



**Congratulations to the winners from the draw for all those who responded to our Travel Survey last term - The Wood family (Cbay voucher) and the Graham-Foster family (New World voucher). Many thanks to all those who took part.**



It is with pleasure that we announce our school leaders for 2019. They are Luke Blair and Emelia Luscombe. During Term 1 they proved they are worthy of this role. Congratulations.

We are making a real effort this term to improve our care for our environment and rubbish re-cycling. Room 7 with Sarah's support have put new clearly labelled bins around the school and these will be monitored for correct use. Other projects include Team Rata's focus on reducing packaging and healthy lunches, Room 10's waxed wrappers and our continuing focus on Manaakitanga across the school. Your help with this is appreciated.

Cross country is coming up and while training is being timetable in school hours if children want to do well, extra training after school hours makes a big difference.

Debbie Price and teacher aides are running learning groups and social coaching groups in Atawhai. This a chance to support students for acceleration and/or pick up in small groups with very skilled adults to supplement the classroom programmes. If your child/ren are in one of these groups your classroom teacher will let you know.

Please help us by not allowing children to bring toys and personal belongings from home. Fidget spinners seem to have made an appearance again. These things only cause problems with loss, breakages, swapping and distractions. The school is well equipped with things for kids to use so personal toys and belongings need to stay at home. Thanks for your help.

We encourage initiative and innovation from our students and listen to student voice. See enclosed a request from Lucia.

## **Reminders -**

- School is closed at 1:00 on Thursday (tomorrow) - please return the slip to your class teacher/s.
- Opening of Rooms 1 and 2 Friday 11:30.

We appreciate the level of support and engagement from our Highfield Whanau in a range of contexts - sport, travel, donations and time. Thank you.

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## **School Leaders Luke Blair & Emelia Luscombe**



## **Learning Groups in Atawhai**



# School Notices



It is everyone's responsibility to keep our kids safe

**Keep our children safe ... and park safe.**

Please play your part by:

- Always observing the parking restrictions near the school
- Always using the school patrol crossing
- Choosing safety over convenience at all times
- Walk with your child

## **2nd Hand Highfield Uniform:**

1x size 6 blue skorts - free 3x size 9-12 girls white knee-hi socks (worn but not often) - free 8x size 9-12 girls white ankle socks (worn but in good condition still) - free 1x pair of size 11-1 Hockey socks - \$5 Woollen hat, handknitted locally, suit 5-7yr old (school approved) - \$15  
Message on 021 177 8562



## **Year 8 Hoodie Fundraiser**

**Kindling \$10 per bag**

**All funds raised to go towards purchasing the Year 8 Hoodies.**

**May thanks to Tyler and the Happer Family for their donation and support.**

**Orders taken in Room 11 or complete order form attached and send back to Mrs Haynes**

## **Year 8 Hoodie – Kindling Fundraiser - \$10per pack**

**Order for:**

**Class number:**

**Phone Number:**

**Quantity:**

**\$**

**Please enclose money with order.**

**Thank you for support**



TERM DIARY 2019	
<b>TERM 2</b>	
02 May	BOT Meeting – 6.30pm
09 May	School Closed 1.00pm – Union Meeting
10 May	Opening of new classrooms – 11.30pm
27 May-07 June	Yr 1-2 Water Skills
30 May	Young Leaders Day
03 June	Queens Birthday Holiday
06 June-13 June	Life Ed Van
10 June-21 June	Yr 3-4 Water Skills
24 June-05 July	Yr 5-8 Water Skills

### Water & Survival Skills at Cbay

This term will all be involved in Water & Survival Skills at Cbay. Each student will participate in a half hour lesson with a Water & Survival Skills instructor daily between 12 and 1pm over a two week block.

Team Rata – Week 5 & 6 Monday 27 May – Friday 7 June (9 sessions)

Team Rimu – Week 7 & 8 Monday 10 June – Friday 21 June (10 sessions)

Team Kauri – Week 9 & 10 Monday 24 June – Friday 5 July (10 sessions)

This is a fantastic opportunity to receive expert instruction from qualified Water & Survival Skills instructors and learn skills that could potentially **save a life**.

We are extremely lucky this year that the Board of Trustees have decided to fund this and the bus transport. This means that there will be no cost to parents for this opportunity in 2019.

We will however expect all pupils to participate unless we have a medical certificate suggesting otherwise. All pupils that are new to this programme will have received a form to complete.

If you have any questions, please check with your classroom teacher.

**From Lucia.**

Dear Parents

I have conducted a poll in Rooms 11 and 12 and a majority of students would like to learn Russian.

But we do not know anyone who could help us.

If you could help us find a Russian teacher we would greatly appreciate it.

Please contact Lucia or Mrs Haynes or Mrs Hill.

Thank you for helping us.



## UPCOMING BOT ELECTIONS

**Have you thought about joining the Board? Two positions on the Board are available in the upcoming elections. Nomination forms are being posted out this week.**

**If you would like any further information you can contact the Board Chair – Blair Harris – [bharris@highfield.school.nz](mailto:bharris@highfield.school.nz) or the Returning Officer – Nicola Casey-Newton – [returningofficer@highfield.school.nz](mailto:returningofficer@highfield.school.nz)**



**SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

School trustee elections are coming up.

**Step forward for our schools** ✓

Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

Returning Officer  
Nicola Casey-Newton  
Highfield School  
[returningofficer@highfield.school.nz](mailto:returningofficer@highfield.school.nz)

### What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

### Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

### What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

### What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

### What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

## HIGHFIELD SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of TWO parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 07 June 2019.

**Nicola Casey-Newton**  
**Returning Officer**