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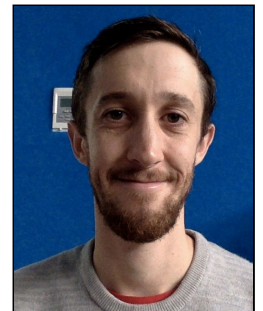
Our school focus to start the year in the most positive way possible is to show **Empathy and Compassion** in all we do. This is all about being kind and thoughtful towards the need of other people and fits very strongly with our kaupapa of the world beyond me this year. Empathy is sometimes a new word to our children, but when talking about it at home explaining it in terms of thinking about things from someone else's point of view and considering how they may feel is a great discussion starter around the dinner table.

Successful Kahui Ako Professional Learning - Last Friday, our Inglewood Community of Learning, Te Kāhui Ako o Kōhanga Moa had an excellent mini-conference, hosted by Inglewood High School. This day consisted of keynote speakers, digital and cultural proactivity workshops and important networking between professionals from early childhood, primary and secondary centres in our Inglewood Community. It was a highly successful day for all involved. We thank our whanau for their support in making this day possible.

Introducing Scott Miller - Mamaku Room teacher

Kia ora koutou,

I'm Scott Miller and I was born in New Plymouth about 32 years ago. I had a great childhood growing up in Vogeltown with my parents and two brothers. After finishing school I did an apprenticeship with Fitzroy Engineering before travelling abroad. After my travels I moved to Christchurch three weeks before the February Earthquake. The Earthquake changed my plans to attend Circus School, so I enrolled at Canterbury University to become a primary teacher. I now live in New Plymouth with my wife Lucy and one year old son Fred.



Three little known facts about me:

-My parents built their own Kindergarten in our back yard about 25 years ago. My Mum still manages Manu Crescent Kindergarten and we live just around the corner. We look forward to sending Fred there in a couple of years time!

-I spent a year living in the Spanish speaking parts of South America in my early 20's where I worked on small farms, learnt to speak Spanish and explored the wilderness. I once walked for a week on my own through Northern Patagonia, crossing the border from Argentina to Chile.

-I used to be obsessed with off-road unicycling. I once rode down the track from Tahurangi lodge to the car park on my unicycle. I have since acquired a second wheel and now enjoy mountain biking!

Norfolk Home and School AGM - Tuesday March 19th @ 7:30pm

We invite all interested parents and whanau to attend the Home and School AGM on Tuesday evening. This Our Home and School is a fantastic group with the purpose of supporting our school both financially and with support of school events. We are always looking for more great people to join the team, so please do come and join us!



Teacher Paid Union Meetings - March 20th and 21st

As you will be aware, collective agreement negotiations are continuing between the government and teachers and principals. As part of this process, teachers are required to attend a paid union meeting during school hours to discuss updated offers from the government. To minimise disruption to parents and children, our staff will attend two separate meetings, half on March 20th at 9am, the other half on March 21st at 1:30pm. During these times classes will be combined and managed by the remaining teachers and support staff. School will be open for instruction as usual.

We truly appreciate the wonderful support we have received from our community throughout the negotiation process.



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 have made a good start to planning for our Hangi. In the coming weeks we will be asking for donations of beef, pork or lamb for the hangi. We will also require potatoes, pumpkin and kumara. If you can offer anything, we would be most grateful. Please let Lorraine know in advance -

lorraine.hitchcock@norfolk.school.nz

School Trustees Information Evening - March 26th

This year is election year for school Boards of Trustees representatives. All positions on our Board will be open for election. This process will begin in May. For those of you who may be interested in becoming a school trustee but would like more information, our Kahui Ako have arranged an information evening for our Inglewood community on March 26th. This will be at Inglewood High School from 7pm. It will be led by New Zealand School Trustees Association and will give a great insight into what being on a board of trustees is all about.

Sports Opportunities and Information:

Junior Hockey - We're hoping to continue growing our Hockey again this season. If you are interested, please e-mail principal@norfolk.school.nz
We are asking for initial expressions of interest at this stage so we can gauge numbers.

Team categories are Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6. Games will most likely be played on Monday afternoons in Stratford. **No experience is necessary.**



INGLEWOOD COUNTRY NETBALL 2019: It's time to register for netball season you can register online at www.sporty.co.nz/inglewoodcountry . ALL registrations need to be in by Friday 8th March. Trials for year 7 and 8 will be held on Thursday 14th March at the Inglewood netball courts 3:30pm.

Game times year: **Years 1 and 2** - Tuesday at IHS 3.30pm , **Years 3 to 6** - Monday at Inglewood courts 3 30pm , **Years 7 and 8** - Saturday in New Plymouth

INGLEWOOD COUNTRY NETBALL AGM: Sunday 17th March - 6.30pm at the Inglewood Courts. All welcome.

Mr G's Mad Monday Mountain Biking: Our crew is growing and we are back on Monday, March 18th - Meet at the main gates of the Mangamahoe Mountain Bike Park, Plantation Road, Egmont Village at 4:55pm.

Community Notices:

Taranaki Diocesan for Girls Open Day - Our first OPEN DAY for 2019 is being held on Wednesday 20 March. All families considering their secondary schooling options for next year and beyond are warmly invited to call in on the day anytime between 10am and 2pm.

There will be opportunities to tour our school campus and boarding house and meet our Principal Fiona Green, staff, board members and students.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our school.

Dates For Your Calendar:

Country Cluster Swimming Sports - Tuesday March 19th - 10am - 2:30pm

Weetbix TRYathlon - Tuesday March 26th

School Trustees Information Evening -Tuesday March 26th- Inglewood High 7pm

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

School Hangi and Picnic - Thursday April 4th - ready to collect from 5pm

Town vs Country Swimming Sports - Friday April 5th

Term 1 Ends - Friday April 12th

Term 2 Begins - Monday April 29th





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