

"On a Great Learning Adventure"

NORSEWOOD & DISTRICTS' SCHOOL

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER Term 1, Week 2, 12 - 16 February 2018

School Vision:

"On a GREAT Learning Adventure"

CoL Vision:

An inclusive community that collaborates to support purposeful and intentional learning that is future focused


Welcome/Velkommen/Kia Ora Koutou,

Our students are embracing "On a GREAT Learning Adventure". As you walk through the classrooms, there is a huge shift of focus and control. The students are leading the learning and there is so much collaboration going on, it is great to hear. It has been exciting to hear parents/caregivers speaking and sharing ideas' you can see how they are ready to jump "On a GREAT Learning Adventure".

Can I say that I am very appreciative of the feedback around our vision, new times for the day, house leader's campaigns, camp suggestions, classroom names and syndicate names. When there are open lines of communication everyone benefits.

Syndicate Teams - Whakapuawai Syndicate and Manawa Kai Tutae Syndicate. The purpose of having syndicate teams is to develop more collaborative ways of working to benefit all students. A syndicate is a group of people that work together as a team for common goals. We have always had buddy reading, singing or sports. This is refining and retuning the way we work together, utilising the strengths of all staff and students and to learn from each other. The Dannevirke CoL are on an adventure too and during 2018 it is a focus to develop collaborative inquiry. This is Norsewood & Districts' support of the CoL and a way of increasing teacher / student capabilities.



I hope there was a lot of love being  shared around yesterday. Valentines' day is a day to tell your loved ones what they mean and spoil them with affection. There was a lot of love being shared at school yesterday, it was very special.

ELECTIVES 2018

We will be sitting down next week and looking at the options for our students. Thank you again for all those who have offered their time and are willing to share their skills and expertise. If you haven't done so already, please come and see us. We are asking for your time between 11:20 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Come on it is a fantastic feeling working with our students.














Every week the Student Councillors will be talking and sharing what the students are feeling, once a term they will also be reporting to the BoT to make sure student voice is heard. This is an exciting and very special role.

I hope you have a GREAT Adventure over this coming weekend.

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Ha Det Bra/Nga Mihi
Nikkie Christie
(Principal)

Congratulations to our House Leaders and Student Councillors for 2018.

Jodie Kent	Haley Black	Stevye Bishop	Katie Bealing
			
House Leader - Hovding	Deputy Leader - Hovding	House Leader - Thor	Deputy Leader - Thor
Erin Trent	Ashton Ward	Keisha Meek	Olivia Montgomery
			
House Leader - Odin	Deputy Leader - Odin	House Leader - Erik	Deputy Leader - Erik
Charlotte Radcliffe	Gabriella Buckley	Cody Anderson	
			
Student Council	Student Council	Student Council	

Student Councillors - Charlotte Radcliffe, Cody Anderson & Gabriella Buckley

We have been talking with all the students to find out how they are feeling and we are reporting to you. During Week 1 and 2, the kids throughout Norsewood & Districts' School have enjoyed these things so far:

New Teachers	Love everything	Decorating classes
Secret Bunker	Sandpit	Swimming

From the voice of the students

Charlotte, Cody, Gabrella

Your School Councillors

From the BoT Chair's Pen

We are nearly at the end of Week 2 and the children are settling into their class routines well.

We would like as many parents/caregivers as possible to complete the '**Family/Community Consultation**' survey which is available on the home page of our Website or if you have not got access to the internet hard copies are available from the office. It is important to the BoT that we hear from a wide section of our school community. If you would like to discuss anything in the survey in more detail, please join us on Wednesday 21 March from 4:30 p.m. in the school staffroom.

If you are available earlier, then please come and have a look around the school, the classes, take the time to talk to the teachers, you are welcome. The teachers will be available from 3:30 p.m.

We look forward to your continued support and input into the future of our school

Regards

Craig Bishop

As a nation, we can free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by providing the additional support and staff that children need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professional they are. That's a goal worth fighting for, and now is the time to do it – Kua Tae Te Wa!

Merit Assembly's will start in Week 3. The first assembly will be hosted by Room 1. Thursday February 22nd 2.15pm. These will be held fortnightly.



We would like to celebrate the following birthday(s):

This week:
Jenny Stewart and Jack Bealing

Sports Section

Weetbix Tryathlon	This is coming up on the 20th March in Palmerston North. Information and registration forms are available at the school office or on the school website for download.
Dannevirke High School Equestrian Event	This event is taking place on Wednesday 28 th February. Letters and entry forms are available at the school office or for download on the school website.
Swimming	There are three Swimming Sports Events coming up Norsewood School Swimming Sports - 7 th March Country School Swimming Sports - 21 st March Interschool Swimming Sports – 26 th March Students/classes are practicing every day, so please remind them to bring their togs and towel!

Uniform Sales / Lost Property Section

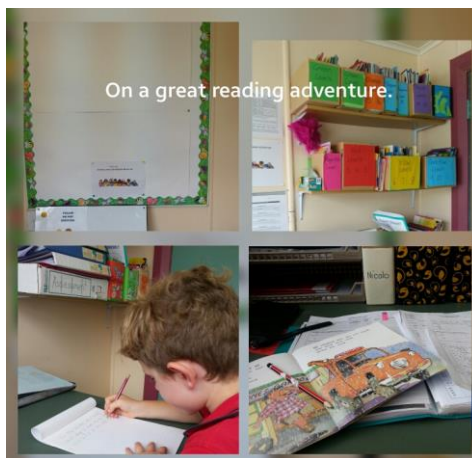
Uniform	Lost Property	Support Needed
<p>Lots of small size shorts available 4 – 7. \$1 or \$2. Polo Fleeces Size 4 to Small (adult) \$3 -\$5. If anyone has any polo shirts children have outgrown (short sleeved). These are in short supply. Phone Michele 374 0494 or ring or txt 027 652 1437.</p>		

Reading Recovery.

It is my privilege to train as a Reading Recovery teacher this year. It involves weekly training sessions in Palmerston North and then daily reading sessions with children at school.

Reading Recovery is a valuable intervention programme for children at 6 years of age. Reading strategies from this programme are already being passed onto the staff so all children can benefit from what I am learning. This is all part of our new school vision...On a Great learning/reading adventure.

Elizabeth Brooks



SSG Section

Hi everybody!

We value everyone's input, if you are unable to join us but have ideas for fundraising please get in touch with any of the SSG, Serena, Paula, Suze, Toni, Prue, Tori, Kevin or Brett or give me a call on 374 1733 or email lidewijblack3@gmail.com.

Kind regards
Lidewij Black

Community News Section

FOR SALE

One small Rawhiti goat and his half brother. Both wethers and used to tethers. \$100.00 to go together. Can deliver. Please phone Katrina 020 405 14621

OLD FASHIONED GARDEN PARTY

17TH FEBRUARY - 11am - 4pm.

Venue Juliet & Klass van der Oord's - Ormondville Norsewood Road.

Fundraiser for Ormondville Church. Stalls, entertainment for all ages. Tickets \$20.00 single or \$50 per family. Includes High Tea. Theme prizes for 1920's/30's dress.

Enquiries to Juliet 374 1834 or Shane 374 1770.

TAKE A KID HUNTING AND FISHING 16TH 17TH AND 18TH MARCH 2018

HI ALL WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2018 AS YOU ALL MAY OR MAY NOT NOW THAT WE HAVE THE SCHOOLS YEARLY FUNDRAISER COMING UP ON THE 16th TO THE 18th MARCH IT IS THE (TAKE A KID HUNTING AND FISHING COMP).

TO MAKE THIS DAY A GREAT SUCCESS WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: YOU WILL BE NEEDED ON THE SUNDAY THE 18TH FROM 12.00PM FOR BRIEFING TO 3.00PM



PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND TICK THE BOX YOU WISH TO HELP IN AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BY 28TH FEBRUARY.

NAMEPHONE.....

- FOOD TENT: BBQ
- WEIGH IN TENT FOR SMALL OR BIG GAME
- GOODY BAG AND PRIZE TABLE
- COMPUTER ENTRY FOR WEIGHTS
- RAFFLES MANAGE KIDS TO HELP SELL THEM
- SLUG GUN AREA
- GATE ENTRY
- COOKING COMP TABLE
- MC FOR THE AFTERNOON



JUST REMEMBER WE CAN NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP



"ON A GREAT LEARNING ADVENTURE"



Odyssey Cave

Kia Ora!!

Wow! Welcome to our great learning adventure!! What an amazing start to the year we are having! The children are SO enthusiastic and excited to be back! Yay! During the last two weeks we have been having fun getting to know each other and learning about what it means to be trying our best in everything we do and how to support each other to do this. In our class, this is all about 'attitude.' A positive attitude is important as it means we are open to learning and we are ready to share our strengths and help each other to do the best they can do, too.

While scoffing M & M's, we have learned about each other's likes and dislikes, and lots about our families, favourite animals and of course the amazing holidays we all had! We enjoyed lots of interesting learning moments. Ask your children about the water cycle and see what they remember! One child commented "Wow! And we learned all that just because of your glass of water!!" I just LOVE their enthusiasm for learning!

After a discussion about the Treaty of Waitangi and 'my version' of events leading up to the Treaty (!!) and another discussion about what could be happening in our class visual (above), which got onto pirates and other learning adventures, the following story was told by Toby. Have fun reading as Toby's imagination is unleashed!

The Māoris

The Māoris and the pirates are fighting at the Maoris Island. The pirates had a map to the island. When the pirates came to the island, they were fighting.

The Māoris came back and went back to their camp where there were heaps of poor people. The people had no seeds to grow their plants so there was no food. Luckily there was coconuts on the island.

The pirates walked through the island and a Māori chief told them where the treasure was. But the pirates began to leave. Suddenly the Māori chief said "There is danger in the woods! It is magic!"

The pirates began to walk with their swords out. Then, as a pirate looked at a flower, a humungous flower, he didn't know it was magic. He touched it with his hand and it TOOK him!! 8 pirates became 7. "We will have to leave him behind!" yelled the captain.

The pirates kept walking when suddenly the Māoris jumped out of the bushes, who had not seen the Māori village. The pirates became friends with this new tribe. The Māoris got their best men to go with them.

There was a giant flower field filled with enormous flowers. The Māoris started to cut the flowers. The flowers dripped white blood. The Māoris cut the magic from the flowers and put them in wooden jars.

The Pirates took the magic potion and took it back to the poor Māori village. They showed the Māoris how to use the magic potion to grow their food. They walked a long way and found a new map. They followed the map and . . . found the golden treasure!! Everybody lived happily ever after.