



"On A Great Learning Adventure"

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22nd February 2024 | TERM 1 WEEK 3

Give it a Go, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teamwork

Principal Chat

Senior Leadership camp last Thursday and Friday was fantastic. It was great to see our seniors giving things a go and following our school values. Thank you to Mr MacDonald, Mrs Smith and Mrs Brown for your help.

Included in this newsletter, see below, is our school cell phone policy. At Norsewood & Districts School there has always been a no cell phone policy and this complies with the Government directive. **Any technology brought to school needs to be handed into the office.**

We are swimming every day. **Please ensure your tamariki have togs and towel in their bags.** We are very privileged to have our own swimming pool and our kids get to learn safety in the water. Confidence in the water is vital, especially with New Zealand's poor drowning record. We have loaned togs in the past, however, more and more students are now expecting to borrow togs from school and we do not have enough.

Thank you to the whanau, that gave time to either fill out our consultation, or turn up on Tuesday after school. Your feedback is appreciated and ensures that your voice is heard in our future planning. The winner of the \$100 New World Voucher was Joel and Bergara Dalmasso, who have very kindly donated this back to the school.

We love to celebrate with your children. Please let us, know by ringing or emailing the office, if your child performed well in any outside event so we celebrate with them. If you don't share, we often do not know

There has been an exceptionally large amount of clothing left at school at the end of each day. Please check all clothing is named and remind children to bring their clothes home. It does get tricky after swimming to match clothing to children if it is not named.

HATS – there are still far too many children without hats. Dark blue bucket hats are our uniform and it is compulsory for children to have one in terms one and four.

Let's enjoy this fine weather while it last. Have a good weekend.

Ka Kite,

Angela McQuarrie (Principal)



Norsewood & Districts Cellphone Policy

Norsewood and Districts School does not allow students to have cellphones at school.

If a student brings a phone to school they must hand it in to the office before school, and pick it up again after school. If a student is observed with a phone, they will be asked to take it to the office.

If possible, students should lock their phone before handing it to staff. Cellphones may not be taken on EOTC events.

This week's winners of the "Caught being Good" cards, drawn out each week at our Monday morning assembly

Evie May for displaying perseverance to keep going and complete her writing task today. (Book winner)

Geronimo Vella for displaying GREAT teamwork and helping others to tidy up their work space.

Atley Read Berge—staying in his learning zone to complete his work in a timely manner independently today

Micah Smith—displaying excellence during our learning activity with a focused and motivated learning attitude to complete his work in a timely manner.

BOARD PANUI

Welcome back to all our school families for 2024. It is looking like it's going to be another fantastic and busy year ahead! I just wanted to remind you of our policies and procedures if you have any concerns or positive feedback in regards to your tamariki in school.

The best way to resolve concerns is to initially address them at a 'low level'.

Step 1 Concern - Approach the classroom teacher.

Best Solution - Concern resolved by informal means

Step 2 Concern Continues - Approach the Principal.

Best Solution - Concern resolved to everyone's satisfaction by informal means

Step 3 Dissatisfaction Continues - a written complaint to be forwarded to the BOT - an 'Investigation Committee' is set up to consider the complaint and response.

Best Solution: - Committee finds lack of merit on substance and the case is dismissed.

Step 4 Investigation Committee finds substance in complaint, Report findings to full Board which makes recommendations.

Best Solution - Full Board disagrees and case is dismissed.

Step 5 Investigation Committee finds substance in complaint Report findings to full Board and makes recommendations. Full Board agrees.

Best Solution: - Recommendations are acted upon

This policy is always available on the school website under General Policies and Procedures.

Our teaching staff and Principal are more than happy to arrange a time to have a chat about your child, and encourage parents to do so. Class Dojo is a great tool to send your child's teacher a quick message and arrange a time to catch up.

Senior Leadership Camp last week was just awesome, it's shaping up to be an incredible year!

Nga Mihi,

Sara Smith

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Stationery accounts to be paid before stationery can be given out
- ⇒ SUN HATS
- ⇒ Class dojo
- ⇒ Brain food
- ⇒ Download Skool Loop app
- ⇒ SSG meeting on Monday 26th February—all welcome

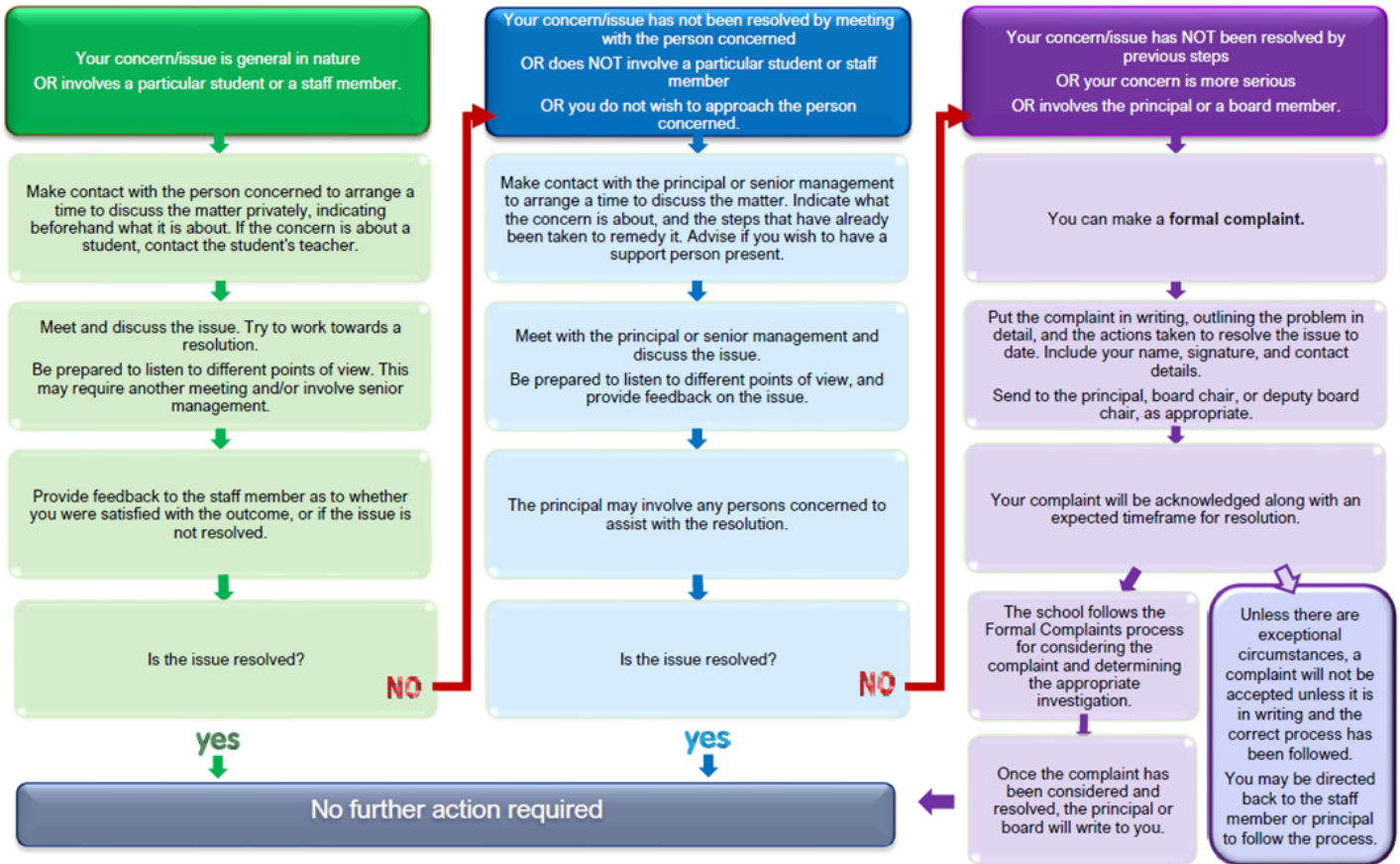
UPCOMING EVENTS

February	Friday 23rd Monday 26th	Pohiri Group to town SSG meeting at school
March	Tuesday 12th Monday 18th Tuesday 26th Friday 29th	Rata & Kahikatea swimming lessons at Wai Splash Country Schools Swimming Sports Interschool Swimming Sports Good Friday—School closed
April	Monday 1st Tuesday 2nd	Easter Monday—School closed Easter holiday—School closed



Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

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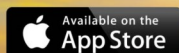
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Photos from Monday's swimming lessons at Wai Splash for Rata and Kahikatea.



More shots from our senior leadership camp last week

