

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Friday 21 Junior Tablet Sports Day

DECEMBER

Mon 1 Forbes & Tippet relay

Thurs 4 DHS Open Day

Last day for \$5 Duffy Books

Last day for Luck Books 8

Mon 15 BOT meeting at 5.15pm

Tues 16 School Prizegiving

Wed 17 School closes at noon

From the BOT...

My name is Joffrey Haerewa and I am one of the new board members. The school was struggling to get enough parents to form a board, so I put my hand up. I have one son and three grandsons attending Norsewood & Districts School. So far, it has been a real eye-opener to look behind the scenes and see how the school is run and the hard work our principal and teachers put in every day.

My job is to respect all the school staff and the school community and ensure everyone is happy



From the Principal...

Life is full of surprises, and this week it was the recall of coloured sand. This was advised to schools last week, but our school did not have the **recalled sand brands**. However, on Saturday, the Kmart sand was added to the list and Totara had this in their class. This has meant some changes for this class as they were relocated to the Multi Purpose room to continue their learning. I am continually impressed on how adaptable our tamariki are without the access to their usual books and activities. The sand has been removed by an asbestos team and is being tested. We will follow all procedures once the results are back.

Athletics was postponed due to the weather today and hopefully will be on next Wednesday. We are still struggling for Managers for all teams apart from the Junior Boys. If you are available next Wednesday, please let the office know.

The postponement message was put out on both **Skool Loop** and Facebook. These are our main way of communicating for whole school events. Please make sure you have Skool Loop available on your phone so you can get communications when needed. This is an important communication tool for school and home.

The end of the year is racing up on us. Please start looking at home for **school reading books and library books** and return them no matter what the condition is. All library books need to be back by the 29th November so we can do a library stock take.

Our Prizegiving is **Tuesday 16th December**. Our new Board of Trustees is after your voice for our school. They are putting together a series of questions for you as whanau of our school to have your say on what you want for our Kura. If you have any questions that you would like asked, please email the office and we can add them to the list to be considered.

"Caught being good cards" - SHOWING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

GIVE IT A GO / ATTITUDE — Ruby—Rae — For a "Give it a Go" attitude to keep improving and adapting her techniques and skill level to throw and jump

— **Duffy Book Award**

ATTITUDE / RESPECT - Tepene — a focused, engaged, motivated learning attitude to show and share his literacy learning

TEAMWORK — Amelia — for weeding at Te Miro—great teamwork

GIVE IT A GO / TEAMWORK — Amelia — for GREAT work at PALS.





"On a Great Learning Adventure"

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Kia ora e te whanau

You may have seen recently that the Government is planning to remove the legal requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We want to let you know that at Norsewood & Districts' School, our Board of Trustees remains fully committed to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This will continue to guide the way we plan, make decisions, and move forward as a school.

Over the past few years, we have seen the powerful and positive impact of creating an inclusive learning environment where Te Tiriti and Te Ao Māori are truly valued. Our tamariki increasingly feel a strong sense of belonging, which has supported their growth and confidence both in and out of the classroom.

At Norsewood & Districts' School, we celebrate our tamariki for who they are, making sure every child feels seen, valued, and supported. We are proud of our strong connections with iwi, whānau, and our community, and look forward to continuing this 'GREAT Learning adventure' together.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.
Our strength comes from us standing together.

Nga Mihi
Norsewood & Districts School Board of Trustees

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OUR GREAT VALUES

Give it a Go Respect Excellence Attitude Teamwork

Recycling plans for Norsewood and Ormondville

17 November 2025

Tararua District Council is continuing work to make recycling easier and more accessible for residents in Norsewood and Ormondville. We're reviewing how best to provide convenient and sustainable options for both communities — from new drop-off points to the future of kerbside recycling.

Drop-off Recycling Bins

Norsewood

The previous public recycling bins in Norsewood were removed at the landowner's request, which means there's currently no local drop-off site available.

Council continues to explore council-owned or leased land as potential locations for a new facility. For this, some site works and small capital investment will be needed, which are being considered through future funding programmes such as the Long-Term Plan and Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP).

Ormondville

Good news for Ormondville residents, a suitable council-owned site has been confirmed for a new drop-off recycling point. The bins will be moved from the Memorial Hall carpark to the end of Dump Road, Ormondville, on Monday 1 December 2025. There will only be one large container bin, designed to accommodate mixed household recycling on one side, and 3 colour sorted glass slots on the other side.

Funding for the bins has been secured through the WMMP levy, and installation is expected to happen soon. For more information on how the WMMP levy works, check out [Overview of the waste disposal levy | Ministry for the Environment](#)

Until a new Norsewood site is identified, Norsewood residents are welcome to use the Ormondville recycling centre. Council recognises the importance of having a local recycling option for Norsewood residents and is actively working to confirm a suitable site.

Kerbside Recycling Collection

Council is also looking at future options for kerbside recycling in Norsewood and Ormondville. The current manual collection service will continue under the existing contract until the end of November 2025. After this date, manual collections will stop while Council works on a new long-term solution.

Work is underway to explore what a future kerbside recycling service could look like and how it might be funded. Before any changes are made, Council will consult with the community to understand local preferences and support.

What Happens Next

Over the coming months, Council will complete the installation of the new Ormondville recycling bins and confirm a suitable location for a future drop-off site in Norsewood. Work will also continue on reviewing kerbside recycling options and planning how best to deliver these services in the future. Council looks forward to working with both communities as these improvements take shape and ensuring local recycling solutions meet the needs of residents now and into the future.