



"On a Great Learning Adventure"

NORSEWOOD & DISTRICTS' SCHOOL

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER Term 1, Week 4, 26 February - 2 March 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

The excitement and participation from our students yesterday at the Swimming School Practice was contagious. We managed to practice all the race events for the junior and senior school. This was only achievable with the support we received from all our staff and our precious parents/caregivers: Lidewij Black, Charlotte Heald, Melanie Jones, Vanessa Dorreen-Jenkins, Nadine and Craig Bishop, Keith Wray, Michele Buckley and Candice Gibbs. We managed to get through our first practice ever as a **whole** school and did it all in **2 hours**. From this practice, we have managed to identify what we need to do to make next weeks' School Swimming Sports very successful. Please if you are able to support let Lorraine in the office know asap. We encourage all parents/caregivers and whanau to come, encourage, enjoy and even swim in the family relay event. We look forward to seeing you there! The BoT decided to hold a whole School Swimming Sports event to allow participation and opportunities to all students and not just a few.

On 7 March 2018 at 5:00 p.m. we have 3 teams from the Year 7/8 class participating in the Epro8. Again huge thank you to Laura Bealing who has got the kids all giddy about participating. The Year 5/6 teams will be participating on 8 March during the day. Please make sure all permission slips are back asap. We have paid for an extra 2 teams this year again to create more opportunities for more students. Thank you to the School Support Group who are funding this event. Good luck to all our teams.

At the beginning of the year all classrooms were well presented except for the back of Valkyrie and the old Room 5. I invite all of you to come and look what our amazing Teacher Aides and Caretaker have accomplished in 3 weeks. The old Room 5 is now a well presented resource room and a teaching space. We are so proud our school is being cared for and is looking great. Thank you so much Anne Bloor, Ellen Whitaker, Jenny Stewart and Eric Wood.

Electives start tomorrow. We have 8 electives the students will participate in. What an exciting year it has been so far. Lots of new learning. We encourage all students to make the most of this opportunity. If you would still like to support or turn up and help in one of the activities, but you are not available every Friday, please come when it is convenient, you are very welcome at any time.

Te Reo - Teau Kori	- Jazmine Purdy	Cross Country Training	- Laura Bealing
Sport	- Daryn Bishop	Gardening	- Jocelyn Knight
Web Design	- Kevin Clayton	Crafts/Scrapbook	- Rosie Roe
Lego Construction	- Vanessa Dorreen-Jenkins	Ukelele	- Liz Brooks

I am excited to let you know that our building renovations are going to begin on Monday 5 March. We look forward in anticipation to seeing the end result.

Thank you for everyone who has contacted me to encourage, support and offer advice over the last few weeks, it is most appreciated. Have a fabulous weekend.

Ha Det Bra/Nga Mihi
Nikkie Christie
(Principal)

Week 4 School Counsellors Report

Charlotte Radcliffe, Cody Anderson & Gabriella Buckley

Hello parents/caregivers, this week has been an interesting week with our Swimming Sports Practice and last weeks Merit Assembly run by Redet. We have been having lots of fun.

Messages from the classrooms.

REDET - Playing with magnets, still loving our Doll's House and playing outside is great.

ODYSSEY CAVE - New House Groups, Our Class name and learning with new books is great.

EVEREST - We are enjoying our teachers, the House Leaders are great, we have great friends.

VALKYRIE - We are enjoying our school work, still enjoying more changes and loved the Swimming School Practice at Wai Splash.

From the BoT Chair's Pen

I felt extremely proud to be part of the School Swimming Sports practice yesterday where the students 'give it a go' attitude, was second to none.

Thank you to the staff and all those parents who have come up with an exciting range of electives for the children to participate in on Fridays. Thank you for giving of your time and expertise. Brilliant!

We have a vacancy on the BoT for a parent representative. It is our intention not to hold a by-election at this time, as there will be a full election in a little over 12 months' time. If you are interested in being part of our team, please speak to myself or Nikkie Christie (or any member of the BoT), if you are willing and able to support the school in this way.

Regards
Craig Bishop



We would like to celebrate the following birthdays:

This week:

Stevye Bishop, Braxton Rose, Nikita Veale and Eva Meek

D.H.S. Equestrian Event

Comments from participants:

- My dressage test went really well, apart from the fact that Buttercup reared in the first line. In the end I got a score of 173.5/300. Show jumping went excellent. I really enjoyed it and for the first time in my life I didn't get eliminated!!
Erin Trent
- In my first round I got eliminated. In my second round I did better, but I had two refusals and one rail. Overall I had an alright day. Keisha Meek.
- I really loved the D.H.S. Equestrian Day. It was heaps of fun and the show jumping courses were really fun to ride. Thank you so much to the Dannevirke High School. Jodie Kent
- The D.H.S. Equestrian event was a great experience. My dressage went well but I got eliminated in the Show jumping. Katie Bealing
- It was my first show!! Sasha Kent
- My pony went well he stopped for a few jumps in the 70cm class. I enjoyed my day. Eva Meek
- I enjoyed the two phase 70cm class because I went a little too fast which I loved. Leah Kent
- I didn't show but I had a great time watching my friends. Sophia Bowen-Lewis

Congratulations to Leah Kent who came 3rd overall out of 45 participants. Well done Leah!!



MANAWA KAI TUTAE SYNDICATE

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Kia Ora!

Have you heard the great 'Odyssey' chant?? It was loud and clear at the swimming practice as our fantastic kids supported one another in their races. What amazing participation we had ... 100%!!!! Wow!! This was in preparation for next Wednesday's school swimming sports and our kids are looking like they will be revved up and rearing to go! Well done for a super effort!

It has been most enjoyable meeting and chatting to parents of our students over the last couple of weeks and putting faces to names. Keep coming to see us and stay in touch with your children's learning and adventures at school. Your commitment to their education is the key to their success! Please ensure you read with your child every night. Research tells us that those parents who read to and with their children, set their children up for success.

Last Friday it was pleasing to see how helpful and supportive the Odyssey Cave dwellers were as they assisted the students of Redet as they learned the procedure of how to line up for team games. Odyssey Cave were great role-models and they all had fun joining in with the games.

The students are very excited after having selected their 'electives' starting this Friday. There is a quiet buzz in the classroom as they anticipate 'Fun-day Friday!!'

We are looking forward to some great learning adventures over the next week! Have fun!

Liz and Toni.

Redet - Merit Assembly Week 3

Thank you to Redet for their Merit Assembly last week. It was enjoyed by all.



Look at all our certificate winners for Week 3.



Sports Section

Swimming

There are three Swimming Sports Events coming up

Norsewood School Swimming Sports - 7th March

Country School Swimming Sports - 21st March

Interschool Swimming Sports – 26th March

Students/classes are practicing most school days, so please remind them to bring their togs and towel!



SOG Section

The SOG would like to say a massive thank you to our amazing guys who managed to crutch 100 ewes in a couple of hours!!!!

Thank you to our head ganger Tom Deighton and Mananui Station for providing the sheep.

Shane, Dylan, Jayden, Matt, Kenny, Tony, Andrew Ward, Andrew Ellingham, Mike, Cory and Matt Roberts, Tom and Dave, thank you all!!

The SOG is currently working out a plan to present to all parents in which we will be asking you for your favourite fundraising goal, we are hoping to send a notice out to you soon. Exciting times people!!

If you would like to help with crutching we have more ewes lined up in this month so please get in touch.

Lidewij Black - 374 1733 or 027 244 8066

Uniform Sales / Lost Property Section

Uniform

Phone Michele on 374 0494 or ring or txt 027 652 1437 for any second hand uniform requirements.

Lost Property

Support Needed

Hockey 2018

Come and give hockey ago.....

- Its only played in term two
- It gives you a chance to play for your school as a team
- It's played at the Tennis courts in Anderson Street, Dannevirke, first games start at 4pm
- It's on a Friday night (so you can still play another winter sport on a Saturday or have your weekend free for other activities)

Can we please have Parents / Guardians complete the following as an early indication of numbers for the 2018 season. If you are able to help coach, but not sure how, there is free coaching session available, held in Dannevirke.

Mouthguards are free with each paid registration

Do you know of any children turning 5 during term 2 2018 (between the 30th April – 6th July) and that will be attending Norsewood and Districts School, well they are now also eligible to play and learn basic skills

This year will again see the on-line registration but if you don't have access to a computer or the internet – please contact Vanessa on 374 8803 to get your child/ren registered. Full details to follow next week.

Childs name: _____

(Please circle) Year 1-2 Year 3-4 Year 5-6 Year 7-8 Has a school sports shirt Y / N

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Please tick:

Child/ren have previously played hockey:

 Yes No

Do you wish your child/ren to attend practises:

 Yes No

Can you help Coach a team:

Yes

No

If yes which year group (Please circle) Year 1-2 Year 3-4 Year 5-6 Year 7-8

Can you help Manage a team:

Yes

No

If yes which year group (Please circle) Year 1-2 Year 3-4 Year 5-6 Year 7-8

Parent / Guardian name: _____

Signature: _____

Contact phone numbers: _____

Norsewood & Districts' School

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16th -18th March 2018

Shirt for every Child

\$20 entry

Entries Close

Friday 9th March



TAKE A KID HUNTING & FISHING

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Hunting competitions starts at 3:00 P.M. Friday 16th March 2018

Weigh-in Sunday 18th March. Gates open 1:00 P.M. Weigh-in closes at 2:30 P.M.

Category prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

Large Game 2-16 years old

Pig (boar or sow) Min. pig weight 25 kg measured	Red Deer Stag or hind 1 prize to best head	Fallow Deer Stag or hind 1 prize to best head	Goat (head only) horns
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Small Game 2- 8 years old; 9- 16 years old

Only one of each animal type can be presented to be weighed per child

Possum	Hare	Rabbit	Turkey
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Trout 2-16 years old

Gutted – will be stored on ice

Most Animals by Count 2- 16 years old

Magpies	Possums	Hares/Rabbits
Animals entered in small game section will not be included (combined total of hares & rabbits)		

Wild Food Cooking Competition

Open to all ages, do not need to be entered in hunting competition

Present a dish containing wild game to be judged on the day

Competition Rules:

ENTRY:

- Entry fee must be paid at time of entry
- Kids can enter game in all categories but are only allowed to enter one of each species type
- All paid entrants must be present and/or participate in the hunt for their animals/fish
- All animals /fish must be caught in the wild and within the competition dates and times
- Hunting and fishing for the competition starts at 3:00 p.m. Friday 16th March 2018
- All participants enter at their own risk. Norsewood and Districts' School, organisers and sponsors shall not be liable for any injury or misadventure while on the school grounds or hunting for the competition. Guardians are fully responsible for staying within the firearms/fishing laws and ensuring the safety of children

WEIGH-IN:

- Weigh-in is at the Norsewood and Districts' School field, Thor Street, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Sunday 18th March 2018. Gates will not open until 1 p.m. No late weigh-ins accepted.
- Entrants must decide which animals/fish to enter before they are weighed, not after.
- Any animals of equal recorded weight, the first weighed in will take precedence
- **All boars-** Testicles stay in, pizzle and offal to be removed. **Minimum weight for pig is 25 kg.**
- **All deer** - heads can stay on or be removed (both head and body weighed); **ears must be intact. No earmarks, rips or tag holes.** Offal and hocks to be removed. **Best Head** – by the judge's decision.
- **Goats.** Head only. Prizes are for the biggest horns measured from tip to tip.
- **Fish** – to be gutted
- **All other animals** to be left whole – not gutted
- **No** frozen or hosed down animals will be judged. Chilled game is ok.
- **Official Organisers reserve the right to deny entry**
- Judge's decision is final – no refund of entry money if any animals are disqualified/rejected

HUNTING/FISHING:

- Please ensure you have **PERMISSION** to be hunting on private property. Identify your target correctly. Do not shoot around residential areas or near houses. Comply with N.Z. Firearm Laws and review you gun safety at <https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/resources/toolbox/firearms-safety/>
- Fishing licences are available through "Fish and Game" website or at sport shops. Licences for under 12 are free. <https://fishandgame.org.nz/licences>

COOKING COMPETITION: Entries to be made from wild game and judged by panel, can be cooked on the day on BBQ or gas cooker, oven available to keep entries warm. Judging between 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Entries to be received by Friday 9th March 2018 (\$5 late fee per child, no entries on the day)

Child's Name	age on 16/03/18	Shirt size
_____	/ /	4 6 8 10 12 14 S M L
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I will be entering the Wild Food Competition: _____dishes (no fee)
Heating/cooking requirement: _____(or contact organisers)

Payment: Cash/Cheque \$20/ child, \$5 late fee/child **Total Due** \$_____

internet banking Norsewood & Districts' School (03 0614 0569971 00) reference top entrant

Permission for photo to be taken of these entrants for promotional purposes yes / no

I have read the competition rules

Guardian Name: _____

Signature : _____

Email: _____

phone number: _____

Post to: Norsewood & Districts' School, TAKHF, PDC Box 3, Norsewood 4974
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