internet access that their children have at home and please talk to your children about what is appropriate and what is not online. A great rule of thumb is "If you wouldn't say it in person, don't say it online".

Nga mihi koutou - acknowledgements to you all for your support.

Andrew Georgeson - Principal

General Notices

School Photos - A reminder these will be taken on Tuesday 1 August. Please have photo envelopes and money returned to the school office on Monday 31 July.

Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Uniforms - Please return all netball, football and rugby uniforms to school as soon as possible as we will require them for Y7/8 sports this term. Please make sure the uniforms are returned in a named bag.

Inglewood High School Enrolments Year 8 - Enrolment interviews for Inglewood High School will be held at Norfolk School on Friday 11 August from 9.30am. Parents need to phone the Norfolk School office as soon as possible to make a time. Interviews will be 30 minutes in duration.

Head Lice - We have become aware that one, or more, children attending Norfolk School have been confirmed to have a head lice infection. We would like to stress that finding a head lice infection is nothing to be concerned about, head lice infections are common in children of school age and are not harmful. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regularly carrying out detection combing to check for the presence of head lice. Don't forget, if you do find head lice in your child's head, to let all close contacts (including the school) know about it – so everyone can check for head lice. For further information on head lice please speak to your local pharmacist/doctor. Alternatively, you can look at www.headlice.co.nz

Home & School Meeting - The next meeting for the Home & School will be held on Tuesday 1 August at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Home and School Bull Calf Fundraiser - Would you be willing to raise a bull calf for the Norfolk Home and School? This is a fantastic fundraiser for the Home and School and this year's profits will be spent to improve playground facilities for our children. For more information please ask at the office or contact Tia Huta or any Home and School parent.

School Fees and Donations:

Thank you to the 83 families who have paid their school fees so far this year. Your contributions make a huge difference in terms of the quality learning experiences we can offer for your children. We now have EFTPOS at the office which will be a welcome payment option to many families. We appreciate your prompt payment of these donations to help us to continue providing quality learning programmes for your children.

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Dates For Your Calendar:

Tuesday 1st August - School Photos

Tuesday 1st August - Home & School Meeting


Tuesday 1st August - ICAS English Exam

Tuesday August 8th - Board of Trustees Meeting - All Welcome

Friday 11 August - Inglewood High School Enrolments

Tuesday 15th August - ICAS Maths Exam





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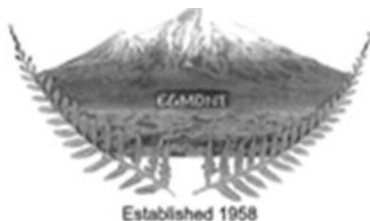
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