



NORFOLK

SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

School Focus: To know my learning goals and how to achieve them.

Relevant School Values - Responsibility/Haepapa , Pride/Whakahi

Farewell Mrs Guthrie - It is with sadness that I announce today that Mrs Helene Guthrie will be leaving Norfolk School at the end of this year. Mrs Guthrie has served the Norfolk Community for over 15 years and will be dearly missed. While sad, we are very happy for Mrs Guthrie, who will be off chasing new adventures next year. Who knows, we may even see her relieving back here from time to time.

Student Led Conferences - Summit (Thursday 16th Nov).

Information and booking forms have been sent home for these sessions. They are a great way to find out about your child's learning from their perspective. Your child will share their learning goals and show you how they are working towards achieving these. Class teachers will be available for extra information but the aim is to have learners who are capable of answering all of your questions.

Swimming Pool Repaint Project - Thank you to all of the amazing people who gave their time over the past week to transform our pool to a beautiful blue oasis that it now is. Painting is all but complete and we are looking forward to seeing it refilled and ready for swimming! The pool is nearly 60 years old and with community support it will serve our school and community for many years to come.

Recycled Bottle Greenhouse Project - We are pleased to have Steve from Upcycle Taranaki supporting us with our Recycled Bottle Greenhouse, which will be built behind the swimming pool. We could do with a parent or two who have some reasonable DIY skills to help work with the group over the next few weeks to help keep us on track! If you are available to help, we would love to hear from you! Times can be flexible to suit your availability.



End of Year Celebration -Thursday December 14th -

Inglewood High School Hall - 6:30pm - This year our end of year celebration will be held at Inglewood High School. Classes will share performances, senior musicians will perform and our Kapa Haka Ropu will also give a performance.

Cybersafety, Social Media, cellphones and Positive Relationships - Recently we have been



aware of a number of cases where social media such as Snapchat and Instagram outside of school have been causing friendship difficulties at school. As parents, it is often tough keeping up with our kids in a techy world, but please take the time to talk with our children about their social media use if you choose to allow them to have accounts. It is the responsibility of parents to check what their children are saying and exposed to through social media.

If parents require their child to have their cell-phone at school, these are to be handed in to the office where they can be kept safe until the end of the day. We reserve the right to confiscate phones that are not handed in and parents will be asked to collect the phone.

Health Education Survey

Every two years, we are required to consult with our community around our Health Education programme. In an increasingly crowded curriculum, we really want to gain a clear idea of what areas our community value in our health programme so we can tailor it to our specific needs. This survey can be filled in online by [clicking this link](#). Please let us know if you have any trouble accessing the survey and we'll assist as much as possible. We have paper copies available at the office for anyone who prefers these. We value your input, so thanks in advance!

Sunhats: Sunhats are now compulsory for all children. We have run out of wide brimmed hats and we have an order of new bucket hats on its way. Unfortunately these are taking a little longer than expected so if your child is waiting for one they are permitted to wear their own hat until they arrive. They will be \$15 each.

Country Cluster Schools Athletics (8 - 13 Year olds) - Tuesday

November 21st - Permission slips for this event have been sent home. Please return these to school by this Friday at the latest. We will be leaving school at 9:05am and returning to school at approximately 2pm.



Junior Tabloid Sports (5 - 7 Year olds) - Tuesday November 28th

This is a fun event being hosted by us here at Norfolk. It will be run by Mr Lewis and our awesome senior students. Events will start at 10am. We welcome parents and whanau to come along and enjoy the fun.

Tag Oil Tough Kid Challenge - Friday December 1st - This is an awesome fun event for our Year 6 - 8's which will be held at Yarrow Stadium in New Plymouth. Permission slips need to be returned as soon as possible please.

School Athletic Sports - Tuesday December 5th

A mix of fun activities and athletic events, this will be a great day for all of our children. We will have running races, field events and even wheelchair races! We'd love to see lots of parents sharing the fun with us too!

Weetbix Tryathlon 2018: Entries for the 2018 Weetbix Tryathlon in New Plymouth are open now! All entries are online and can be completed at <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> Please select Norfolk School when completing your entry.

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

Andrew Georgeson - Principal

Public Notices:

CHANGE OF DATE - NORFOLK COMMUNITY POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER

This will now be held on Saturday 2 December, 6.30pm, Norfolk Hall. All welcome. Flyers in mailboxes soon!

Dates For Your Calendar:

Learner Led Conferences:

- Summit - Thursday 16th November

Tuesday 21st November - Country Cluster Schools Athletics - TET Stadium

Tuesday 28th November - Country Cluster Schools Junior Tabloids - At Norfolk School

Friday December 1st - TAG Oil Tough Kid Challenge (Year 6-8's)- Yarrow Stadium


Tuesday December 5th - School Athletic Sports

Thursday December 14th - End of Year Celebration - Inglewood High School Hall - 6:30pm

Tuesday December 19th - Term 4 ends

Tuesday January 30th - Term 1, 2018 Starts





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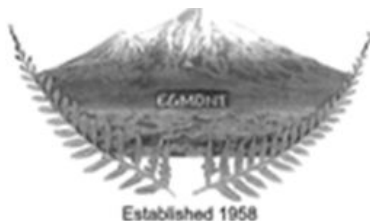
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