SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NORSEWOOD & DISTRICTS' SCHOOL

"On A Great Learning Adventure"

Wednesday 4th November 2026 | TERM 4 WEEK 4

Give it a Go, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teamwork

From the Principal...

*The term is racing along and the next two weeks are busy. This week we have the **annual community flower show**. It would be great to see families getting involved with this over Friday and Saturday. The school is also open in the staff room as a polling booth on Saturday if you're looking for a place to vote.*

*It is with sadness that we share that **Whaea Marian** has made the decision to resign from her position due to health reasons. Marian has been a wonderful asset to our Kura, bringing her knowledge, enthusiasm and, in particular, her passion for science into our school. She has helped create some wonderful learning opportunities for our ākonga, and her contribution has been greatly valued. Marian will be missed by both staff and students, and we are very grateful for the time, care and expertise she has shared with our school community. We wish Marian all the very best for the future.*

*Next week is **Armistice Day**. We will be at the cenotaph at 11am on the 11th, and families are welcome to join us. On Thursday next week, our **Scandi Troupe** is dancing at **both rest homes in town**, to share our wonderful tradition with the older residents of our community.*

*This year we have made the difficult decision not to enter a team in the **Interschool Athletics** competition. This was not an easy decision, but after considering our circumstances and the students available to participate, we felt this was the best decision for our Kura this year. When representing Norsewood & Districts' School, we consider sporting ability as well as the importance of demonstrating our school values and being positive ambassadors for our Kura.*

*We are looking forward to holding our own **School Athletics Day** in a couple of weeks, where all ākonga will have the opportunity to participate, challenge themselves and give it a go. We look forward to a great day celebrating participation, effort and achievement.*

***A big thank you** to the parents and whānau who maintain open and positive communication with the school. By working together and keeping the lines of communication open, we can work through any concerns or challenges that may arise and find positive solutions. **Strong partnerships between home and school** make a real difference for our ākonga, and we appreciate your ongoing support and trust. We all want the very best for our tamariki.*

*We absolutely love welcoming new students and families into our Kura. It is wonderful to see our **school growing**! We are also mindful that with these new arrivals, our junior classroom is becoming a very busy place. We currently have three adults working in the room to support our tamariki with their learning and ensure everyone gets the attention they need. We are fortunate to have **Mrs. Iveta Senior** joining our Kura for six days over the rest of the term. Iveta is an experienced teacher who will be working with our Year 2 students from Kahikatea. As we move through the remainder of the term, we will be **providing opportunities to transition** our Year 2 and Year 5 students. They will spend several Fridays in Totara, and our Year 5 students in Rata. These transitions are all part of helping our tamariki become familiar with their next classroom, teacher and routines before the new school year begins. We want these transitions to feel natural and positive, giving our students confidence and a sense of belonging as they move into their new learning environments. We are excited about these opportunities and appreciate everyone's support as we continue to make sure our tamariki are well supported in their learning journey.*

Ka Kite, Angela McQuarrie, Principal

"Caught being good cards" - SHOWING OUR SCHOOL VALUES



EXCELLENCE — Jeanette — for focusing on your reading. Excellent work.
- ***this week's Duffy Book award winner.***

TEAMWORK / ATTITUDE — Charlie — *for working well with your buddy reader.*

RESPECT / ATTITUDE - Ryker - *for following Whaea Jackie's instructions and being ready to learn his skip counting.*

EXCELLENCE / ATTITUDE — Lincoln - *for getting straight to work and staying focused.*

REMINDERS

⇒ **$5 Duffy Book** orders to be in by **Friday 13th November**

⇒ **School Support Group AGM today at 3.15pm**

⇒ **Sun hats** to be worn this term

⇒ **Flower show** this Friday.Please bring flowers / pine cone creations to school tomorrow.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wed 4th Nov	School Support AGM
Friday 6th Nov	**FLOWER SHOW**
Sat 7th Nov	Polling booth at school / Flower show
Wed 11th Nov	**Armistice Day—11am at cenotaph**
Fri 13th	Last day for Duffy Books/Scandi dancing at rest homes
Mon 16th	Board meeting
Fri 27th Nov	Junior Tabloid/PALS
Mon 7th December	BOT at 5.15pm
Tues 15th Dec	School Prizegiving Wed 16 **School finishes at noon**



This week in pictures…

Making rainbows in Rata





