



Nelson Park School

In all things seek the highest



Principal: Sue Bewley

Date: 16 March 2015

School Starts at 9:00am and the gates open at 8:25. We appreciate your child arriving between these times.

For absent or late children please phone the office on 06-83524 99 or text a message to 027-2417403. If arriving late for school it is essential for parents or child to inform the office on arrival.

What's coming up

16– 19 March
Marae Trips

20 March
PAL's Training - 9-12pm
Pettigrew Green

23 March - 2 April
Life Education

24 March
Show: Sean Chullburra

27 March at 9am in the hall
Keeping Ourselves Safe
Meeting for parents

Term 1 Ends (Thursday)
2 April

Term 2 Begins
20 April

Tena koutou katoa

Since the last newsletter we have enjoyed our GEM evening and school picnic at Eskdale Park. This week we have all the children visiting Pukemokimoki Marae. Lots of opportunities to keep building our 'village'.

Thanks to everyone who came to the GEM evening and talked with teachers. There was quite a buzz in the classrooms with the children showing their learning and work to their parents and whanau. Student reporting to parents is a great way to encourage the children to be involved in conversations about their learning. We will have another evening in Term 3. Thanks also to the parents who came to my session in the hall about parent reporting. Your questions and feedback comments help us to make decisions in the best interest of the children's learning.

Eskdale Picnic was a great day out and thankfully the weather was kind to us--- not too hot and not wet! Everyone seemed to enjoy the scavenger hunt, swimming and sports activities during the day.

Nelson Park is an Enviro school. Mrs Carter and Mrs Walwyn have started a new Enviro Group at school. Already they are making a difference to the school grounds. According to Waste Management we can all be very proud as we only produce 1.5 cubic metres of rubbish a week which is apparently quite low for a school of this size. We recycle 1.5 cubic metres of paper a week, which is better than putting it in the rubbish.

I attended the FOTS (Friends of the School) AGM last week. I would like to thank Wendy Shelley who has resigned as the Chairperson. Wendy has put a lot of time and energy into supporting Nelson Park School in fundraising. Thanks Wendy. At the AGM Kym Hunter was elected as the new chairperson. Thanks also to Wendy McCarthy who resigned as secretary...you have also done a great job for us. Good to have you on the committee still. Raewyn Findlay is continuing as treasurer. This month the FOTS have financially supported the Marae visit, Life Education and made a significant contribution to the school library.

The first four classes to visit the Marae have settled in well this morning. It has been a great start to the week. I'm looking forward to spending more time there this week and a couple of nights (hopefully not sleepless)!

"It takes a village to raise a child"

Sue Bewley
Principal

Hockey

Saturdays Term 2 & 3
Could any children who would like to participate in hockey please return their slips as soon as possible. We need to get our entries in.

**Thanks
 Mr Amer,
 Room 6**



Te Kupu o te Wiki

Here are the words for weeks 7 and 8.

Week beginning 16th March

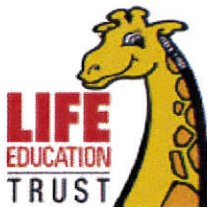
Ngutu = lips. He mea tāmoko ngā ngutu, te kauae hoki o te tangata rā. The tāmoko extended to his lips and chin.

Week beginning 23rd March

Taihoa = wait/ hang on. Taihoa, ka tīmata ai tātou. Wait and we'll begin.

Life Education 23 March - 2 April

This is a valuable programme delivered in a novel way to our children. These will be lessons relevant to the school wide "It takes a village to raise a child" big picture question we are all working on.



Each child is asked to bring \$2.50 as a part payment. The other half of the payment will be covered by the generosity of our "Friends of the School".

The Life Education van will be open to parents for an afternoon - the date for this will be confirmed soon.

We are having a "Bring the pink bag to school" clothing collection!

This is to help raise money for the senior students to go to camp in Term 4.

Each family will receive a collection bag. Please give good quality used clothing, blankets, soft toys, bags, belts and shoes.

A notice with more information will be sent home today.

Collection day is 1st April here at school.

We would love your support.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

There will be a parent meeting with Constable Chris Andrews on Friday 27th March at 9am in the hall to hear all about this programme and ask any questions. A more detailed letter with a return slip saying whether you can attend will be coming home. The programme itself will be starting for the Kiwi Syndicate Week 1 of Term 2 and for the Kea Syndicate Week 3 of Term 2.

Sports Uniforms

There are still some sports shirts missing. Could you please check at home and bring back to the office. Please return cricket uniforms promptly after the last games. Thank you.

