



Newmarket School News

28 November, 2011

From these roots will strong trees grow

Tena koutou katoa Dear Parents/Caregivers

Board of Trustees Meeting Tonight

This evening we have our final board meeting of the year. At the meeting the 2012 Charter will be discussed and approved, and staff will present summaries of aggregated student achievement outcomes and progress.

Our students have made some excellent gains in 2012. For example, in mathematics:

- Year 1 - 74% (Feb) to 97% (Nov) at or above expectation against the National Standards
- Year 2 - 91% (Feb) to 97% (Nov) at or above expectation against the National Standards
- Year 3 - 87% (Feb) to 93% (Nov) at or above expectation against the National Standards
- Year 4 - 90% (Feb) to 77% (Nov) at or above expectation against the National Standards
- Year 5 - 91% (Feb) to 93% (Nov) at or above expectation against the National Standards
- Year 6 - 78% (Feb) to 82% (Nov) at or above expectation against the National Standards

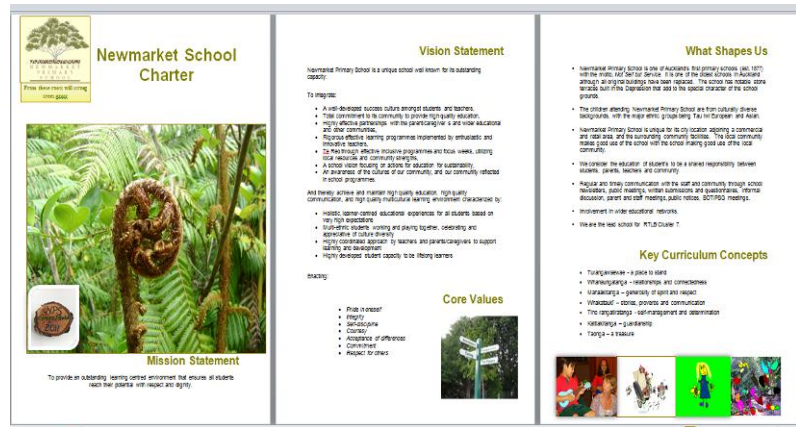
All children are included in the data presented above including those new to our school, second language speakers, and students with special needs. Students new to our school may temporarily skew our data, however, staff have high expectation that all students will make progress, and they work very hard to ensure strong outcomes. What is particularly pleasing this year is the number of students who have moved from the 'at' expectation to 'above' expectation level.

Results are equally strong in literacy. While numeracy and literacy are strong foci students have achieved well in other curriculum areas and key competencies. Congratulations to our staff and students.

All parents are welcome to attend board meetings. A copy of the Charter is available from the office.

Principals Awards and Athletics

Well done to those students who received Principals Awards this week, and to those students who represented the school at the local zone athletics competition at Mt Smart last. Congratulations to Bianca who got into the



Tuesday. Special sprints final.



Market Day – 2 December, 10 – 11 am

This event is greatly anticipated each year. It is Newmarket School's version of TradeMe but with a few cakes and home-made goodies thrown in for a sugar high. This is your chance to clean the toy cupboard, bookshelf... and send the goods to Room 7. Our marketeers will sell it back to other eager school purchasers. It is a great recycling scheme. And yes parents are welcome to attend this hour of chaos and fun.

Children will need a few gold coins on Friday, with proceeds going to the SPCA.

Exciting Events Coming Up

- **Prize Giving 7th December**

Each year we hold a special Prize Giving Assembly. All parents are welcome to attend. The Assembly starts at 9.20am and is usually finished by 11am.

- **Big Day In – Friday, 9th December**

The Big Day In is an annual fun sports morning. It is organised by parents and lots of helpers are needed on the day – please contact Eileen Dixon Virginia Kung if you can help with activities.

Mufti Days: 9-15 December

... because we have hard working students who deserve a treat. More details next week.

Sick Students

Please do not send students to school if they are unwell. Keep sick children home – in spite of reported high incidence of measles in Auckland parents are sending obviously sick children to school. If students are sick we send them home again so that all the bugs are not spread about.

PSG Help Wanted 10th December - Parents help needed! 4 more volunteers required.

To date only 1 father has offered assistance to help out with car parking – so here is a plea for other likeminded folk to volunteer two hours of their time. Every year Newmarket School opens the school gates to allow vehicles to park on the school grounds for the Christmas in the Park concert at the Auckland Domain. This is a great fund raiser for the school PSG with up to \$1,200 generated on a busy night. All money raised goes towards extra facilities & resources for your children. To help those parents who kindly give their time every year we are seeking the assistance from Dads (or Mums) to help in general car parking duties. It is a simple job that has big rewards. We need 6 parents in total to help out over two shifts, each lasting only 2 hours. The shifts are 4-6pm (the quiet shift) & 6-8pm (the busy shift).

With kind regards

Wendy Kofoed
Principal

Community Notices

Aspire Kids Camps

Discover the courage to achieve dreams - for ages 8-12 – at our prestigious children's camp. We provide stimulating, creative and fun experiences.

Where: Rotorua 23rd – 27th January, 2012. For an information pack and registration contact ASPIRE on 09 2946675 or aspirekidscamp@gmail.com



SH1
EXPECT DELAYS
3-4 DEC

AVOID SH1 SOUTH OVER NEWMARKET

MOTORWAY LANE CLOSURES SOUTHBOUND

- 18 hour closure, 6pm Saturday - noon Sunday, 3-4 Dec
- Three southbound motorway lanes closed over Newmarket
- Plan your journey to avoid delays
- This closure will enable the new northbound and southbound viaducts over Newmarket to be concreted ("stitched") together

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Motorways Summer Season

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