

NVS NEWS

Principal's Note

Thank you so much to the families that took the time to fill out our school survey. We do appreciate the time taken to give us feedback. We like getting feedback it only helps to keep moving us forward and providing the very best education for our children.

Our three main priorities are designed around success for students; success for staff and stewardship (property/finance etc).

The responses will help the new board with the next steps in their learning journey. And help set the strategic direction for 2017 and beyond.

We do realise as a board one of our priorities is our school property. We are looking forward to having the school painted over the holidays.

We are also looking forward to replacing the school roof and fixing the guttering around the school.

Other areas the board want to put energy into is our playgrounds - updating them and the matting; more sand in the sandpit and sunshades along the front of the school.

Areas identified by parents, board and staff is a need for our children to enter kapa haka festivals. Which we are beginning to look into for 2017.

I don't believe in standing still. I believe in always improving; always moving forward. Always tweaking so that we are giving our absolute best!

If you haven't done so; and still wish to...fill out the surveys hand them in. We would love to read your ideas and feedback.

Term Dates

Term 4

November

- Wed 23rd - Year 7 Camp - Papamoa
- Fri 25th - Mufti Day (Bottle or Christmas Item)
- Fri 25th - Year 7 Camp Returns
- Sat 26th - Te Uruanga AGM
- Mon 28th - Parent Interviews
- Tue 29th - Yr8 Camp Meeting 6pm
- Wed 30th - Parent Interviews

December

- Fri 2nd - Scholastic Book Fair - Final Day**
- Fri 2nd - Shop Day and house plays
- Mon 5th - Year 8 Camp - Wellington
- Mon 5th - BOT Meeting - last one for the year
- Thur 8th - Year 8 Camp Returns
- Fri 9th - NVS Twilight Country Fair**
- Sat 10th - Taumarunui Christmas Parade
- Tue 13th - Year 8 Dinner
- Wed 14th - School Lake Trip**
- Thu 15th - Prize Giving 6pm**
- Fri 16th - Final 2016 Assembly** finishing at 12.30pm
- Fri 16th - End of Term 4 and 2016 - Home 12:30pm**
- Mon 19th - Teacher Only Day

2017 - Term 1

- Tue 31st January - Term 1 2017 Starts
- Wed 1st February - Swimming Begins
- Mon 6th February - Waitangi Day
- Thu 13th April - End of Term 1

Term 2

- Mon 1st May - Start of Term 2
- Fri 7th July - End of Term 2

Term 3

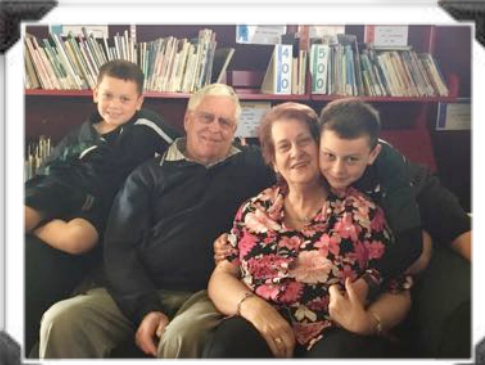
- Mon 24th July - Start of Term 3
- Fri 29th September - End of Term 3

Term 4

- Mon 16th October - Start of Term 4
- Fri 15th December - End of Term 4 2017



Piki te ora
Maria Gillard
Principal



**Parent Interviews !!!
Next Week**

Monday 28th Nov.
and
Wednesday 30th Nov.

Please make an appointment
through the school office.

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Our next
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday
5th December 2016
at 6pm in our Staffroom. All welcome.

NVS Bank Account Details

Ngakonui Valley School
020316 0125918 00
(When paying to our account, please mention
what the amount is for as reference)

Board of Trustees

BOT Meeting

Next meeting is on: Monday 5th December 6pm in the staffroom. On the agenda will be Strategic Thinking 2017, Twilight Fair, last minute planning, school swimming pool.

Twilight Fair

A huge thanks to Teresa Sherson for pounding the pavements in organising raffles for us and auction items. There are some fantastic items coming in. If you have any house hold items for our white elephant stall we will gladly take them off your hands.

Fair starts at **5pm on Friday 9th December.**

Loads to do and buy. Come out for dinner - BBQ; Hamburgers, sausages, nachos Desserts, coffee and cake and ice blocks and drinks for the kids.

Santa's grotto is open for photos, auction items up for grabs - some great Christmas presents, quick fire raffles. The kids can join in the games; take a ride in a fire truck and on the magic carpet.

GREAT News - another Junior Teacher

We will be adding to our team next year. Due to our roll increase we will be employing another junior teacher who will team teach with Mr Young next year. Giving our year 0 and year 1 more one on one. We are very excited to see our team growing. We have begun advertising and will let you know once we have appointed the teacher.

Te Uranga B2 Luncheon

This Saturday - Mabel, Glenda and a team will be serving the lunch at the AGM of Te Uranga.

BOT Survey

Thank you to the 20% of families who took the time to fill out the survey.

The winning family movie passes were won by Dhruvi Patel Family and the Lugovoy Family. Michelle will be in touch with you.

Once again if you wish to still fill it out we are happy to receive them!

R.E.A.P.

Respect, Effort, Achieve, Participation

REAP Assembly

This week in REAP assembly we looked at being an awesome team player. The students identified all of the different teams they have been in this year and how it does not always have to be a sports team. We then discussed why it is important to be a good team player and how it can help the team and yourself. The staff then took part in a team activity and the students had to identify who the awesome team players were and why.

Students were able to relate to the staff and the situation and think of times when they had been in teams and what they could do to improve for their next team activity.

NVS Shop Day - Hope Trust

Next week - **Friday 2nd December.** Each class will organise their stalls and activities. The money raised will go towards the Taumarunui Hope Trust. The class teachers will be sending home letters with what each class will be doing. The shop day begins at 11am and the children are allowed to wear mufti (small coin donation).

Buddy

This week buddy goes to Sarah Nadia Malaefono.

Sarah gets Buddy this week because over her two years at NVS she has grown into an amazing citizen, learner and thinker. She makes a difference in our school by always being keen to help or join in with an activity and she is responsible.

Mass Texts and Emails

We have begun sending out school texts. The system uses the information given at enrolment. If your cellphone has changed- please let us know. Similarly if your email account has changed. We are finding this is a quicker system in contacting all families. We will even trial sending out copies of your invoices. (Hard

House Plays

Each house will be organising their house plays performed on the afternoon of shop day. Even the staff get involved! So make sure you take the time to call out to school and be part of the shop day and later stay on and be entertained with the house plays!

Grandparent's Day

A BIG thank you to our beautiful grandparents who came out on a blustery cold day to be with their grandchildren! We love our grandparents day and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Year 8 Dinner

This is a formal occasion to farewell our year 8s. Invites will be going out shortly please RSVP the school office. The children are asked to dress formally for the occasion. Its held in the Ngakonui Hall at 6pm on Tuesday 13th December. Glenda Wright does a magnificent job organising this wonderful dinner. Thank you Glenda.

Year 8 Baby Photos

Still missing a few. We need a few photos of each year 8 as babies and when they were 4-5 years old. If you haven't already done so, please hand these in for scanning or send via email to Cathy at ict.nvs@xtra.co.nz.



NVS SPORTS

Congratulations

Poutama, Lewis and Jayden - chosen to represent Taumarunui District at the Waikato Athletics Day on Monday 5th December.

A note went home with the boys yesterday.

Junior Pantomime

Kowhai and Kahikatea classes are currently deep into rehearsals for the end of year Christmas Pantomime: *The Baddie Gang Steals Christmas!* The pantomime will be performed at the beginning of the NVS Prize Giving which will be held at the Cossie Club on the evening of December 15.

We have some amazing acting talent in Kowhai and Kahikatea and the cuteness factor will be enormous! Obviously, we don't want to give too much away, but the story focuses on the lovely Good family who have a bit of a problem when the nasty Baddie Gang steal their Christmas! Who will help the Good family? Who will save Christmas? ...you'll have to wait until Prize Giving to find out!

Awards

Principal Awards

for making a difference

No awards due to Touch last Friday.



PTA News

The PTA met last night and are busy organising the dinner at our prize giving. This will be available from 4.30 to 5.30 on prize giving night. On the menu are;

- Hot chips - \$3
- Hot chips and hot dog - \$3
- Pizza - \$3
- Coffee and cake - \$3
- Smoothies (banana) - \$3

Be in quick!!

Curriculum News

NVS Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is up and running in the library. Pop in some time **before Friday 2nd December** to have a look and buy a book. You will be able to have a look during parent interviews too.

Year 8 Camp Meeting

The Year 8's are off to Wellington for Camp on the 5th of December. There will be a Year 8 Camp meeting on Tuesday the 29th of November at 6pm in the Staffroom where you will receive camp forms and information of activities.

Any questions, or to place apologies please contact Natalie. Phone: 895 6181

Email: nataliegown.nvs@xtra.co.nz

Twilight Fair Mufti Day

This Friday is mufti day!!! Wear mufti and bring a bottle of something ... or a Christmas item e.g. Lollies/lollipops, chocolate etc.

Parent Interviews and End of Year Reports

Next week please check your child's bag for the interview notice. We want to stress we would love to see you!

We will go through the End of Year Report and explain things. Most importantly we want to celebrate the great learning and progress your child has made this year. Do make the time to come along. Monday 2.30 to 8pm or Wednesday 2.30 to 8pm.

Year 7 Camp - Papamoa

The Rata Year 7 students are off to Papamoa today for 3 days full of team building and leadership activities. Hopefully the weather stays fine and it is nice and hot at the beach!

Thank you to Lorraine Barrett, Dave Carter and Caren Herman for being parent helpers.

Classes for 2017

Kowhai

Year 0 - Mr Young

Year 1 - a new teacher to be appointed

Kahikatea

Year 2 - Miss Sinclair

Rimu

Year 3 - Miss Brownbridge

Oak

Year 4/5 - Miss Robertson

Matai

Year 5/6 - Miss Tweedie

Rata

Year 7/8 - Miss Gow

Kahikatea Class Trip

Yesterday Kahikatea went to the Taumarunui Train Station to plant flower seedlings for the Taumarunui Revitalisation Taskforce. We had a great afternoon. We met the Mayor and he brought us ice blocks - thank you very much. We also went into the I site and watched the model train go around the track. Then we watched the passenger train from Wellington go past. Thank you to everyone who came and helped us today and a big thank you to Karen Ngatai for getting us involved in this fabulous project.

I encourage you all to head along to the big reveal on Sunday 4th December to see the unveiling of the train mural and see how our flowers are blooming.



EVERYDAY FOOD HEROES

YOGHURT

Yoghurt is full of calcium and vitamin D which support bone health. Try buying natural yoghurt and adding your own fruit to sweeten.

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Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

Inter-School Touch



Touch Interschool (all year groups)

A BIG thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended the touch competition last week to support our 10 teams that participated.

Especially a big thank you to the coaches, teachers and year 8 students who helped to train the teams leading up to the competition.

Without your constant help and support with sports teams we wouldn't be able to participate in any inter-school competitions. Well done to the NVS Stars who won their division on the day and the NVS Dominators who came second in their division.

NVS Placings :

- ★ Yr1/2 Winners - NVS Stars
- ★ Yr3/4 Runners Up - NVS Boost
- ★ Yr5/6 Runners Up - NVS Dominators

Grandparents Day (more on our facebook page)



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