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MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou,

This week I'm sending my best to you all from the annual Normal and Model School Association (NAMSA) Conference in Christchurch. NAMSA is an association unique in the context of New Zealand education. June Malcolm (DP) and myself are attending as representatives of Newstead School. We'll be networking with Initial Teacher Education Providers, listening to presentations from the Minister of Education & other government officials, discussing the "big picture" in NZ around quality teaching and learning policy and working on the strategic direction for NAMSA.

The Normal and Model Schools in Aotearoa New Zealand are situated in the six main urban areas near the Universities of which they are aligned - Auckland/Tāmaki Makaurau; Hamilton/Kirikiriroa; Palmerston North/Te Papa-i-Oea; Wellington/Te Whanganui-a-Tara; Christchurch/Ōtautahi; Dunedin/Ōtepoti.

Why do we have 'model" (or "normal") in our school's name?

Normal Schools have been in existence since the 16th Century when a group of schools in France became interested in preparing people for teaching. The French concept of "école normale" was to establish schools to model best teaching practices thereby setting a standard or norm for student teachers.

Setting this standard has been the function of Normal schools worldwide. Normal Schools were established in the United States, Canada and Europe. Many famous universities, such as the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) were originally founded as normal schools. There are 29 Normal and Model schools in Aotearoa New Zealand appointed by the Government and provide a major teaching practicum facility for the six universities, and other Initial Teacher Education providers nationwide.

During the year normal and model schools have a number of students on placement. Placement provides opportunities for student teachers and their pupils to get to know each other over a long-term basis and enables student teachers and classroom teachers to form stronger collegial relationships. In their second and third years, student teachers also spend time teaching small groups in various curriculum areas and other full time practicum blocks. Student teachers bring another valued perspective to our school.

Normal and Model Schools are proud to be given this status as an exemplary school. We have a long history of school-based teacher education in New Zealand and our teachers are chosen for their expert knowledge and experience. We also share our quality teaching and experiences with many visiting educators from around New Zealand as well as internationally. We take our close association with the universities of New Zealand seriously and know that this relationship benefits our children in many ways, with the learning of our children of the utmost priority.

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I'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Helen Ulyatt (Chairperson of our PTA) and the team of amazing parents who helped her to organise and run the Term 3 Newstead School Disco on Friday 12th August. Many thanks to Sandra Wallace, Nicole Lannam, Jacqui Wilson, Kelly Masters & Stu Ulyatt. Thanks also to Mike Orum for donating all the sound equipment and his time for setting up and packing down.

The hard work from these parents resulted in a fantastic event for our children! Over 90% of our students attended and 100% of our staff supported on the night. It was a great community occasion which was awesome to be part of. I think everyone really appreciated the opportunity to get together as a school community following the months of restrictions and impacts from COVID... the students certainly had a great time!

Please view the movie of our 2022 Disco: Here

I'm looking forward to seeing more of our parent community at several more fun Newstead events coming up; the Newstead School Cross Country next Thursday 1st September and our whole school production "Super Stan" on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th September.

Hei knōa mai Meg



This year Renee Hanrahan and Lynne Bracey (Year 0/1/2 teachers) have been participating in a microcredential course through the University of Canterbury in the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSL). It gives children a foundation of their letters and their sounds and putting those together to help them with reading and writing. This programme is a mixture of small group and whole class instruction.

The children are proud of the continued success they are making when blending sounds into words. This is having an impact on both their reading and their writing.



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In Terms 3 and 4, Leonie Lye and myself are participating in a microcredential course through the University of Canterbury in the Advancing Successful Literacy Achievement (ASLA) Approach. This is a structured Literacy programme that has been proven to help support children in their reading and writing. This involves study for the teachers outside of school time and completion of a case study.

Each day we work with a small group of students for 30 minutes on developing their phonological awareness skills which helps support the development and acceleration of their reading and writing skills.

In term 4, we will work with a different group of students completing the same programme.

June Malcolm

UPCOMING DATES:

August

31 Berkley Enrolment Forms due in

by 4pm to Berkley office.

September

1 School Cross Country
Pie orders due back

2 Last day to register for Ag Day

and Arts&Crafts Day

9 Teacher Only Day 13 Pie Collection Day 27&28 School Production

@ Berkley Middle School

30 Last Day Term 3

October

17 First Day Term 4
19 Agricultural Day
20 Arts & Crafts Day
21 Flower Show Day

TERM DATES FOR 2022

Term 1 3 February - 14 April

Term 2 2 May - 8 July

Term 3 25 July - 30 September

Term 4 17 October - 16 December

Last day to register is Friday, 2 September:

Ag Day (19 October)



Here

Arts and Crafts Day - Superheroes (20 October)



SPORTS DRAWS:

Hockey

27 August	Turbos (Sentinel Homes – BEG)		
10.45am	Vs Whatawhata	@ GHC 2qc	
	Hurricanes		

Soccer

27 Aug	Sharks First Kicks	
9.00am	POD 1, Pitch 3	@ Galloway Park

27 Aug	Wolves 7 th Grade Gold	
9.00am	Vs Te Kowhai	@ Te Kowhai
	Eagles	School 2
9.25am	Vs Te Kowhai	@ Te Kowhai
	Eagles	School 2

27 Aug	Cobras 8 th Grade Silver	
9.00am	Vs Hamilton West	@ Newstead
	Hammers	School 1
9.25am	Vs Hamilton West	@ Newstead
	Hammers	School 1

We will do our best to contact you if there is a cancellation but please check Waibopfootball.co.nz for up to date information.

PTA NEWS:



Pie order forms went out last week, and pie collection from Eureka Room will be Tuesday, 13 September. With the nights still cold, make sure you get your orders in by 1 September!





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".



COMMUNITY NEWS:

Waikato District Council Local Elections 2022 - Find out more Here

Waikato District Council News August 2022 Here

Enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School

All 2023 enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School are due by 4.00pm on Wednesday 31 August - this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments. Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 31 August to be eligible for the enrolment ballot.

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



The end is nigh for Term 2, but it's never too late to sign up for music lessons with:



Contact Carl for more info:

carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz

027 388 9558



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**.

Pet Lamb



White with brown markings born 18th August **Bottle-fed since birth**

For Sale

<u>Lamb free!</u> \$80 for milk powder (10kg) and feeding bottle + teat

- Can dock lamb for buyer if wanted
- And can take lamb back after AG Day (Wed 19th Oct at Newstead Model Country School) if wanted

Phone: Sharon 027 714 3870 or Chris 027 404 6766 if interested