



Newsletter Term 1 Week 9

I am sure most of our community has heard the very sad news that Madoc Benfell, a student at our school last year, has died. We are continuing to join with the local community and offering the family our support. Newlands Intermediate and indeed the schools in our area are a close community who care about each other. At times like this we will continue to support each other and there has been additional support available for students this week.

We have been working with the Ministry of Education to make sure we respond in the best way for our students and community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Benfell family.

Yesterday we were very pleased to host a panel of distinguished educators to our school. The panel met with 10 groups of fellow educators from all sectors, and from all over the region, to talk about how primary schools are staffed. Primary and intermediate middle schools are funded and staffed differently than secondary schools. There are wide differences and many in the primary profession feel aggrieved about this.

International Food Fair

On April 8th we are having one of our major community and fundraising events of the year – an international food fair. We have a team of teachers and parents working on this and our students are very enthusiastic – about the eating part especially! Thank you to the parents who have contacted us to help.

This is a celebration of our community. We have identified 18 food stalls that represent our communities. There will be something for everyone. Please feel free to contribute something from your culture, your family or your repertoire of prized recipes on the day or via the email address shared in the last Food Fair newsletter.

Food samples will range from \$1 to \$10. It's a cash only event.

There will be cultural performances at 6.30pm. Our school hall will be set up as a Food Hall so we hope everyone will make a night of it – eating a meal together and watching our students sing and dance in traditional dress.

Drama Workshop

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Calling all performers from age 10 - 13 yrs

19th - 23rd April

9am - 2pm

Newlands Intermediate School Hall

\$65 per day

Our 'Play-in-a-Week' Programme

To sign up go to www.blackboxdramaschool.co.nz/hol-progs

Performance Groups

We have begun to develop our creative arts groups. These include a group we are calling The Big Sing, a Big Band, a smaller band, EPICA – extension programme in creative arts, and several dance groups. It is so encouraging to see how many of our students want to be part of these groups.

Sport

Our cricket team is doing well at present and over the next week we will play for a spot in the quarter and possibly semi-final round of the local competition.

Our athletes had a super day at the Inter-Intermediate Athletics. There were a few star performances but mostly our students were just rewarded with a great day out with their peers.

We are still on the lookout for two coaches for 2 of our 14 netball teams. Please give this some thought or encourage someone you know with some netball skills, to get in touch with Whaea Lena.

Basketball trials will take place this afternoon at school.

New Buildings

Although the new buildings have yet to arrive, you will see that our “turf hill” has disappeared. We are now waiting on consents from the Council to be signed off. These details are the most time consuming and frustrating part of any build, but we have learned to be patient.

Easter

Easter is fast approaching. School finishes on Thursday April 1st and we return on Wednesday April 7th. All schools are closed on Easter Tuesday.

The Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum

Our school is supporting the development of the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum. We are trialling the new resources and testing the new design of this curriculum. If you are interested in knowing more about this and would like to contribute to the national “conversation”, here is the link;

www.education.govt.nz/aotearoanzhistories

Calendar for term 1 2021	
Event	Date and time
Easter Holidays	Good Friday April 2 nd , Easter Monday April 5 th , Easter Tuesday April 6 th
International Food Fair	Thursday April 8 th 5.30pm
Climate Change March	Friday April 9 th
Inter-Intermediate 7s	Wednesday April 14 th
School Cross Country	Thursday April 15 th

This calendar is updated on the school’s website weekly.

Angela Lowe

Principal

Community Notices

Please check our website for more information on these community notices and events.

BigAir Gymnsports
Martial Arts Classes for Kids and Adults
Nga Manu Easter Celebration
Evolve Tennis Coaching
Whitby Collegiate April Holiday Programme



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DRAMA SCHOOL

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Live Showings **Our 'Play-in-a-Week' Programme**
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