

Newlands Newsletter

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From The Principal

Welcome Back

I do hope everybody had a great break and enjoyed the opportunity to catch-up with family and friends, and more importantly enjoy the time to relax.

I did enjoy my time away from Australia visiting Germany where we caught up with our son, his partner and our beautiful 15 month old granddaughter; a very special time. We had a wonderful time and although we didn't experience a white Christmas, Germany still puts on a very impressive display of Christmas joy with its Christmas markets, shop displays and street decorations.

New Staff

Luke Cripps- Assistant Principal/P.E.

David Perry- Music/Performing Arts

Mark Fittolani- Year 1/2 Classroom teacher

Max Allan- Year 3/4 Classroom teacher

Reminders

This newsletter mainly contains reminders about changes that will be happening for 2018.

Changes to the daily structure for 2018

The new timetable will provide students with more opportunities during the day to eat lunch. We have also altered the start time to school meaning children should be in the school grounds from 8.50 am for a 9.00 am start.

8.50-9.00 Before school	11.00-11.20 Recess	12.20-12.30 Lunch eating time	12.30-1.00 1 st Lunch play	2.00-2.30 2 nd Lunch play
Children assemble near their classroom entrance. Students are not to enter the building until the 9am bell. Please consult with your child as to where they are to assemble.	Children will eat a light snack while outside playing. This is a great time for toilet/drink break.	This will be the 'formal' dedicated time for children to eat lunch inside.	Children will have this time to play in the playground. Please note that children will also have this time to finish their food outside.	Children will have this as their second lunch playtime in the playground.

Whole School Assembly

This will continue to happen weekly on Mondays, commencing at 9.00am.

Upcoming Events

February 20th

Parent Information Evening

- 6-6:45pm – Junior School
- 7-7:45pm – Senior School

February 23rd

Salsa Dance Night

- 6pm – 12am

February 26th

3-6 Swimming Program

- Session 1 of 6

February 28th

3-6 Swimming Program

- Session 2 of 6

March 5th

3-6 Swimming Program

- Session 3 of 6

March 7th

3-6 Swimming Program

- Session 4 of 6

March 12th

Labour Day Public Holiday

March 14th

3-6 Swimming Program

- Session 5 of 6

March 19th

3-6 Swimming Program

- Final Session

March 29th

Last Day of Term 1

Newsletter

The newsletter will be published on Friday, each fortnight, starting today. The newsletter will be uploaded to the school website just as we did in 2017. We are in the process of introducing a new and improved newsletter platform that will provide us with greater opportunities to showcase our programs and student successes. We intend to roll out this new format for the next newsletter.

School Communication

Last year we approved the introduction of the new Learning Management System and communication platform called Sentral. This platform includes a number of features including a portal for parents to access in one location. It is our intention to have this fully functional this term, and replace Flexibuzz. It will also provide parents with a range of other communication portals; payments, absences and parent/teacher interview bookings.

Ipad Management System

Last year we started to transition iPads to the classroom management system. This has been completed; the system will provide individual teachers greater control over the iPads during class time.

Ipad Lease or Rental

We are currently updating the documents for leasing or renting an ipad. These will be available from the office next week.

Principal
Ross Dudgeon

From the Assistant Principal

Firstly, I would like to thank the students, teachers and parents for welcoming me into the Newland's community. The support has been greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working with all members of the community in 2018 and beyond.

All the students have come back to Newlands Primary School refreshed, motivated and ready for learning. Welcome to our new preps as they begin their schooling adventure with us. The preps have settled in and are already displaying the qualities of a Newlands Primary School learner.

As I have visited the grades this week, I have seen classes and cohorts discussing their thoughts about how they want their classroom to look and feel, and it has been great to see students setting goals for themselves in their working environment. Some grades completed a brainstorm setting expectations for the Newlands teachers, which the teaching team, have promised to align themselves.

On February 20, Newlands Primary School is holding an information night. The Prep – 2 session will begin at 6:00pm and the 3-6 session at 7:00pm. Families will receive more detailed information next week.

We all have set high expectations at Newlands Primary School and I am excited to be surrounded by a team that is enthusiastic, passionate and motivated. I cannot wait to see our students grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Have a fantastic week!

Assistant Principal
Luke Cripps

Wednesday Foundation Student Assessments

For the month of February, foundation students do not have school. These days are used for conducting student assessments. If you haven't already, please see your child's teacher either Cass or Bianca to arrange time to come in.

Thank you

Happy Friday Everyone!