

Principal Chat

Welcome / Velkommen / Kia Ora Koutou

What a wonderful way to start our new term and new year. It has been lovely to see the smiling faces of our students again and there is a real positive vibe throughout the whole school. We have welcomed several new students this week so I would like to extend a big Norsewood welcome to:

Ty-Mani and Tyanna Curtis Reade, Hineaka Dorizac, Lochlan Swenson, Zachary Schoeman, Caleal and Taamea Tipu Taylor, Chris Irwin, Nikau Naera and Sydnee McGregor-Pratt.

It is fantastic to have new families in our community. We would also like to warmly welcome back Mrs Toni Trent who is our new teacher in Kahikatea.

We have experienced some confusion with bus runs this week as Go Bus work out our runs with a temporary lack of bus drivers. Thank you for your understanding around this. After a productive meeting with Go Bus today, we hopefully have everything sorted. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. However, if the bus is available to you, please consider using it as we need a minimum of 6 students on a bus run to keep it viable.



Our school pool is already in use and very welcome in the heat we have experienced, especially in our classes where masks are being worn. Thanks to Stu Radcliffe for getting the pool ready for us. Mask wearing in class, while not always comfortable, has gone well. Masks donated by the Natural Clothing Company have been much appreciated and students have had a great attitude to this new challenge. Teachers are having regular outside breaks so the students can take masks off.

The school is looking great at the moment. A working bee in the holidays tidied up around the bike shed and Shane Veale has been keeping our grounds tidy while Eric our caretaker is on holiday. A big thanks to Shane as he has done this voluntary. As with any school, there are always jobs that need doing and many parents cannot make a set working bee time. If you are able to help in any way please let us know. Gardens can be weeded at any time and many small working bee jobs can be achieved in a few hours. However, we are still on the lookout for help to build our chook house. I would really like our students to have this experience, let Margaret know if you can help.

Stationary packs have been handed out so all students have the same stationary. Margaret will send our invoices for these with our bank account on. Can these please be paid off over the next few weeks.

Our Asthma Educator came to visit us this morning. Megan visits the school regularly to catch up with our students with asthma. If your child has asthma, please make sure we know about it.

Sun hats are compulsory this term. We have quite a few children without these. A cap is not part of our school uniform. Please make sure your child has a sunhat by Monday. A change of clothes so that they can play on the field is also a good idea.

I always love to catch up on how past students from Norsewood are doing. It fills me with pride when I hear about their achievements and that our school had a small part in that. This week I heard that 3 of our past students, Stevie Bishop, Jodie Kent and Katie Bealing were named for prefects at the Feilding Hostel. Well done girls.

Have a GREAT long weekend. I look forward to seeing all students back on Tuesday. Ka kite ano

Angela McQuarrie— Principal