



# NELSON PARK SCHOOL

'In all things seek the highest'

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"Ko toku rourou, ko tou rourou ka ora ai nga tamariki"

With my basket of knowledge and your basket of knowledge the well-being of all children will be fulfilled.



## Term 1



Welcome back to a new year. I hope everyone managed to have a Happy Christmas and relaxing New Year. A special welcome to Miss Hume, who will be teaching in Room 17 for Terms 1 and 2, and to Mrs Stevenson, who is teaching in Room 18 for Terms 1 and 2. Mrs Arnold is Acting 2nd DP and will lead Kiwi Syndicate. Mr Wyldie is on leave for two terms to participate in the Primary Science Teacher Fellowship through the Royal Society of New Zealand.

For absent or late children please phone the office on 06-8352499 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.

### 2010 Goals

We have set ourselves goals that we hope to achieve this year. For Nelson Park children to achieve we need parents/caregivers/whanau to work with us to ensure that "In All things Seek the Highest" / "Whaia ko te taumata"

- Implement our own curriculum in line with the newly released New Zealand Curriculum.
- Improve our learning environment through several building projects.
- Encourage parents/whanau to participate in the Board of Trustees elections being held in May.
- Celebrate the joy of children's success with parents/whanau and community.

### Our Vision Statement

As part of developing our curriculum the Board wrote the Vision statement from feedback we received last year. This is why we are at Nelson Park School. A copy is with this newsletter.

### Our School Day

As part of our new curriculum we are trialing changes to the school day. Children will be eating their lunch with their teacher in their classrooms. **A bell will ring at 12.40pm letting children out to play. Lunch finishes at 1.30pm.**

### National Standards

You may be aware that the government is imposing National Standards onto all schools in New Zealand. There has been much debate about these standards over the last few months. The Board of Trustees at its next meeting will be discussing the National Standards and its implications on the children at Nelson Park School. Following the meeting the Board will be communicating with the community about this important issue.

### Heat Pumps

During the holidays heat pumps were put in every classroom, library and admin area. These will cool rooms in hot weather and heat rooms in cool...luxury!!

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The first monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees is being held on **Wednesday, February 10 starting at 5.15pm in the staffroom.** All are welcome.

Are you aware the BOT elections are being held in May. If you are interested in finding out more please come to the meetings or talk to Board members.

### Friends of the School — Car Boot Sale

This will be held on **Saturday March 13th.** Start cleaning out your cupboards! If you can help on the day please call Raewyn on 835 9875.

**School Organisation for 2010**

We have two Syndicates— Kiwi (Years 4-6 ) and Kea (Years 1-3).

**Kea (Junior) Syndicate**

Room 1: Miss McKeown – NE  
 Room 2: Mrs Adye / Mrs Young – Year 1  
 Room 3: Ms Ryk — Year 1  
 Room 4: Mrs Blake — Year 1/2  
 Room 5: Ms Neverman – Year 2  
 Room 6: Mrs Diver – Year 2/3  
 Room 7: Spare classroom as numbers increase  
 Room 8: Ms Rolls – Year 2  
 Room 9: Mr Katene – Year 3  
 Room 13: Mrs McGoverne— Year 3

**Kiwi (Senior) Syndicate**

Room 11: Mrs Davidson – Year 4/5  
 Room 10: Mrs Rendle – Year 4/5  
 Room 17: Miss Hume – Year 6  
 Room 18: Mrs Stevenson – Year 6  
 Room 12: Mrs Walwyn – Year 4/5  
 Room 14: Mrs Mudd – Year 4/5

Mrs Bowker is a 'walking DP' with no classroom responsibilities, but will lead Kea Syndicate.

**Absentees**

If your child is going to be away from school please call 835-2499 and leave a message or txt 027 2417 403. Unexplained absences are followed up in the interests of child safety.

**NPS Web Site!!** - [www.nelsonpark.school.nz](http://www.nelsonpark.school.nz)

We hope you enjoy the web site and also the information this provides, including our newsletters.

**Address Changes**

If you have changed your address or phone number over the holidays, can you please contact the office so we can update our database.

**Appropriate Clothing/Jewellery**

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school. We need them to be dressed in clothes and shoes suitable for physical activity. Make up is not permitted at school. While we have no objection to jewellery, we do ask that it is only one or two items. For

safety reasons only studs or sleepers are permitted in children's ears. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Sun Smart Policy**

In Term One and Four the sun gets stronger and stronger. We provide freshly laundered sunhats for all our pupils in their House colours. That hat will be the pupil's responsibility for the term, and hats remain at school. To help keep safe in the sun we recommend the following:

- Always wear a sunhat unless it is raining
- Keep under shade
- Wear strong sun block
- Wear clothing that cover the shoulders
- Wear sunglasses
- Drink plenty of water

Skin cancer is on the rise in New Zealand and often protecting yourself early on in life ensures reducing the risk later in life. **Please note that the girls particularly need to wear tops that cover their shoulders and midriffs. Don't let your child burn in the sun!!**

**Kelly Sports after school on Wednesdays**

Kelly Sports is again offering its multi-sports programme for Term 1. MULTISPORT MADNESS is specifically designed for Years 1-4. Registration forms are in the office or you can enrol online at [craig@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:craig@kellysports.co.nz) or phone 8434219

**Subway Lunches**

Friday lunches will **not** be available until later on in the term. More details to come

**Cans**

We collect cans for recycling. Could the cans be put into a bag with their name and room number on and now brought to the bike area on Tuesday mornings.

**Dental Clinic**

The Dental Clinic will be closed for Term 1, while Deborah works at Napier Intermediate. For any urgent care please phone Napier Intermediate Dental Clinic on 835 8829.

Nevan Bridge, Principal