



VOGELTOWN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK NINE TERM FOUR 2014

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OUR VISION

For the land - For the People - Go forward
Maanaki Whenua - Maanaki Tangata - Haere Whakamua

OUR VALUES

To support our students to make the best choices they can, to become confident learners with the courage to seek a better world and aspire to heights beyond the horizon

TERM 4 FINISH DATE
TERM 1 2015 START DATE

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 3PM
TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 9AM

Tena koutou katoa

WHO IS WHERE IN 2015

Room	Teacher	Year Group
0/5	Mrs Newland (Deputy Principal) & Mrs Jane Boot	NE
1	Mrs Fairclough	Year 1
2	Mrs Oliver	Year 1/2
3	Mrs Irving	Year 1/2
4	Mrs Harold	Year 1/2
6	Mrs Sleep	Year 3/4
8	Mrs Seed	Year 3/4
10	Mrs Parker (Deputy Principal) & Mrs Treadway	Year 3/4
12	Mr Lancaster & Mrs Dryden	Year 3/4
7	Mrs Andrews	Year 5/6
9	Mr Ransfield	Year 5/6
11	Mr Stirling & Mrs Melody	Year 5/6
13	Ms Pretty	Year 5/6

NOTE: Years 7,8, & 9 will start the 2015 year in the relocatables on the tennis court. There are two now, the third will be arriving early next week.

NEW STAFF

Next year there will be two new teachers starting at Vogeltown School Mr Lancaster and Mr Stirling. They are both great guys and are excited about starting here at Vogeltown. Mr Stirling will be in Room 11 with a year 5/6 class and Mr Lancaster in Room 12 with a year 3/4 class.

ROLL

Our school roll at the end of 2014 is 322 children. I still remember the 300 party we had, where every child rang the bell, and now 300 is the norm. This is about the right size for our school and means that the resources are fully utilised and it helps us get the long awaited new teaching space at the junior school. Work on this space should start first thing in the new year. The new classroom will be near Room One and the old dental clinic, in amongst the trees and on paper looks very very cool.

PLANNING FOR 2015 IS WELL UNDERWAY.

In early and mid February the whole school will be traveling up to North Egmont as part of our Mountain study. The cost to transport each syndicate totals over \$2500. Our Home and School Committee have acknowledged the importance of such a trip to a significant part of Taranaki and will assist with some funds. Our mountain will be the basis of all Term 1 learning so it is important that all students visit Mt. Taranaki.

The Juniors visit the mountain on Monday 9th February, Middles on Monday 16th and Seniors on Tuesday 17th. We will need adult helpers on these dates..... book a day off work!!

At about the same time, we will also be travelling to Puke Ariki to supplement our learning using their teaching expertise and their specialist resources. This bus cost is over \$1200.

This is an early advice note to let you know that we will be asking for financial support from all of our families early next year.

This is the year that the Year 5 and 6 students really look forward to as they will be heading away to camp at Vertical Horizons out of Inglewood. The date for this camp is the 4th, 5th and 6th of March 2015.

The senior teachers will be asking for adult assistance at a later date but it might pay to pop those dates on your calendar if you need to book leave from work. Yahoo to all the fun that goes with camp!!

The cost for camp will be \$100 per child with some assistance to help with costs from our wonderful Home & School Committee. We appreciate that families need notice to budget for such an event. If this is a problem for you please see your child's class teacher or Mr George.



HOLIDAY READING

Welcome to the holidays. Take time to relax and have fun as a family. Play games, sing songs, have conversations and make sure you have adventures with books. Reading is an adventure - you can meet new people, discover new things and explore new places. Reading aloud to children is one of the best ways to help them discover the joy of reading. And it's never too late - or too early - to start. All children even infants and teens will benefit from listening to you read aloud.

Hints

- Read aloud at least once a day
- Choose a favourite place and time and stick with it.
- Have fun - read with expression
- Take time to discuss the pictures/events/facts in the book
- Read a variety of books include some factual books
- Read everywhere - food labels, road signs, catalogues, maps, menus
- Ask you local librarian to help you find books to meet your child's interests - the library is free
- Set up a home library - a few books in a box/ on a shelf is a start - buy from garage sales, op shops etc.



You will be helping your child with his/her own reading and writing as they hear new words and language structures. Best of all they will be developing a love of reading - to last a life time.



JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday 15th - Water Day

Children will need togs, towel and water guns for some wet and wild fun!



Tuesday 16th - Wheelie Day

Children can bring their bike, scooter, rollerblades, skateboard, hee-ies, remote control cars anything with wheels really.... PLEASE make sure you bring a helmet!



WANTED BY THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE - Off-cuts of Thermal Drape material. Pieces need to be bigger than A4 size please. Any colour/any design!

COMMUNITY

➤ GOLF

The Westown Junior Golf programme is open to any budding junior golfers aged 5 - 18 years old. New junior golfers are welcome to come and join one of the programme's Sunday sessions before they decide whether to become a member. With junior 9 hole membership costing \$45 per year, it also represents great value for money! Please contact Dean on 027 4858431

➤ LEAGUE

Western Tigers Muster Days - Note your child will need a birth certificate or passport.
Sunday 14th Dec 11am - 1pm Sun 18th Jan 11am - 1pm Sat 14th Feb 11am - 3pm

➤ TIGERS GALA DAY... SATURDAY 14TH Feb 11am - 3pm

➤ BASKETBALL

Basketball Taranaki is inviting all Basketball players from the ages of 9-15 to attend a 3 day Basketball Camp. \$90 or \$35 per day.

New Plymouth (TSB Stadium) - Monday-Wednesday (19th-21st January)

Contact Vanessa on 06 7590 930 or email vanessa.mccarthy@sporttaranaki.org.nz

Next Wednesday will be my last day here at Vogeltown School. Next year I am moving to Highlands Intermediate. I am incredibly sad about leaving Vogeltown, it has been a big part of my life. I was offered the Highlands position on Sunday 23rd of November and the week of Monday 24th to Friday 28th of November was really tough, it was hard telling the staff, and the kids that I was leaving. The hardest part for me of this whole process has been the 'letting go' of VS. I have been at Vogeltown School for 9 years but I know that I am leaving a school in good health, good shape, and in good heart.

There have been so many wonderful people I have met through this school and to try and mention them all would fill up the whole newsletter.

I would like to express a huge thanks to the Vogeltown staff, they are awesome. Their hard work, their attitude, and their coolness has meant that my job has been easy. This school is lucky to have such great people, they are what makes this place great, and I will miss them.

To all the VS children from 2005 and on, you guys are great. Your 'give it a go' attitude, your school spirit, and your big smiles have made coming to school everyday so very easy. To the community, the mums, the dads, the grandparents, and all the whanau, you guys are top notch. This school has a wonderful 'feel' and everyone contributes to this.

Next year will be very strange, not coming into school and seeing Mrs J-Low in the office, then catching up with all the staff and kids during the day. I hope that I get invited back to all the cool events, and it will be neat seeing all the VS kids coming through Highlands. (I will look out for you all)

I will be forever connected to this school and look forward to seeing where it goes from here.

KA KITI ANO

MARK LUFF

PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Students,

New Principal Appointment for Vogeltown School

As you are aware, we say farewell to Mark Luff as our Principal at the end of this term as he will be taking up his new appointment as Principal of Highlands Intermediate in Term 1 next year.

Mark has given tremendous service to Vogeltown school for the last nine years since starting with us in 2005, and his appointment is exciting for him and for all of our school community.

We wish him well in moving to Highlands - a much larger school at 640 students - and we look forward to appointing a new Principal for Vogeltown, at what is an exciting time for the school.

We are pleased to announce that our current Senior teacher Mike George will be acting Principal for Term 1 2015, and we look forward to working with him. Mike has been at our school for nine years and has taught a lot of our current students at both the junior and senior schools, and will be supported by our Deputy Principals Lee Newland and Sheila Parker.

He is looking forward to taking on this challenging role and we thank him for his commitment.

Ideally we would like our new Principal in place for Term 2, 2015 so the role will be well advertised and we will ideally be looking to make an appointment in mid February. Vogeltown School is a great school and we know there will be a lot of interest in the job. _

As a Board we support the culture of the learning environment at Vogeltown School that the staff and students have contributed to. We will be looking for the best possible candidate to lead our school into the next 100 years.

If you have any questions regarding the appointment or ideas you would like to contribute then please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of your Board of Trustee members.

There will be a special farewell to Mark at our last assembly next Tuesday 15th December at 11.30am and we invite all parents to feel free to attend.

We also trust everyone has a safe and fun Xmas and New Year.

Regards

Ashley Smith
BOT Chairperson
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SPORT

COACH OF THE MONTH...

I wish I could have ALL our wonderful coaches off to Baked on Carrington, THANKS so very much for all your dedication to our children and the different codes that we offer during the year. Many thanks from Margi Betteridge ☺

Our final coach of the month is a DRAW!

Rebecca Ansell U9 Touch Rugby

Rebecca has given up her lunch hour to help our touch players learn more about the game! Thank you, thank you!

Ross Whitmore Senior Cricket

Ross has had a terrific season with our talented cricketers making the Div 2 final!
Well done Ross and Michelle!

INDOOR NETBALL

Indoor has finished for the season - we hope you had a lot of fun and learnt some new skills. Please return your uniforms to school as soon as possible.



TOUCH RUGBY - MONDAY - Devon Intermediate

There are games for all teams on Monday....

Nonus	3.45	Field 6a
Mc'Caws	4.15	field 2a
Daggs	4.50	field 2b
Barretts	5.25	field 5a
Carters	4.50	field 5b

CRICKET - cancellations on "The Hits" from 8.00am or taranakicricket.co.nz



Congratulations to the Senior Cricket team... What a fantastic year...and now to the FINAL!!! All the very best! If you are able to come and support our wonderful cricketers please join us at St Josephs School, Calvert Road, New Plymouth.
CRICKET FINAL! V.S 1ST XI v West End Wizards at St Josephs Sch 9:30

KIWI CRICKET is finished up for the year... looking forward to term 1 now! Get in some practice over the holidays ☺

SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE

The feedback has been rather positive about summer soccer... If you think it is something we should continue with at V.S please let Whaea Margi know your thoughts.

Games are finished for the season....please return your shirts to school a.s.a.p. ☺



UNIFORMS

With sports starting to wrap up please ensure you wash your uniforms and get them back to school before the end of the year. Especially important for the Y6 kids leaving us at the end of the year!

SOCCER UNIFORMS

Please give your uniform to your coach after your game next week. We need to get them back before school finishes. Thank you.

