



"On A Great Learning Adventure"

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 2nd April 2025 | TERM 1 WEEK 9

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

7—9th	Life Education caravan visits
Friday 11th	Fun swim at Wai Splash Last day of Term 1
Friday 18th	Good Friday
Mon 21st	Easter Monday
Friday 25th	ANZAC Day
Mon 27th	Start of Term 2

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Keep collecting stickers from "Yummy" apples
- ⇒ Please ring/text office if your child is going to be away from school.
- ⇒ Fun swim at Wai Splash on last day of term.
- ⇒ Keep at eye out for winter sports notices / enrolments

From the Board...

Following on from our recent parents' survey, we would like to share with you over the next few weeks, some of the feedback and comments.

A couple of parents queried the school timetable and how much time is spent learning the three basic R's.

Every morning, we have the first three hours dedicated to Maths and Literacy and then in the afternoons, we do our extra curriculum activities.

Also, in the mornings we have Mrs McQuarrie teaching the Year 3 to 5's so they are in smaller class sizes for this period. Our whole school timetable is attached to this newsletter.

From the Principal..

Vas the Magician was a great show on Thursday last week. Our students were blown away with his magic tricks that were all based around healthy eating. We are privileged to have shows of this calibre coming to our school.

Thank you to the parents that turned up for our **School Support Meeting** on Thursday. This helps us grow our interaction between school and whanau. The School Support Group have agreed to fund several projects that help us give our students opportunities to help them thrive.

Our **Board of Trustees** is also a great way to be involved with the school at a Governance level. Training is available and it is not as daunting as it sounds. Please consider joining our Board and see for yourself how a school runs.

The school **Attendance Plan** is working well and we have clear information now, on students that are away regularly.

Please let the office know if your child is going to be away.

Next week we have the **Life Education Caravan** visiting the school. Harold and the Life Ed team will work with all classes over three days with the main focus being on friendships

May the 17th is our **Constitution Day**. This is traditionally a day, for as many students as possible, to come and celebrate our Norwegian Heritage. Please mark this day on the calendar. Notices for our **Sandi Troupe** will be sent home this week.

Next Friday, we will be going to **Wai Splash** to finish our swimming lessons for the year. We will be doing a 40 minute **Water Safety lesson** before going on to our PB4L Day with a free swim and lunch at the park.

Please keep sending **Yummy stickers** to school. This is a great way for us to collect extra equipment for our tamariki. Earlier this year we received some new basketballs and some new equipment to use on this years Settlers Day—a set of "jumping sacks" and a tenniquiot set. Attached to this newsletter are a couple of collection sheets—one for bags of apples and the other for individual apple stickers.

"Caught being good cards" - SHOWING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

ALL AREAS - AMELIA — for exemplary help at Pūkaha with our younger tamariki - **this week's Duffy Book award.**

ATTITUDE — LOKI - for an engaged attitude to complete his literacy learning

GIVE IT A GO – SIENNA - for pushing her skill levels by taking on a more advanced robot build

ATTITUDE — NIKKO— for having an engaged , on task literacy learning attitude





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Norsewood & Districts School Daily Timetable 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50-9.10	Whole School Assembly – GREAT Cards	Inol, Roll, Zones/PB4L, prep for the day			
9.10-10.10	Maths (60min)				
10.10-10.30	Morning Tea				
10.30-11.30	Literacy (60mins)				
11.30-11.40	Brain Break				
11.40-12.30	Literacy (50 mins)				
	Totara– split Yr 3’s-Kahlkatea Yrs 4/5 - Rata				
12.30-1.00	Lunch – play				
1.00-1.30	Lunch eating – Including clean up				
1.30-1.40	Readingq/Class Story (10 mins)	Readingq/Class Story (10 mins)	Readingq/Class Story (10 mins)	Readingq/Class Story (10 mins)	Readingq/Class Story (10 mins)
1.40-2.30	Inquiry unit/Topic (Termly rotation between Social Studies, Technology and Science) including reading, writing and maths integrated	The Arts (Termly rotation between Music/Visual/ Drama/Dance)	Inquiry unit/Topic (Termly rotation between Social Studies, Technology and Science) including reading, writing and maths integrated	Health/PE	Inquiry unit/Topic (Termly rotation between Social Studies, Technology and Science) including reading, writing and maths integrated
2.30-2.50	Tidy up/reflection				2.10-2.20 Tidy Up
					2.20-2.50 Whole School Assembly



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Have your bulk fuel purchases support our school!

For every 1,000L of bulk fuel you get, we receive \$5



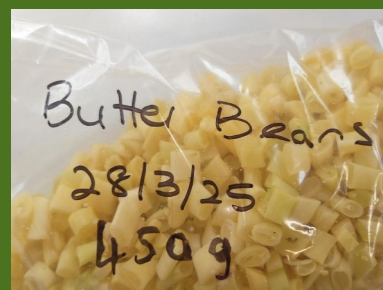
Call Fern on 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting us today!

Last month, our Kura received two new veggie pods for our school gardens. These were donated by "Fuel for Schools" so a very big thank you to all the people out there who buy their fuel through Fern and choose Norsewood & Districts School as their donor school. Photo above: Ranier and Rata starting to put the veggie pods together.

ENVIRO SCHOOL

Our gardens continue to provide lots of fresh vegetables and fruit for our daily lunches.

We have just purchased a freezer for the school so we can keep our surplus for our winter kai.



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"Vas the Magician"

Last week, on Thursday, "Vas the Magician" came to Norsewood and Districts' School. He is from Moldova which is just right under Ukraine in Europe. He travels all around New Zealand showing all the schools his cool magic tricks.

He also told us to eat good and healthy food, but he said you could still have some treats; just don't eat them every day! He talked about all the foods you should have on your plate; they were vegetables, fruits, grains, protein and dairy.

My favourite trick was when he put his hand in this black bag and he was holding it like there was nothing in it. But then, when he lifted the bag up, one of his four doves came out! He has four doves and one rabbit.

We hope that Vas comes to our school again.

Lincoln Maniapoto Year 7 Rata.



In the afternoon we met "Vas the Magician". Vas had a project called, 'Eat Bright, Eat Right'.

Vas introduced himself to the school and performed his cool magic tricks. He asked for someone to help him and he picked Pieve-Renee. Vas put a costume about vitamins (like vitamin A,B,C and D) on her. We all gave Pieve-Renee a round of applause for going up.

He talked about a healthy plate with dairy, protein, grains, vegetables and fruit; all the stuff I love.

My favourite part was the dove that turned into a bunny!

By Richie Scaife Year 6 Rata





CUT-OUT LABEL COLLECTION SHEET



1

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Place your cut-out labels from Yummy apple bags on these panels. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers.

An apple tree takes the energy from about fifty leaves to produce one apple.

3

Ask friends, family, relatives and neighbours to help with your campaign.

Most apples are still picked by hand!

4

Some apple trees are known to live for more than one hundred years.

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Did you know that apples are members of the rose family?

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Visit www.yummyfruit.co.nz to print more Cut-Out Collection Sheets.

One tree of harvested apples can fill twenty boxes.

7

Grafting and budding are the methods used to propagate apples.

8

Pomology is the science of apples.

9

Fresh apples float in water because 25% of their volume is air!

10

Ten cut-out labels from Yummy apple bags equals one hundred stickers...
Awesome work!

School Name



NEW WORLD



STICKER COLLECTION SHEET



NEW WORLD

1 	2	3	4	5	6 You're on your way to some cool sports gear.	7	8	9	10
11	12 Ask friends and family to help you collect stickers.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Apples are high in Vitamin C and Vitamin A.	29	30
31	32	33	34 Apples keep better in the fridge.	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50 newworld.co.nz to find your nearest store.
51 The largest apple ever picked weighed 1.56kg.	52	53	54	55	56 yummyfruit.co.nz for more Sticker Collection Sheets.	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73 Apple skin has five times more vitamins than the flesh.	74	75	76	77	78 Yummy apples can help you play more sport.	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95 paknsave.co.nz to find your nearest store.	96	97	98	99	100 Wow! What a great apple muncher.

School Name