



NORFOLK

SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa,

Our school focus to start the year in the most positive way possible is to show **Respect** and **Kindness** to everyone in our community. We encourage everyone to be polite, respectful and helpful at all times and it is really shining through in our school!

Updated Medical Details: We are aware that there may be some children in our school who have medical conditions that were not known about when they were enrolled. Examples might be asthma, bee sting allergies etc. A separate slip will come home for you to return if there are any updates required for our records. A reminder also that all medicines need to be handed to the office for safety reasons.

Thanks Home and School!

Our Home and School group are an amazing supporter of our school. As well as providing the Athletics online programme for all of our children, the home and school have also offered to cover the costs of our new PR1ME Maths programme. This will mean that the student course book and student practice books will be provided free of charge to parents! That's over \$30 per child in our school.

As well as these two key learning resources, our home and school will this year be funding a new junior sandpit area in the front of the school, continued playground environment development and support of our kapa haka uniforms. Our classrooms also benefit directly with Home and School providing resources, toys, and play equipment. We are so fortunate to have such great support!

There are currently two Home and School fundraisers on offer, food wraps and garden bulbs. If you need either of these products, your support is appreciated.

New Home and School members are always welcome!



Hangi Fundraiser: Can you help? As a school we are planning on putting down a hangi on **Thursday April 4**. The purpose of the hangi is to:

- raise funds for for kapa haka uniforms
- develop whanaungatanga, where everyone works together to prepare the hangi. Classes will work on inquiries leading up to the day where they will explore questions like “what is a hangi?” , “how it is prepared?”

The plan is that the hangi will be lifted in time for dinner. There will be an opportunity for community members and school families to stay and eat at

school for a family get together.

We are looking for a committee to help organise our hangi and will have an initial meeting on **Monday 25 April at 2.00pm** in the Staff Room. If you are keen to help but cannot make the meeting please email Lorraine at lorraine.hitchcock@norfolk.school.nz . Experience is not necessary!

Introducing our staff - Sometimes we take it for granted that our community know all of our staff, but this isn't always the case. Over the next few months, we will include profiles on all of our amazing staff. Hopefully this might give everyone a little more insight into the great people we have in our staff.

Introducing Kerrin Smillie

Kia ora koutou.

Ko Taranaki tōku maunga. Ko Manganui tōku awa. Nō Hawera au engari e noho ana kei Tariki au. Ko Ray Smillie tōku hoa rangatira. Ko Renika rātou ko Cole, ko Alaniah ōmāua tamariki. Ko Kupa rātou ko Coby, ko Echo āku mokopuna. Ko Kerrin tōku ingoa. No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa.

I'm really proud to be a part of the Norfolk School Community and play a part in your children's learning. My background briefly... I live at Tariki. As a child I went to Tariki School and onto Inglewood High School. My husband Ray and I lived in Inglewood town for a few years before making career changes to go dairy farming on my family's Tariki farm. Then I began teacher aid work which eventually evolved into teaching. Ray and I have three adult children - Renika, Cole and Alaniah (Lani) - all of whom we are very proud - and three cute and cheeky moko; Kupa, Echo and Coby. I love spending time with them the most. My other

interests are technology, NZ literature and history with a bit of genealogy thrown in, music (a closet performer) and walking - because we have such a fantastic landscape to see.

I look forward to getting to know you all just that little bit better in future!

Ngā mihi

Kerrin Smillie - M.Ed., B.Tchg., Dip.Psych (Child & Adolescent).

Traffic Congestion - Can car-pooling help you?

As many of you will be well aware, our road frontage gets extremely congested at drop off and pick up times. A small number of families already car-pool with friends and neighbours, which makes it easier for parents and reduces the number of vehicle movements at the busiest times. Maybe car-pooling could work for you too?



We use the Skool Loop app to help keep our community informed. Newsletters, The school calendar, and special notices are shared through the app directly to your phone. To download the app, visit the app store and search 'skool loop'. Install the app and once this is done you can select Norfolk School. It's as simple as that.

TSB Bank School Banking - We are supporting TSB School Banking again this year. School Bank books can be handed in to the office on Thursday mornings. The bank books are dropped off to the bank and returned to school. TSB Inglewood are giving away two Back To School prize packs worth \$100 each, one male pack and one female pack from Smiggle.



The draw runs until the 29th of March 2019, the two prize packs will be limited to accounts opened at Inglewood Branch only.

A TSB Youth account grows with the child and it's a great opportunity to teach the value of money.

Sports Opportunities and Information:

Inglewood Junior Cricket are taking registrations for Term 1 Cricket. Details can be found on the Inglewood Junior Cricket Facebook page or registrations can be made through this link <https://registrations.crichq.com/register/35707>.

Games start this weekend.

This cricket is for children Yrs 3-8, played on either a Friday Night or Saturday morning depending on grade.



Mr G's Mad Monday Mountain Biking - We are back on next

Monday, February 25th - Meet at the main gates of the Mangamahoe Mountain Bike Park, Plantation Road, Egmont Village at 4:55pm.

Dates For Your Calendar:

Home and School Pizza Lunch - Thursday March 7th

Teacher Only Day - Friday March 8th

Taranaki Anniversary Holiday - March 11th

Country Cluster Swimming Sports - Tuesday March 19th

Weetbix TRYathlon - Tuesday March 26th

Life Education Bus in School - March 27th - 29th

Town vs Country Swimming Sports - Friday April 5th

Term 1 Ends - Friday April 12th

Term 2 Begins - Monday April 29th





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