



From these roots
will strong trees grow

Newmarket School News

31 January, 2012

Tena koutou katoa
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome Back – Term One, 2012

We welcome everyone to the 2012 year and extend an especially warm welcome to new students and their families to our school. I hope everyone had a restful and happy time during the holiday break.

Teachers spent much of last week on professional development activities and the efforts they made emphasised how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated and competent team. Over three teacher only days they updated computer assessment skills, learnt more about boys' education and the study of Asia.



Teachers were also very busy preparing programmes and rooms over the holidays and I thank them for their efforts. The rooms are organised and well ready for students.

Our key learning concept for 2012 is Manaakitanga (generosity of spirit and respect). There will be a lot of learning this term about respectful relationships as this is part of our Positive Behaviour for Schools programme (PB4L). As always, Newmarket curriculum will be rich and broad, with a particular focus on science in 2012.

School Organisation

The school is divided into two syndicates, with a possible shift to three syndicates later in the year as our numbers increase. The seniors are led by Mr Veni Jamieson and the juniors by Mrs Reubina Irshad, assisted by Rachael Mann. Eileen Dixon (Deputy Principal), and Mrs Virginia Kung (Assistant Principal) have school wide responsibilities with all teachers taking on a range of leadership roles (see over for general class organisation).

School Stationery, Donation, Swimming and Camp Notices

Information regarding school stationery and donations is included with today's notices. We will send out further information about swimming and camp costs and dates later this week. It is important that you fill in the permission and information forms and get these back to the office as soon as possible please.

The Board of Trustees do appreciate how difficult it can be at this time of year financially. Several of our families have set up automatic payments or we have credit card facilities for stationery,

donations, swimming and camp costs. The office is happy to give you information regarding this facility.

Thank you for ensuring **school donations** are paid either at the beginning or throughout the year. We offer a good discount for early payment. The current standard of education and the extensive resources provided for children at Newmarket School would not be possible if we had to rely solely on government funding. Donations are tax deductible.

Teachers have **stationery** in the classrooms and will distribute this once payments are processed in the office. Children will bring home receipts in a day or two for all payments once these are processed. Stationery can be purchased elsewhere if you have time to shop for bargains. Please contact the office if you would like a content list for stationery packs.

All notices are on our website and we also e-mail notices directly. Please let the office know if you wish to be added to our e-mail list office@newmarket.school.nz.

For Your Diary

- Meet the Dragon Family Picnic, Games and Camp Information is now on the evening of Tuesday the **7th February**. Apologies for the change in date. Auckland Normal Intermediate informed us last week that they have moved their Meet the Teacher Evening to Wednesday the 8th as Auckland Grammar nabbed Thursday 9th of February.

School Hours

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| 8.00 – 8.30am | Students arrive at school |
| 8.50 | First bell rings, school starts (Children need plenty of time to get organised for the day. Please drop children by 8.30 at the latest to ensure children have time to get organised for a good start to the day.) |
| 10.50 – 11.30 | Ten minutes supervised food-eating followed by 30 minutes of play time |
| 1.00 – 1.40 | Ten minutes supervised food-eating followed by 30 minutes of play time |
| 2.50 | School finishes for Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 3.00 | School finishes for Rooms 8, 9, 10 & 11 |

Please note: We expect all students to be at school by **8.30am**. Please ensure children are here on time. Teachers enter attendance on an electronic attendance roll. If children are not in attendance when the roll is marked they are marked absent and parents contacted.

Staff 2012

We are fortunate to have few staff changes this year. Nola Sutherland has been seconded to the University of Auckland for 2012 and we welcome back Stacey Gardner in Room 8. Mrs Gillian Harris will provide support in Room 6 and Room 7 this year, with Natasha Walden in Term 1 and then in Room 5 when Rachael Mann is on maternity leave.

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| Principal | Wendy Kofoed |
| Deputy Principal | Eillean Dixon |
| Assistant Principal | Virginia Kung |
| Jane Kaa | Special Education Needs (SENCO) |
| Reubina Irshad | Junior School |
| Veni Jamieson | Senior School |
| Rachael Mann | Support for Junior School |
| Sonya Van Schaijik | Systems and Infrastructure |

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| Room 1 | Virginia Kung | |
| Room 2 | Jane Kaa | |
| Room 3 | Reubina Irshad | |
| Room 4 | Lynn Morriss | |
| Room 5 | Rachael Mann | |
| Room 6 | Natasha Walden | |
| Room 8 | Stacey Gardner | |
| Room 9 | Kylie Geddes | |
| Room 10 | Odette Penno | |
| Room 11 | Veni Jamieson | |
| Reading Recovery | Marie Macky | |
| ESOL/ICT | Sonya Van Schaijik | |
| Music | Lee Barry | |
| RTL | Julia Langford | Jennifer Browne |
| RT:Lit | Sandra Eaton | Carole Abraham |

Support Staff

Administration – Office Manager Rita Cochrane
Office support - Patti Jessop-Pullan/Heather Taylor
Teacher aides - Kerry Radich, Gayle Hackwell, Evelyn Misiko
Property - Peter Collins/Ian Wang

Parking

Thank you for using the **lower car park** when dropping off and collecting children. Please do not beckon children from cars. Children's safety is paramount. Please park on the field if the car park is full, taking care with children crossing the entryway.

FLIPPA BALL TERM 1 for Years 4, 5 and 6.

We are still keen to have new players join the squad. Practice starts this Thursday after school at AGS pool and the first game is Sunday 5th February, time to be advised. Please email Libby on jules.libby@clear.net.nz or phone 021 99 33 09 if your child is interested. Flippa Ball Practice is 3.30 - 4.30 at the AGS pool, starting Thursday 2nd February.

Chinese New Year

This week marks the end of Chinese New Year so Gong Xi Fa Cai 2012.

With kind regards



Wendy Kofoed
Principal

| Term 1 2012 | | | | | |
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| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 1 30 Jan-3 Feb | AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY | School Starts – 31 st Jan | | | |
| 2 6-10 Feb | WAITANGI DAY | Safer Internet Day (SID) 1.40 -2.40 Dragons Performance Meet the Teacher Dragons (Picnic/Games Evening) | | | |
| 3 13-17 Feb | Senior Syndicate Swimming starts (Rms 8, 9,10 11) | | | Junior School Camp | Junior School Camp |
| 4 20-24 Feb | | International Mother Language Day | | | Interim Reports go Home |
| 5 27 Feb- 2 March | | Bible Starts | Zoo Camp (Yr 3 & 4) R8/R5 | Zoo Camp (Yr 3 & 4) R6/R9 | |
| 6 5- 9 March | Safe Walking for Junior Rooms (All week) | Parent Interviews | Parent Interviews | Parent Interviews | |
| 7 12-16 March | Junior Syndicate Swimming starts (Rms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) | | | | School Assembly |
| 8 19-23 March | | Remuera Zone Swimming Sports | | | |
| 9 26 – 30 March | Senior School Camp Chosen Valley | Senior School Camp Chosen Valley | Senior School Camp Chosen Valley | | Daylight saving ends on 1st |
| 10 2-5 April | | | | <i>LAST DAY OF TERM</i> | GOOD FRIDAY |