



FOOTPATH FRIDAY



Walk to school this Friday the 3rd of May from New World. Meet from 8am and be ready to go at 8.10.



Welcome back to school and our Autumn Term – although it feels more like winter term weather already.

Welcome to new students Jonty, Eden & Alexzander to Rm 13, and to Natasha Griffin who is now teaching in Room 3 and Nic Mitchell who has joined us as teacher aide. Anna Miller is now teaching in Room 10.

It's going to be a term packed full of activities and fun. Our theme of Manaakitanga continues with curriculum focus this term of Health and PE. We have CBay swimming coming up in weeks 5-10 and Life Education Van in week 7. Week 7 is also Inquiry week and will celebrate Matariki.

A note about CBay swimming – the Board of Trustees is funding this programme, meaning there is no cost to families so participation is required from all students unless we have a medical certificate suggesting otherwise.

Following recent events we have reviewed our emergency procedures and made some adjustments. One important factor is being able to inform parents in the case of an emergency. School Loop would be our primary form of contact therefore we need as many parents as possible linked in to this. There is no cost to parents so if you are not already connected please do so. If you need help with this ask a teacher or Nicola in the office.

We are very aware of safety including road safety and understand the congestion outside school at key times. Attached is some suggestions for pick up and drop off provided by Jane Sullivan our road safety support person.

On a regular basis schools are asked to consult with our community on the Health curriculum. Please see attached – your thoughts are always welcomed.

A reminder about school uniform – we will be monitoring this. If you need help with the correct clothing please ask. We have second hand clothing available for a donation and some new clothing available from the school office, and please check for names on clothes.

Reminder also the Board of Trustees has decided to **close the school at 1:00 on May 9th** to enable teachers to attend the paid union meeting. Please complete the attached form informing us of arrangements for your children at that time.

We welcome all parents to the official opening of Rooms Tui and Pukeko (1 and 2) at **11:30 on May 10th**. A chance to celebrate positive change and a lovely learning environment.

We have had a really settled start to the term and know that will continue.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

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School Notices

Have you downloaded our school app yet?

Never miss important school information again!

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips



Simple free download:

In Google Play and App Store search

'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



Highfield Community

You are invited to the

OPENING OF ROOMS 1 & 2 Highfield School

**Friday 10th May
11:30 am**

Guests include:

Ministry of Education
Board of Trustees
School Community



Highfield Home & School Meeting

Wednesday 08th @ 7:30 pm in the school staff room. All welcome!

Please come along if you are interested in helping organise the Highfield School Fair 2019 - we welcome anyone in our school community who would like to get involved in any way. It doesn't matter if you've done this kind of thing before - we are keen for new people to come along with new ideas! Or just enthusiastic people who love to work in a team. And it's a great way to meet other parents & caregivers! Text Fiona on 021495499, or just turn up to the meeting next Wednesday.

FLIPOUT TIMARU – NINJA

CLASSES *Learn to flip and twist like a Ninja. Classes after school on Mondays or Tuesdays. Learn tricks to impress your friends. Progress up the different belt colours (like Karate). And even get the bandanas to match. Certificates given when each level is achieved. Email us on timaru@flipout.co.nz or message us on Facebook to learn more. A great winter activity. No registration fee if starting this term. **FREE TRIAL CLASS.***

TERM DIARY 2019	
TERM 2	
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

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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

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EARLY FINISH

THURSDAY 09TH MAY

To allow teachers to attend a paid union meeting, allowed for under the conditions of the Collective Agreement, school will finish at 1.00pm on THURSDAY, meaning the school is closed and there will be no staff onsite.

Please indicate what will be happening with your child/children.

My child/children will be going home at 12.15pm

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My child/children will be going home at 1.00pm

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Child/children's nameRm

Child/children's nameRm

Parent/Caregivers signature

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER
BY MONDAY 06TH MAY

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Tips for pick up after-school

When picking up children in the afternoon, here are a few suggestions for you to help ease traffic congestion around our school.

- Pre arrange a pick up place with your child/children
- If possible, arrange to meet your child/children a little further away from the school (e.g., Wai-iti Rd, Barnes St, Puriri St, Kauri St)
- Arrange to meet your children 5 to 10 minutes later than school finish time to avoid congestion.
- If this is not possible, then always attempt to park on the **school side of the road** to collect your children.
- Use the P5 as a pick up or short stay only, as extended parking in the P5s creates congestion at our school gate
- Park your car further away and walk into the school ground to meet your children.
- We ALL have a responsibility to create a safe environment around our school at pick up time.

Parking Tips

Many of us never give a second thought to which side of the road we should drop off or collect our children. If you are making a car journey to school with your child/children please note the following:

- It is much safer for your child/children and other motorists if your children leave the car from the rear kerb side door. Your child will know this door as 'the safety door'. This stops children getting out of the car into oncoming traffic and reduces their risk of being injured.
- No parking on 'broken yellow lines' around our school. It may seem convenient to you to park there, but it may endanger the lives of our children, who may be crossing the road.
- Double Parked vehicles are visual obstructions for young children trying to cross to the other side of the road. Please refrain from double parking around our school.
- If possible park further away from school and walk into school.