

NEWSTEAD

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Friday 10 December 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa,

It has been an excellent last full week of Term 4. On Thursday afternoon we held our first outdoor Final Assembly, it was an awesome way to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of all our students this year. Congratulations to those students who received a Class Award this year or a school cup. Thank you to the Year 6 whānau who were invited, there were certainly some very proud parents in our audience. The feedback from parents, staff and children was how much they enjoyed this outdoor, modified version of the traditional Final Assembly. Let's see what next year brings and hope that we will be able to open this celebration event up for all our families to attend? The choir performed beautifully, and our Year 6 graduating students did a wonderful job of hosting the assembly and delivering the leavers speeches.

Congratulations to all of the children who received an award this year, please see who all our recipients were for 2021 in the table later in our newsletter. We'd also like to say farewell and thank you to a number of Newstead Families who leave us this year, your support and contributions to the Newstead School Community will be missed.

Sadly we have some staff who are leaving Newstead this year; we'd like to say a huge thank you to Whea Sue who has been teaching Reading Recovery, we appreciate how she has helped boost the literacy/ reading skills and the confidence of a number of our junior students over this year.

Thank you and farewell to Hayley Dennis who joined us for a short time from Term 3 to support our New Entrants as well as help with our Distance Learning Programmes for Tui/ Pukeko Class and Bubble School classes during term 4.

Farewell and deep appreciation to Kelly Clark who has been 'Teacher Aide Extraordinaire' for many years at Newstead, the impact she has made supporting students and staff over the years has been significant. Kelly leaves us to work in her family law firm, she will be sadly missed.

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UPCOMING DATES:

December

- 13 Year 6 Fair
- 14 ASC Christmas Party
- 15 Last Day of School **12pm finish**

February 2022

- 3 First Day of School

School starts again

Thursday,

3rd February 2022



NOTICES:

Most notices sent out can be found on the school website under the heading *Our Info, Recent Notices:*

Click Here [Recent Notices](#)

School News

...From front page

It's with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Nikki Woodland-Douglas. Nikki has been a member of the Newstead Teaching Staff for 15 years, she has made invaluable contributions to our school in so many ways and enriched the lives of the children who have been fortunate enough to be in her classes. Nikki's strengths and passions with choir, kapahaka, productions, Jump Jam, Reading Recovery, Te Reo & Tikanga Maori are just a few of the ways she has shared her knowledge, skills and leadership with Newstead School. A legacy that Nikki leaves Newstead with is that our children now learn to confidently present their pepeha, recite our whakatauki and host whakatau as part of everyday school life. We are very proud that Nikki leaves us to continue her career in education as a lecturer at Waikato University, Faculty of Education where she will now be teaching adults how to be amazing teachers! Ngā mihi nui Nikki.

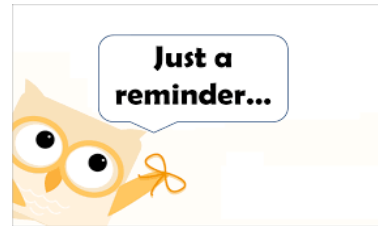
It has been a challenging year for everyone! Thank you on behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees for your continued support for Newstead School, for encouraging your children to strive for success, despite multiple changes to how learning has been able to happen. The skills of resilience, adaptability and perseverance which have been practised this year will certainly set us in good stead for whatever 2022 has in store?! I have definitely had an 'unusual' beginning to my principalship at Newstead, I'm really looking forward to getting underway again in 2022 and getting to know all the parents and students better. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed and supported me, and been patient as we have navigated through the constant changes of Term 4. I'd like to give a huge shout out to the Newstead Staff who have been AMAZING, I'm excited to be joining such a positive, supportive team!

Have a great summer break everyone, enjoy time with loved ones. Wishing you and your whāhau a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

Meg Campbell
Principal



School News



The Year 6 Fair is this coming Monday 13th December. All children are welcome to bring a small amount of money to school to buy tickets for the activities and the items that are for sale.

The last day of school for 2021 is Wednesday 15th December. **We finish at 12.00pm**



School Bus info:

Our new School Bus Provider beginning in 2022 will be Go Bus.

Our Newstead School bus route will be **D030515**. Our understanding is that there will be no new changes to the bus route or times. If you would like a detailed bus schedule please email the Newstead school office.



Wishing all our school families a Merry Christmas and a safe and fun summer break.

Upcoming End of Year Events

WHAT	WHEN	WHO	HOW
End of Year Reports go home	Monday 13th December	All students	All students will bring home their end of year reports, including notification of their 2022 class placement.
Year 6 Fair	Monday 13th December 12-1.30pm	All students Sorry no parents allowed this year : (All the Year 6 students run stalls and games. Other students from all our year levels are able to bring cash to purchase items and buy tickets for the games available. The 2021 Graduating Year 6 students have chosen to donate their profits to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal and contribute in a meaningful way towards other NZ children in need this Christmas.
Transition Morning for new 2022 classes	Tuesday 14th December	Year 0-5 students returning to Newstead School next year.	All the children will spend a short part of the morning meeting their new teacher, visiting their new learning space/ classroom for 2022 and getting to know their new 2022 classmates.
After School Care Xmas Party	Tuesday 14th December	ASC children- invitations have been sent out.	The last day of After School Care. Children must have been registered to attend the party.
Last Day of School 2021	Wednesday 15th December	All students	School will finish at 12.00pm, please collect your children :) There is no Afterschool Care available this afternoon.

2021 Class Awards and Cups

<u>Tui</u>	<u>Kakapo</u>
Reef McCabe Isabella Fergusson Hazel Rounthwaite Frankie Drury Penelope McCullum	Ashley Hollings Belinda (Juju) Hudd Alyssa Kelly Sophia Ulyatt Isabella Wang
<u>Tiwaiwaka</u>	<u>Kiwi</u>
Bodie Messam Dylan Hayward Willow Stockdale Skye Hollings Eli Walters - Tawhiti	Christopher Horn Bobby Hudd Zoe Lannam Olivia McCullum Kade Fraser
<u>Kereru</u>	<u>Ruru</u>
Oliver Wilson Finn Parson-Roberts Xander Phillips Kiani Clark Clara Parton-Wicky	Brooke Carter Lily Wilson Jamie Edwards Leo Ellison Lucia Revell

Citizenship Cup	Eithen Sanil Victoria Dowdell-Mill
Writing Cup	Victoria Dowdell-Mill
Maths cup	Shawn Jeng
Reading Cup	Zoe Parton-Wicky
Sports Cup boy/girl	Leo Ellison and Brooke Carter
Huggins Cup: Good Sort Award	Corey Mathieson
Speech cup	Eithen Sanil
Coombes/Hallam Cross Country Cup	Shawn Jeng/Kathleen Smith







I KNOW, I THINK, I WONDER

Families Leaving Newstead School at the end of 2021

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to our leaving families. Some of these families have been with us for many years and it is hard to say goodbye to people who have been part of our community for such a long time. You have all contributed to Newstead in a variety of ways, we have appreciated your support. We wish you all the best and we hope you will keep in contact and let us know how you are getting on.

Briston Family
Monahan- Plowright Family
Allen Family
Carter Family
Mathieson Family
Harris Family (Carsen)
Hargrave-Taylor Family
Hunter Family
Ryan-Rule Family
Van- Den Anker Family
Stewart Family
Dyer Family
Harris Family (Mikayla and Rylee)



PTA NEWS

UPDATE 2021

Thank you so much for all the support from the lovely school community over the past year. It's definitely been a tough year in lots of ways and so we are extra grateful for all the pies, dumplings and cookies purchased and for all the sponsorship that was raised for the Fun Run earlier in the year. To all the Parent Helpers who have manned stalls at Discos, BBQ's and Fun Run's we couldn't run these things without the support of the community. Thank you.

Special Thank You's go out to the Calcott family, Michelle who runs the Pie Fundraiser each year for us (and did it twice this year) and Chris who arranges for us to use the PlaceMakers BBQ for our events and donates to all the ingredients to make the BBQ's happen. Thank you.

Also to the Mathieson Family who have sponsored ribbons and donated prizes to all the AG Day entry students over the last few years and to the Taner Family who donated to this year's Arts and Crafts Prizes. Thank you.

The Wallace-Tidd Family who often donate to various events throughout the year. Thank you.
Thank you to those who donated to our Care Packages during lockdown.

Also thanks to Hannah Cleland who sourced paints and clay and arranged for the Senior Children to do ceramics and spent many hours glazing, fixing and getting the items fired professionally twice. Thank you.

We also had one of our school parents who hand made over 1000 dumplings for us. An amazing amount of time and care went into making them. Thank you to Phoebe and Matthew's mum, Wenjing.

The lovely people at Hellers Sausages for Schools have very kindly donated sausages to us for AG Day and as this hasn't happened we will be using them for the Year 6 Fair.



Here is a breakdown of what we have raised this year.

Family BBQ	\$659
Fun Run	\$10,443
1st Pies	\$2,109
Disco	\$951
2nd Pie Run	\$997
Dumplings	\$885
Cookies	\$357
TOTAL =	\$16,401

Here is what we have already donated to this year -

Learning Resources	\$5,000
Monthly Science Box	\$600
School Holiday Programme Set Up	\$300
Forest School	\$100
TOTAL =	\$6,000

Decisions are yet to be made as to what we will spend the rest of the money on for the school but we hope to have a new project in mind for the next year as our school grows.

Finally, I would like to mention the lovely ladies who help out on the PTA, Nicole Lannam, Sandra Wallace, Ozlem Taner, Zara Tester, Trineka Reddish, Celine Walters-Gray, Hannah Cleland and Staff Rep Renee Hanrahan.

Happy Holidays everyone.
Ngā mihi
Helen

COMMUNITY NEWS

Waikato District News 16 November 2021 [Click Here](#)

Waikato Expressway October 2021 [Click Here](#)

Parenting Helpline

Free, all ages, all issues. 9am-9pm 7 days. Advice, support and strategies on any parenting challenges.
Ph: 0800 568 856. www.parenthelp.org.nz

Children's Ear Clinic - There is now a shortcut for you to access the current children's ear clinic programme. These will now not be circulated each school term as we have previously done [Click Here](#)

Single Parent Services - [Website](#)



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MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL

We are very fortunate to have a fabulous music teacher available to come into school to teach piano, singing and theory lessons. Spaces are now available.

Beverley Pullon holds a Doctorate in Musical Arts. She has been teaching for many years and has a vast amount of experience to pass on to our children.

Lessons are currently available on Wednesday during the school day.

For more information please contact **Beverley** directly on **0274257235**, or speak to Amanda Briston.



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Hillcrest High School Reunion - Easter 2022

Next year Hillcrest High School will be celebrating 50 years (1972 to 2022) with a reunion planned for 14 to 17 April 2022 (Easter weekend). The reunion committee has been working since the beginning of this year to create a programme that will showcase Hillcrest over the last 50 years and provide an opportunity for you to catch up with classmates, teachers and colleagues, many of whom you would have not seen for many years.

The programme includes:

Thursday 14 April and Friday 15 April - School Tours - A walk down memory lane!!!! See the changes to the school since you left.

Friday 15

- past and present BOT/staff/Head Students lunch
- Friday night flashback - drinks and catchup in the school gyms - photos on display. Share those stories over a beer or wine.

Saturday 16

- Sports and Games on the school field and gymnasium - begin training now, stretch those legs - revisit your youth
- Gala Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre - our big event, MCed by former student Jessie Mulligan

Sunday 17

- Easter Egg hunt for families at school - get the kids involved in your reunion
- Afternoon Cultural Performance at the University of Waikato Gallagher Performing Arts Centre - orchestra, choir, cultural performances

Former student Brian Winter is writing a book about the history of the school, which will be on sale online and during the reunion.

For information please email contact@hillcresthigh50.com or visit the Hillcrest High School website www.hillcrest-high.school.nz and follow the reunion link to the reunion website. The reunion website contains all contact details, registration for the reunion also includes membership of the alumni, as well as the various events.

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://newstead.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). or [CLICK HERE](#)

Our username is "newstead" and password "oaktree".

