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Newsletter

June 2019



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia ora Whanau

June already and we are half way through Term 2, the year is flying! Congratulations to all of our teams who were involved in the winter sports exchange last week with Manukorihi Intermediate. We won the Rugby, Year 8 B netball, Chess, Badminton, Hockey and Boys Basketball and drew the Football. It is always affirming to hear the positive comments about the sportsmanship and behaviour of our students from the staff and parents of other schools, so well done to all those who took part.

We welcomed Miss Lauren Dennehy to our staff on Tuesday and Miss Dennehy will be teaching in Room 12. We also have welcomed back Mr John Cooksley on a part time basis following his injury at the start of the year.

A reminder that we have Pathways and Planning meetings coming up Monday 17th June all day and Tuesday 18th June from 2.30-5.30. There will be **NO NORMAL CLASSES** on Monday the 17th June to allow teachers to meet with whanau to discuss students' progress and set goals for the second half of the year. Bookings for appointments can be made via the link emailed to you or alternatively please phone Marissa in the office to make an appointment. A further notice will follow next week around these meetings.

We are now taking enrolments for the 2020 school year. Our school is **NOT** zoned which means we can accept pupils from throughout Taranaki. If you know of friends or family who would like an enrolment pack, or a tour of the school, please encourage them to contact the school office. Our main contributing schools, Marfell, Moturoa, West End, Westtown, Spotswood, Frankley and Woodleigh, will receive enrolment packs automatically.

A reminder to please check what your child is doing on social media. There have been several instances recently where some of the posts students have been making have caused distress to others. Both Facebook and Instagram have a 13 year old age restriction although I am well aware that a large number of our students have both accounts.

A reminder also that school fees including technology fees are now due. Automatic payments can be set up by contacting the school office and we also have eftpos facilities available.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen, Principal

STUDENT ILLNESS

With the change in the weather, we are starting to have larger numbers of students absent. We have noticed that some children continue coming to school even though they are quite unwell. We ask that parents keep sick children at home until they are completely well to prevent the spread of contagious nasties. Thank you for your support.

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 6 June

Central 7's visit to Devon

Friday 7 June

MANA Reward Day

Tuesday 11 June

Tiki Toa

Monday 17 June

Planning & Pathways Meetings

Tuesday 18 June

Planning & Pathways Meetings

Wednesday 19 June

Discovery Mufti Day

Monday 24 June

Year 8's to Spotswood College

Taster Day

Wednesday 26 June

Y7 & Y 8 Rippa Tournament

Thursday 27 June

School Science Fair

Monday 1 July

Spotswood College Assembly

Tuesday 2 July

Winter Sports Exchange vs

Hawera at Devon

Wednesday 3 July

Year 8's to Spotswood College

Taster Day

Friday 5 July

MANA Reward Day

Last day of term two

Monday 22 July

First day of term three

Thursday 25 July

Spotswood College Open Evening

Friday 26 July

NPBHS & NPGHS Assemblies

Monday 29 July

Spotswood Language Assembly

Tuesday 30 July

NPBHS Open Evening

Wednesday 31 July

NPGHS Open Evening

Tuesday 6 August

Winter Sports Exchange vs

Highlands at Devon

Wednesday 7 August

Endeavour Mufti Day

AFTER SCHOOL BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton Club is on every Wednesday afternoon from 3-4pm in the Devon Intermediate School hall. Cost is a one-off payment of \$5 for the year and this is due now for those students who are attending. All Devon Intermediate students welcome.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All Scholastic Book orders are due in at the office by Friday 21 June. This is a great opportunity to purchase books at low cost and support our school to purchase more books for the school library.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

This is an opportunity to experience the heart of New Plymouth Boys' High School first-hand with your family. Prefects will show boys and their family around the grounds, showcasing the facilities that the school has to offer. Teaching staff will be available to discuss the academic programmes and the Headmaster, Mr Sam Moore will address all our guests and outline the wonderful opportunities, values, and traditions that our school offers the young men of Taranaki and beyond.

The 2019 Open Evening will be on Tuesday 30 July from 3.30pm. School tours will start at 3.30pm, with the Headmasters and Deans presentation in Ryder Hall at 4.30pm. Further school tours will take place from 5.00pm and the Headmaster will make a repeat presentation at 5.30pm for those who can not attend at 4.30pm.

If you are unable to attend and would like a tour of the school and more information please contact the office:

office@npbhs.school.nz

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

We are often donated good second hand uniforms to the school, and with winter approaching we have good school jackets for those students who may need one to wear whilst on the way to school and home again. Please come to the office and see Marissa if you would like to buy one. We are selling these jackets for the bargain price of just \$25.00.

TOWARDS PREDATOR-FREE TARANAKI

Students from Devon Intermediate School are getting creative with the goal of reducing rodent numbers so nature can thrive. Hard Materials Technology Teacher Joe Carey said what started as a trap-making exercise with one of his Year 8 classes quickly grew into a deeper student review of the best angle to catch rats, the best baits and trap locations. Currently traps have been set along the Mangaotuku Stream, around their school pool and buildings. They are all safely monitored by pupils, as part of Towards Predator-Free Taranaki - a region-wide mission to remove rats, possums and stoats from urban, rural and conservation land, led by Taranaki Regional Council.



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PARENT LINK UPDATE

Last month, Anderson Pie order forms were sent home with students and we have already had some fantastic orders coming in. Many students have been out selling everyday after school; well done to them! If you require further order forms please come to the school office. This is a great winter warming fundraiser with prizes for top sellers!



PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link meeting is coming up on Monday 10th June, 5pm in the school staffroom.

We would love to see more of you come on board and have the option to discuss not only fundraising but also other ideas and things you might like to see happening here at school.

Hope to see you on Monday.

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