



"On A Great Learning Adventure"

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 16th July 2025 | TERM 3 WEEK 1

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

Tues 15th Main voting roll closes

Wedn 16th Earthquake drill

Mon 21st to Wedn 23rd -

ZERO WASTE lessons with Neem

Wedn 30th Tararua 7's in Pahiatua

AUGUST

Sun 3rd Supplementary roll closes

Mon 4th Photo Life Studios

Tues 5th BOT nominations close at noon

Mon 11th TEACHER ONLY DAY
BOT meeting

Mon 18th Fire Drill

Friday 29th DUFFY THREATRE 11am

SEPTEMBER

Tues 9th BOT election day

Mon 15th BOT meeting

Tues 16th New board takes office

Fri 19th Last day of Term 3

REMINDERS

Please notify the school office of your **child's absence, either by phoning the office** on 3740870, texting 021 0885 9015 or use the "absence" function on Skool Loop

BOT ELECTIONS

We are now calling for nominations for the school board. Nomination forms are attached and are also available from our school office and website. The electoral roll is on the office door so please check that your name is on it

From the Principal...

We have had a fabulous start to Term Three. Our students are settled, working well and showing our school values. Our value for two weeks is **Teamwork**. Check in with your tamariki about how we show teamwork at home and at school.

Today we welcomed Dorreen from the Ministry of Education into our Kura. Dorreen is helping us with the new regulations around **Literacy and Numeracy** and how, as teachers, we can plan and implement our programmes. These are exciting times in education and we are all spending time consolidating our Structured Literacy knowledge as we move into the Structured Maths.

The annual **Tararua Seven's tournament** is on the 30th of July. You would have had a notice home if your child is involved in this. All year 6/7/8's play in this tournament and we make up the teams with some younger players. **Please ensure the permission notice is sent back to school.**

All classes visit the library weekly. Students can bring a new book home if they have returned their previous one. We have a **beautiful library** here and it is great to see the enjoyment from our students using it. Please encourage your tamariki to read at home and return their books.

Whanau meetings were postponed last term due to sickness. Thank you for understanding this. We will be holding them **next Monday**. Time slots stay the same. If you did not make a time or wish to change this, please talk to the office. Whanau meetings are an opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher, talk about their school report and make plans for the rest of the year. It is also a great space for any concerns you may have, to be brought up.

Our school **Board of Trustees** plays a vital role in shaping the direction of our Kura and making sure every child gets the best possible education. In September, we have elections coming up and we'd love to see more parents and whānau get involved. Being a trustee is a great way to support your tamariki and contribute to the future of our school. You don't need any special qualifications — just a genuine interest in our school

Angela McQuarrie,
Principal



OUR VALUES

Give it a go Respect Excellence Attitude Teamwork



Hoake tātou!

Me tautapa i a koe anō, tētahi atu rānei hei mema poari mō te kura.



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member



BOT election calendar

- 15th July—main voting roll is closed
- 3rd August—Supplementary roll closes
- 5th August—Nominations close at noon
- 12th August—voting papers issued
- 9th September—ELECTION DAY
 - Poll closes at 4pm
- 14th September—accept postal votes
- 15th September—Count votes
- 16th September—Board takes office.

One of the board's primary objectives is making sure every child reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement.

What do boards do?

The board has overall responsibility and accountability for the school/kura. School board's legal responsibilities are determined by the Education and Training Act 2020.

The Act sets out boards' four primary objectives. These are ensuring student achievement for all of its students, including for those of differing needs, making sure the school is a safe place for all, and giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi.

As part of its focus on these four objectives, boards' responsibilities include:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
- Protecting the school's values
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Approving policies
- Financial stewardship
- Building community engagement and support

It's important to note that the board does **NOT** get involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

What help do board members get?

NZSTA provides free advice and support to all boards to help them do the very best for their students and community.

We have a dedicated team of advisors who help boards with governance and employment issues.

We also run a comprehensive programme of professional development workshops – most of which are free to attend. They will help you understand your role as a board member and you will gain valuable knowledge and skills.

You can find out more about our workshops and online modules by visiting our Knowledge Hub website: www.nzstaknowledgehub.org.nz

School Board Election NOMINATION FORM

Parent representative / Staff representative / Student representative (circle one)

School Name	Norsewood & Districts School
School profile Number	2622

This nomination paper should be posted or delivered to the Returning Officer, Norsewood & Districts School, PDC Box 3, Norsewood or emailed to margaret@norsewood.school.nz so that it is received no later than noon on **Tuesday 5th August 2025**

Nominator Details

Full Name	
Address/Email	
Phone	
Signature	

NOTE: The nominator must be on the roll for the election, otherwise the nomination is invalid.

Candidate details

Full Name	
Email	
Phone	

Candidate declaration of eligibility

I declare that I have read and understand the ineligibility criteria for school board members, under clauses 9 and 10 of Schedule 23 of the Education and Training Act 2020, and declare that I am eligible to become a board member. I hereby consent to the above nomination and declare that all other information that I have listed on this form is true and correct.

Date	Signature of Candidate
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Candidates are requested to complete the following on an optional basis*:

- Gender: Female / Male / Gender Diverse (circle one)
- Previous experience: (tick one)
 - Current representative standing for re-election ☐
 - Current co-opted or appointed board member standing for election ☐
 - Not a current member but have previously been a member of a school board ☐
 - No previous board experience ☐
 - Other ☐
- Ethnicity: (tick as appropriate)

Which ethnic group or groups do you identify with?

<input type="checkbox"/> NZ Māori	<input type="checkbox"/> European (Including NZ European/Pākehā)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific people	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern/Latin American/African (MELAA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**This candidate information is collected by the Ministry of Education for statistical purposes only and will not be used in a manner in which you may be identified. This information is not required for valid nomination.*