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## NEWSLETTER

### WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK

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## OUR VISION

To provide in partnership with home and community the educational opportunities for all pupils to develop into life long learners who actively contribute to society in a positive way.



### 1ST NOVEMBER 2017.....

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Monday we welcomed Jacob and Lachlan Waite to Rooms 8 and 13 and Indie Mattock to Room 1. Starting a new school, especially in the middle of the term, can be a bit scary but your children are always very welcoming and caring to new people so we know Lachlan, Jacob and Indie will be well looked after. Indie does have two sisters to look out for her too.

Last week was one in which we had lots to enjoy together – students, staff, whānau and friends. Pet Day was superbly organised by the Student Council with, not only the sharing of pets, but additional attractions and entertainment. We know it takes additional time on behalf of parents and other family members to get pets ready to bring to school and then some require floats, trailers etc. Thank you to you all for enabling the students to share their pets and for joining in the afternoon. We were so pleased to see such a big crowd at school. The Council raised \$736 which they are going to use to buy and wrap shoeboxes of Christmas gifts for children who may not otherwise receive any.

So that was Tuesday and on Thursday 50 of our students performed in our Kapa Haka rōpū in the Pūanga Festival at Waitara. They did themselves, their whānau and their school proud. The whole performance was in tune, in time and they looked fabulous. We acknowledge the adults who coach them – Whaea Raewyn Ashby, Mrs Anna McKey and Mrs Morag Hunter. Ka rawe to you all.

### BOOK FAIR / GRANDPARENTS DAY.....

It's book fair this week, with the latest amazing offerings from Scholastic. We will be selling a selection of fiction and nonfiction, designed to entertain and interest all our readers, as well as cool stationery like pens, pencils rubbers and posters. EFTPOS will be available in the library.

#### Timeline:

Wednesday 1st November to Tuesday 7th November books will be available for sale in the library. They can be purchased from 8.40am to 3.30pm daily.

#### Friday 4th November is Grandparents Day:

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| 11am          | Grandparents are welcome to arrive.   |
| 11.40am       | Parade. Dress up as your favourite book character. The parade will be either on the court if fine, or in the hall if wet. Children will parade in their class groups, with prizes for the best costumes. We are emphasising homemade creations from interesting characters this year. |
| 12-12.30pm    | Grandparents are invited to stay and either join in their child's normal classroom time, or visit the library to make a purchase for their grandchild.  |
| 12.30-1.30pm  | Grandparents can join their children for lunch then stay for the playtime which finishes at 1.30pm. Please note that the Student Council will be selling fizzy drinks for \$1.  |
| 1.30 - 3.00pm | We will resume normal classtime as this is not an assembly Friday.  |

### CLASS PLACEMENT – see last week's newsletter for more details .....

If there is something about your child which you would like considered in placing them for next year please make a time to see me, or give me a ring, before this Friday - November 3rd. Once children are placed in a class we do not change them unless we have made a mistake.

### NEW ENTRANT ORIENTATION MORNING.....

#### WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 9 – 10.30AM

Wednesday 15 November is our Orientation Morning for prospective students, students starting school this year and early 2018 and for families who have joined our school in the last few months. We welcome you all to find out a little more about what our school is about, to have a look around the school and to meet some of the staff. For up and coming five year olds, time spent in Room 1 is an opportunity to get the feel for life as a school person. Join us in the staffroom at 9am.

### TERM DATES FOR 2018.....

- Term 1** 31 January – 13 April  
**Easter** 30 March – 3 April  
**Term 2** 30 April – 6 July  
**Term 3** 23 July – 28 September  
**Term 4** 15 October – 19 December TBC

### GREETINGS FROM THE MIDDLE TEAM.....

The Middle School really enjoyed Pet Day. We spent some time before Pet Day thinking and talking about how the pets that come to school might feel. For our writing, we brainstormed what a pet might see, feel and hear. When we went outside to see all the animals we took notice of what we saw and heard and imagined how the pets might be feeling. The next day the students produced some amazing writing from the point of view of a pet surrounded by lots of children and all the other pets. We look forward to sharing some of our stories in the School Newspaper later in the term.



### NEWSPAPER NEEDED.....

The Senior school are in need of newspaper. Any donations would be appreciated! Please drop it in to the office.

### SPORTING SUCCESS.....

Congratulations to Mason Childs who was placed 3rd in the 5 and under competition at the North Island BMX Championships recently. Well done, Mason!

Congratulations to the following Touch players who have been selected to play for City Touch in the Intermodule Tournament to be held in Tikorangi at the Clifton Rugby Club on the 19th of November:

- U10's Mixed: Charlize Duncan  
U10's Mixed Development: Nico Jordan, Dylan Chilcott  
U12 Girls: Lara Murdoch, Serenity Trinder  
U12 Boys: Tyrehse Ruwhiu  
U14 Boys: Arlo Jordan



Milla Ellis

### HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAYS.....

Students enrolled to attend Inglewood High School are invited to attend an Orientation Day on Friday 10 November. This will last all day and begins at 8:50am.

Students enrolled to attend NPBHS or NPGHS are invited to attend an Orientation Day on Monday 27 November between 11am and 12noon.

### TUCKSHOP.....

**THIS WEEK'S CHALKBOARD SPECIAL.....**Hot dog combo \$6 (hotdog & large cookie & drink)

This term the Tuckshop will be open after school.

### NOEL LEEMING FRIENDS AND FAMILY DEALS .....

Please support our school by shopping with Noel Leeming this week for televisions, computers, whiteware and mobile phones. Not only will your purchase be at cost plus 10%, our school will receive 2.5% of all sales. This offer is current until Sunday 5 November at Noel Leeming New Plymouth only.

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.....

- Wednesday 1 – Tuesday 7 November.....Scholastic Book Fair  
Thursday 2 November.....Hearing and Vision Testing  
Friday 3 November.....Dress as your Favourite Character Day and Grandparents Lunch  
Monday 6 – 14 November.....Mobile Dental Clinic in school  
Monday 6 November.....Testing for NPGHS 9am  
Thursday 9 November.....Board of Trustees meeting 5pm  
Friday 10 November.....Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall  
Inglewood High School Orientation Day – all day beginning at 8:50am  
Tuesday 14 November.....PTA Meeting 7pm  
Wednesday 15 November.....New Entrant Orientation Day 9am in the staffroom  
Monday 20 November.....Athletics Day  
Wednesday 22 November.....Community Helpers Lunch, Kapa Haka performance  
Friday 24 November.....Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall  
Monday 27 November.....Y8 Orientation Visit NPBHS & NPGHS 11am - 12noon  
Thursday 7 December.....Board of Trustees meeting 5pm  
Friday 8 December.....Senior Team Christmas Market  
Wednesday 13 December.....Reports go home  
Friday 15 December.....Celebration Assembly and Farewells  
Monday 18 December.....Leavers Assembly 7pm  
Tuesday 19 December.....End of school year 12noon

Our next PTA Meeting:  
Tuesday 7 November at 7  
pm in the Staff Room.  
**Please join us!**

On behalf of the staff  
Roz Miller, Principal