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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.



### 8TH NOVEMBER 2017.....

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Monday we welcomed Erin Lim to the middle team. Erin’s older brother Connor also attended our school. We hope you settle and make new friends quickly, Erin.

#### Congratulations to the following students who received Principal’s Awards at our last celebration assembly:

Cian Flannagan, Carter White, Azra Khan, Emma Hale, Adele Keighley, Noah Hooper, Yuki Wada-Butcher, Archie Bunting, Charlie Goldfinch, Alexa Hale, Teghan Paterson, Taryn Christiansen, Chris Hardegger, Katie Martin, Ryman Song, Cooper Smith, Crudyn Hinz, Lucas Besley, Lauren Keighley, Mia-May Davis, Chloe Bishop, Kane Christiansen, Tyrehse Ruwhiu, Jayden Sahin, Gemma Maltby, Diederick Pansegrauw, Akeisha Hinz, Cross Kiraren, Bella Peters, Antonio Westbury, Charlie Clark, Tyler Bisson.



#### GRANDPARENTS DAY 2017.....

In spite of the weather it was still a fantastic turn out. Thank you so much to all the parents and grandparents who came along to have lunch with the children, see their classrooms and watch the dress up parade.

The dress up parade was fantastic – so many wonderful costumes created by very talented students and their parents. It certainly made it difficult to pick the winners.

Thank you to everyone who supported the school on this fantastic day and for the rest of the Book Fair week, without you it would not have been such a success. We can now choose books to the value of \$1500 for our school library.



#### STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

This week the Board of Trustees is going to look at the strategic plan and see if the current goals are meeting the needs of the students and their families. They were developed last year after consultation with the community through the community survey and whanau hui.

We would like your input again now too. Please let me know if you have any ideas around the goals – do you think they best meet the learning and social needs of your children?

Objective 1: Student achievement

Objective 2: Home and school partnership

Objective 3: To provide a safe emotional and physical environment for students, staff and the community

Objective 4: To use digital technologies effectively to support students’ learning

Objective 5: To improve scientific thinking and outcomes for students and staff and to provide motivating, authentic science and environmental learning opportunities

#### OVERSEAS HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

Sometimes important family occasions, such as weddings, funerals or graduations take place overseas during the school term, necessitating your children being absent from school. However, we have noticed a marked increase in the number of families taking family holidays, cruises etc during school terms. Every school day is a learning day and each day your child is absent is a day when they will not be involved in the learning in their class.

The achievement of children who are on special programmes or who have difficulty with learning is particularly at risk when the children are absent. It’s a bit like a diet – lots of the good work we’ve done on a healthy eating, weight loss programme is lost when we decide to binge on high calorie foods. Similarly, some of the progress made is quickly lost when children are absent.

Please only keep your children away from school when they are unwell or for absolutely “can’t miss” occasions.

#### COMMUNITY LUNCH AND KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE – 22 NOVEMBER AT 12:30PM

Each year the staff provides lunch for those people in our community who help us so much during the year. This will take place in the staffroom on Wednesday 22 November and will be followed at 1.30pm by performances in the hall from our Kapa Haka groups. This is a great opportunity for our talented and dedicated Kapa Haka members to share their performance skills. Do join us.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE SENIOR TEAM.....

The senior team started the term learning about the very important date of the 5th November...and no, it's not Guy Fawkes! The 5th November is especially significant to New Zealand history, much more so than Guy Fawkes, because of Parihaka which is right here in our own back yard! If you don't know anything about Parihaka or why it is an important part of New Zealand history, ask a student from the senior team and they will be able to tell you! We had a visit from the storyteller, Tracy Wheeler, and she told us an amazing story of Parihaka and helped us create some pretty amazing artwork as well.



Our Financial Literacy unit is well underway and we are busy planning our stalls, advertising and making products for the Twilight Christmas Market. Speaking of the Christmas Market, please be sure to write this date in your diaries:

**Friday 8th December, 4:00 – 6:00pm.** Make sure you come along to the Christmas Market and get yourself some Christmas presents, decorations, delicious food and other goodies!

#### SPORTS NEWS.....

What a great start to the season we have had for our year 1-2 netball, touch, inline hockey and cricket teams.

Thanks so much to all coaches, managers and parents that help our teams. We really do appreciate all the time and commitment you put in!

**If you have any Player of the Day trophies or uniforms at home from the winter season can these please be returned to the office as soon as possible.**

#### NEW PLYMOUTH SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS TRIATHLON - REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!.....

Wednesday, 28 March 2018 Ngamotu Beach, New Plymouth

7yrs to 15yrs inclusive

#### EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT CLOSES MIDNIGHT, WED 28 FEB '18

Use this link to connect with our school group when registering online:

<https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/32/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/4507d48f-10b4-4db8-b32c-dc56e716f78a>

Any questions please see Miss Bower.

#### 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 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.

#### NEWSPAPER NEEDED.....

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

#### 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.....Mac n Cheese \$5

This term the Tuckshop will be open after school.

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

Monday 6 – 14 November.....Mobile Dental Clinic in school

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 - 9am Field Events & 1:10pm Track Events and Relay

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 4-6pm

Wednesday 13 December.....Reports go home

Friday 15 December.....Celebration Assembly and Farewells 2pm in the hall

Monday 18 December.....Leavers Assembly 7pm in the hall

Tuesday 19 December.....End of school year 12noon

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

**FREE 6x4 Photo with Santa** at Harvey Norman stores. Santa appears 11am – 2pm Saturdays and Sundays between 18 November and 17 December. Merry Christmas!

**TENNIS HOTSHOTS FUN TOURNAMENT** Sunday 19 November 9.30am at Waiwaka tennis Club Chilman St, short games, prizes, have a go at Red Ball, 5-8 yr olds, Orange Ball 8-11yrs, Green Ball 11-12yrs, Cost \$10, please phone Yvonne 7574232 / 021 1736760.

**TENNIS HOTSHOTS** Community Come and Play at Waiwaka Tennis Club Mondays 3.30-4.30pm. Bring family and friends - All welcome.

**Sleeping Beauty** presented by the New Plymouth Repertory Society - 11-25 November – 7:30pm and Matinee Saturday 18th at 2pm or Sunday 19th at 4pm. Tickets available at Ticketek – adults \$22 / children under 16 \$15 / family \$65.

*On behalf of the staff  
Roz Miller, Principal*