SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th November 2026 | TERM 4 WEEK 7

NORSEWOOD & DISTRICTS' SCHOOL
"On A Great Learning Adventure"

From the Principal…

*It has certainly been a busy week. Our Kura has been impacted this week with **staff illness**. Our students have been amazing, navigating the school day without the usual support from our teacher aides. Also, a big thank you to **Matua Grant** for helping us while Whaea Jackie has been away. Our tamariki did not go hungry. This week has really shown the value of our community, with whanau offering their support.*

*We have received a **beautiful koha of eggs** over the past couple of weeks. A huge thank you to Mandy for your generosity. Our families have really appreciated and enjoyed this thoughtful contribution.*

*I would like to apologise to any whānau who may have overheard or witnessed the language and behaviour of another parent at our school gate on Monday. Unfortunately, this occurred during afternoon pick-up time and was witnessed by a number of parents and our tamariki. We acknowledge that this may have been upsetting or uncomfortable for those present. We would like to take this opportunity to remind whānau that it is not appropriate to approach or reprimand other students while on school grounds. If you have **concerns about an incident** involving your child or another student, please bring these **directly to a staff** member or the Principal. It is important that concerns are managed through the school so that we can follow the appropriate processes, listen to everyone involved and ensure that all students feel safe, respected and supported. At our Kura, we are proud of our **PB4L values** and the positive relationships we work hard to build with our tamariki, staff and whānau. We expect everyone in our school community to **model the same values** of respect, teamwork and positive behaviour that we encourage in our students. I would also like to reassure whānau that this incident has been addressed through the appropriate channels. Thank you for your understanding and for continuing to support us in maintaining a safe, respectful and positive environment for everyone at our Kura.*

*As we are heading towards the end of the year, we will be doing our **library stocktake** in the coming weeks. Please start looking at home for any library books that need to come back to school. You will be informed if your child has any outstanding books over the next few weeks.*

*Our Kaiako have been busy with **assessment,** and this is a great time for us to reflect on how far our students have come, over this year. It is important **that we have our students at school** for the last few weeks of the term. A big thank you to our whanau who have offered transport and supervision on Friday at the **Junior Tabloids** in town. We would not have been able to do this trip without you. All Year 0-3 students, plus our PALs students will be going into town for this. Please make sure all students have a drink bottle, morning tea, sunhat and shoes/sandals. It will be a great day.*

Angela McQuarrie,
Principal



"Caught being good cards" - Showing Our School Values

ATTITUDE / EXCELLENCE — Tuta — for being respectful and doing his work quietly in STEPS - Duffy Book award

ATTITUDE / EXCELLENCE— Alexander — *for waiting patiently in line and waiting quietly for instruction*

EXCELLENCE / ATTITUDE - Mila - *for doing her work in Steps quietly*

EXCELLENCE / ATTITUDE — Pieve–Renee - *for doing a GREAT job on the sports shed*

This week in pictures…



Today we welcomed a very special visitor to our kura – SPLAT!

SPLAT is a very special possum who has an important message to share with our tamariki about road safety. His name stands for **Saving People's Lives Across Tararua**, and he is on a mission to help keep our children safe on the roads.

SPLAT loves making new friends and is always ready for plenty of high-fives! Our road safety crew are excited to get started and are all geared up and ready to work alongside SPLAT as they learn some important road safety messages. We look forward to seeing what adventures lie ahead!





This week in Rata, our students were learning all about "Magic Milk"

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues 1st	School Athletics Day
Mon 7th	BOT at 5.15pm
Tues 15th	School Prizegiving
Wed 16	**School finishes at noon**

Start back Monday 1st February 2027

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