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SCHOOL

# Newsletter

**8 November 2017**



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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**

**Student Led Conferences** - Tui Tree (Thursday 9th Nov), Totara (Monday 13th Nov), Moa Hut (Tuesday 14th Nov) and 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: Calling all Parents and Norfolk community members!**

We need as many people as possible to help at the following times this weekend:

Friday from 2pm - waterblasting and preparation for painting

Saturday from 10:30am - 12:30pm painting

Saturday 12:30pm - 3pm painting

Please let us know if you are available at any of these times to lend a hand.

This is a wonderful community facility and we need your support in keeping it running.

Thank you all in advance!



**2018 Class placements** - We are working on these at present in preparation for 2018. When making placements we always consider as many factors as possible to make the best possible placement for every child.

We are looking forward to building upgrades in the junior area of the school which, once completed will allow the Sunshine and Mamaku rooms to work seamlessly together in a very collaborative space.

Tui Tree will likely be made up with largely Year 3's and Totara Room will be a mostly year 4/5 class.

In the senior school next year we will have two year 6, 7 & 8 classes, which will be working increasingly closely together with Mr Lewis and Mrs Guthrie. This will mean some changes in home class for some year 7 learners. If you have any questions or requests regarding class placements, please contact Mr Georgeson.

**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.

### **Norfolk Legends:**

Well done to the following students who have been demonstrating our community values.

**Sunshine Room** - Renee Hunger and Miharo Moffitt

**Mamaku Room** - Ross Morgan and Tyler Connole

**Tui Tree** - Max Jury and Ivan Harris

**Totara Room** - Mark Chambers and Chris Chambers

**Moa Hut** - Sarah Chambers and Keyantae Houkamau-Hall

**Summit Room** - Stuart Dickens and Maia Belchamber

**Book Fair:** We thank everyone for your support of the book fair this year. As well as a lot of lovely books going home with our children, we have also raised valuable money which can then be spent on reading resources for our school.

**School Library Relocation** - We're very excited to share that we have decided to relocate our library resources to the Whanau room where we will create a dedicated space where our children can read purely for enjoyment and build a love of reading. This space will be a perfect, quiet reading space which we haven't had in some time.

We're thankful to our Playgroup community for sharing this space with us.

We aim to have this ready for the start of 2018.

**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 - Tuesday November 21st** - After a year off last year due to the stadium upgrade, we are running the Country Cluster Athletics again this year. We will require helpers on the day so please let Mr Georgeson know if you can help.



**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**

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**Public Notices:** **Superstar Cricket Academy** is a fantastic 6 session fundamental skills programme for 5 - 8 year old boys and girls. It starts this Friday 10th November at the Inglewood Cricket Clubrooms, Karo Park at 5pm to register and then the sessions start from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Any queries please email [helen.tca@xtra.co.nz](mailto:helen.tca@xtra.co.nz)

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### **Dates For Your Calendar:**

#### **Learner Led Conferences:**

- Tui Tree - Thursday 9th November
- Totara - Monday 13th November
- Moa Hut - Tuesday 14th November
- Summit - Thursday 16th November

**Friday 10th November** - Swimming pool water blasting- 2pm onwards

**Saturday 11th November** - Swimming pool painting - 10:30am onwards


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

**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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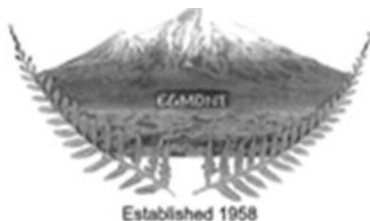
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