



Newsletter

11 September, 2019



“Together we achieve our potential”

Term 3 Values Focus: Displaying Curiosity and Innovation in our learning by taking risks

Tena koutou katoa,

Spring is springing and the natural world around is really coming to life! This week is also Māori Language Week and we are enjoying learning new reo in classes and around the school. Have your children shared any of their new kupu hou (words or phrases) with you?

We hope you enjoy sharing our news this week.

Andrew Georgeson, Principal

School Bus Charges - We are aware that Transit Bus Lines have started invoicing parents whose children live within 3.2km of school recently. Unfortunately, this is a rule that is beyond our control. The Ministry of Education pays for bus transport for children within the Norfolk bus zone (different to our enrolment zone) who live further than 3.2km from school. In the past, the bus drivers have been unaware of this and picked all children up. Transit have now stopped this practice and are asking the children closer than 3.2km to school to pay \$2.50 per trip.

The school has no say in this decision as the rule applies to all rural schools in New Zealand.

If you would like to contact the Ministry of Education about it, our transport person is Dylan Stewart, he can be contacted via email at Dylan.Stewart@education.govt.nz

Learner Led Conference Feedback

Once again, thanks to everyone who was able to join in our Learner Led conferences last week. Many people have commented that this is a very busy time for many of our families and we will take this into consideration when planning our conferences for next year.

We are really grateful to you all for your continued support of your children's learning and our school.

Gorge Natural Play Area and Mindfulness Area

A super keen group of builders has been working hard in their lunchtimes and inquiry time to complete our top fort area, which overlooks the gorge. In the last week this space has had retaining walls completed, fill added to level the area, bark mulch on top and manuka poles attached to the fence to enclose it.

We were wanting a natural, rustic tree fort feel to this space and we are so pleased with the finished product. It is accessible to all children while feeling like they are in the tree tops. From the fort we can see over the wetland boardwalk and over to the river. This will be a lovely space to play and relax in, particularly in the summer months.

Massive thanks to Carina McQueen, Tristin Dodunski, Darryl Putt, Aaron George, Lance Chadwick and the many other parents who have helped to design, clear the space and make it a useable play area. Thanks also to our Home and School who funded the retaining timber and materials for us.

The top fort is now open for children to play in and the bottom section will hopefully be open for the beginning of Term 4.



Year 7/8 Rotorua Camp 2020

We will be holding a meeting for parent information next Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm.

Items to discuss:

- Activities and Camp Programme
- Parent Helper requirements
- Estimated costs
- Fundraising ideas

All welcome

Norfolk School Fundraiser
Friday 20th Sept
Rotary Hall Inglewood
Year 0-5 5.00pm-6.30pm
Year 5-8 6.45pm-8.30pm



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Out of Zone Enrolment Spaces for 2020

In the Moa Mail this week the Board of Trustees has advertised a number of spaces that are available for out of zone children for 2020.

If you or anyone that you know is interested in applying for spaces for 2020, I am more than happy to show people around and help explain the process.

The Norfolk School Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who live outside the Norfolk School zone and who wish to enrol their children at our school in 2020.

If you wish to enrol your child, please complete the enrolment form and application, both of which are available by contacting the school office (office@norfolk.school.nz , ph 7568306).

The deadline for Out of Zone Applications is Tuesday 15 October, 2019

The Board has determined that there will be up to: **15 (fifteen) places available across all year groups.**

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in accordance with the Education Act.

If a ballot is required, parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Andrew Georgeson
Principal

Show Day Livestock Registration Forms:

**Important Reminder: Last day for entries - Friday 13th September.
Please hand your forms into the office as soon as possible. Thank you.**

Dates For Your Calendar:

Monday September 16th - Y7/8 McLeod Shield Rugby Tournament - Rahu
September 18/19th - Taranaki Gymsports Competition - Waitara
Thursday September 19th - Y7/8 2020 Camp Meeting - 6:30pm
Tuesday September 24th - Inglewood Cluster 7's Soccer
Wednesday September 25th - Taranaki Cross Country - Hawera
Friday September 27th - Term 3 Ends





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