



NORFOLK

SCHOOL

Newsletter

20 March 2019



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Tena koutou katoa,

Sadly, the horrific events in Christchurch last Friday afternoon will remain a major incident in New Zealand's history forever. At this time, more than ever, our school focus of **Empathy and Compassion** is something that is in the forefront of our thoughts. We encourage children and everyone in our community to embrace the diversity and uniqueness that every person brings to this world, that difference is exactly what makes our world more interesting. This Friday, our school will take part in the 'Colour your Day' activity to help remember and support the victims of Christchurch. We will observe a minute silence at 1:40pm and ask that children bring a gold coin and a colourful flower if you have one in your garden or roadside. The flowers will be placed around the flagpole in the morning as children arrive at school.

We understand that some children may have little understanding of the events and do not want to unnecessarily upset anyone. Parents are welcome to collect children at lunchtime if you prefer they are not part of the minute silence and commemoration.



Cluster Swimming Sports - Yesterday was the annual Country Cluster Swimming Sports, held at the Inglewood Pool. It was a beautiful hot day and every swimmer represented our school with great pride! Sorry, no photos from the day and Mr G's phone is out of action at present! Results will be shared as soon as we have them and those going on to Town vs Country Swimming in Stratford on April 5th will be notified shortly.

Hangi Fundraiser:

As a school we are planning on preparing and putting down a hangi on **Thursday April 4**. The purpose of the hangi is to:

- raise funds for kapa haka uniforms
- develop whanaungatanga, where everyone works together to prepare the hangi.

We would appreciate any donations of the following:

- Pork, Beef or Mutton
- 8 large, clean hessian sacks
- Newspaper

These can be brought to school any time from now onwards but before Friday 29th March.

We would also appreciate any help on

Wednesday April 3:

Helpers from 11.00am to support our learners to peel vegetables

Preparation of Hangi Pit with Mr Kingi

Thursday April 4:

Helpers from 8.00am:

- to light the fire, and keep watch
- to prepare the food ready to go into the hangi

Please e-mail lorraine.hitchcock@norfolk.school.nz if you are able to help in any way.

HANGI TICKETS:

Tickets to purchase Hangi on April 4 are now for sale. We are limiting the sales to 200 tickets.

Cost: \$10.00 To guarantee your order you will need to pay as you order.

Orders can be made to Paula at the School Office

Policy Review - Our guiding Policies and Procedures are managed through an online format called School Docs. This format provides us with consistency in our governance of the school. Each term we review some of our policies and procedures to ensure that these are current and meet legal requirements.

Thank you to the people who have taken the time to complete reviews on the policies so far this year. Our Board of Trustees are in the process of considering all of the feedback that has been submitted and updating our policies accordingly. Your feedback also goes to Schooldocs where it is evaluated along with all of the other reviews conducted from schools across New Zealand. Trends in feedback are identified and changes made where applicable.

This term, Whanau are invited to review two policies:

-School Swimming Pool

-Drugs/Alcohol and other harmful substances

1. Visit the website <http://norfolk.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (norfolk) and password (potential).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

School Working Bee - Sunday April 7th - 9am - 12:30pm

We are again holding a school working bee to continue improving our school environments for our children.

In this working bee we will be aiming to achieve some of the following projects:

- Completion of the raised boardwalk in our wetland area
- Completion of the retaining wall behind the PE Shed
- Building up and re-planting of the two small gardens in the entrance way of the school
- A general tidy up of surrounding gardens

Please make the effort to give a little of your time to make our school a better place for our tamariki.

School Trustees Information Evening - Tuesday, 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 Tuesday 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 growing our hockey teams this season.

Forms have been sent home, but more are available at the school office.

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.**

Forms for hockey need to be in this Friday, March 22nd please.



Dates For Your Calendar:

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

School Working Bee - Sunday April 7th

Term 1 Ends - Friday April 12th

Term 2 Begins - Monday April 29th





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