



SCHOOL Newsletter

NEW PLYMOUTH ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Week 1 Term 1 2021

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Dear NPACS Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 1, 2021!

I trust you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children throughout 2021.

As I walked around the playground, chatting with the students, it was great to hear all the fun activities the kids had done over the school holidays. Any first day nerves soon faded away to smiles and laughter. A very special to our new students Matthias, Noah and Zelmari. Lovely to have you part of our school.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff have planned and prepared fabulous learning opportunities for our kids. Thanks to Mr Calkin for tidying up our grounds. Dani has worked hard cleaning, scrubbing and washing everything with a deep clean. Natasha has registered new families, ordered needed materials and sorted accounts. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

We have a lot of events scheduled this term and week 2 is busy. Our school calendar is attached and includes the other Teacher Only Days throughout the year. **The Teacher Only Day for Term 1 is 9th March.**

It remains an honour and privilege to serve as your Principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, we will make this school year, one of growth and achievement for all children.

Blessings,

Renee Timmins

Principal

Our Mission

*Educating
for
Eternity*

Our Vision

Growing confident children, actively involved in lifelong learning, connected to God and their community.

Our Values

G.R.O.W

Godliness
Respect
Ownership
Wisdom



2021

Information

Term dates for 2021:

Term 1:

3 Feb -16 April

9 March- Teacher only day

Term 2:

3 May - 9 July

11 June - Teacher only day

Term 3:

26 July - 1 October

16 August - Teacher only day

Term 4:

18 October - 15 December

16 December- Teacher only day

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School times

8:45-2:45

Students are welcome on site from 8:15am

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Inquiry Theme

for Term 4

Water



Attendance Dues

The Proprietors are legally entitled to charge Attendance Dues - a compulsory, government approved charge - to finance their obligations.

Attendance Dues are:

*a legal requirement

*a condition of enrolment

*charged per year, with advance payment due at the start of each year

*not a donation and therefore not tax deductible

*separate from the fees and donations charged and collected by the school itself

If you have further queries:

Phone no: 0800 4 MY DUES (0800 469 383)

Email: attendancedues@adventist.org.nz

Bank Account no: 030175 0182096 02

**New Plymouth Adventist Christian School bank account:
153955 0514323 00**

***for contributions, lunch orders, school activities and fundraisers**

**Reminders:**

* Kids need to wear school sunhat at morning tea and lunchtime

* Kids need their water bottles at school

****School times: 8:45-2:45****

Students are welcome on site from 8:15am

* PE uniform every Friday

* Please return EOTC form

* Please return 2021 Commitment to pay form

NPACS uniform

Our school is proud of our uniform as it reflects NPACS and Adventist Education. It is important it is worn correctly by all students, all of the time. Correct uniform includes, navy blue/ black matching socks, black hair ties/ clips, plain black school shoes/ or sandals.

Girls must have their hair tied up at all times.

New sign in/ out system

We have a **new sign in/ out system** at the school office.

If you are collecting your child early, please ensure you sign them out at the office and give the receipt to their class teacher.

If your child is late, they need to sign in at the school office and get a receipt for the class teacher.

Puke Ariki Library Bus

Puke Ariki Library Bus will come to school every second week. If your child needs a Library Card, please see Natasha for the form. If you have any queries, chat with Walter:

walter.crawshaw@npdc.govt.nz

Friday Assembly

School Assembly and Awards is each Friday, in the church at 8:50am.

Whanau are very welcome to come along and celebrate student achievements.

School Picnic Evening at Pukekura Park, Friday 19th February, 5 - 7pm

School Swimming

School Swimming Lesson each Friday, 12 Feb - 19 March. Kids needs goggles, cap, towel.

Important events for 2021

<u>Wednesday 3rd February</u>	First Day of Term 1
<u>Monday 8th February</u>	Waitangi Day Holiday (No School)
<u>Wednesday 10th February</u>	Beach Education Day (We will need parent help)
<u>Friday 12th February</u>	Swimming Lessons start. (Swimming Lessons are each Friday, Week 2 - 7)
<u>Friday 19th February</u>	School Picnic Evening at Pukekura Park, 5 - 7pm
<u>Wednesday 24th February</u>	Parent/ Teacher meet and discuss student goal setting
<u>Monday 8th March</u>	Taranaki Anniversary (No School)
<u>Tuesday 9th March</u>	Teacher Only Day (No School)
<u>Wednesday 17th March</u>	School Triathlon Event
<u>Wednesday 31st March</u>	New Plymouth Weetbix Tryathlon
<u>Friday 2nd, 5th and 6th April</u>	Easter Break (No School)
<u>Friday 16th April</u>	Last day of Term 1
<u>Monday 3rd May</u>	First day of Term 2
<u>Monday 7th June</u>	Queens Birthday (No school)
<u>Friday 11th June</u>	Teacher Only Day (No school)
<u>Friday 9th July</u>	Last day of Term 2
<u>Monday 26th July</u>	First day of Term 3
<u>Monday 16th August</u>	Teacher Only Day (No school)
<u>Friday 1st October</u>	Last day of Term 3
<u>Monday 18th October</u>	First day of Term 4
<u>Monday 25th October</u>	Labour Day (No School)
<u>Tuesday 14th December</u>	Prize Giving
<u>Wednesday 15th December</u>	Last Day of school for 2021
<u>Thursday 16th December</u>	Teacher Only Day (No school)



BEACH EDUCATION DAY

On Wednesday 10th February we are going to East End Surf Life Saving Club which is at East End Beach on Nobs Line. The children will take part in the 'Beach Ed' programme which includes theory, beach activities and water activities run by qualified Surf Lifeguards.

We are leaving school at 9am and will return at 2:45pm.

Given that we live near the sea we feel this is an essential part of our Education and fits well with our survival swimming lessons (later in the term) and our Inquiry topic for this term 'Wai/Water'.

Students will not be swimming far out into deep water but may wade into waves and receive training on the safe use of boogie boards. They will be supervised at all times. The trip will also still go ahead regardless of the weather, lessons will be conducted inside if conditions are not safe in the water.

In order for our school to take part in this learning opportunity we need parents/caregivers to help with transport and assist us throughout the sessions. All adults will be required to participate in all activities. The most important role to assist with, is the water safety during the Water Activities (Therefore, this day is not suitable for preschoolers to attend with you). Just note that you will be required to get into the water up to your waist to help set a boundary. So bring your wetsuits (if you have one).

What to Bring (including the parent/caregiver helpers):

***Togs/rash vest, towel, wetsuits (recommended but not essential), warm clothes, sunblock, sunhat, water bottle, morning tea, lunch.**

***If your child/ren is 7 years or younger they will need to bring a booster seat. Please see us if you need help around this.**

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Name of child/ren: _____

Please circle and return by Tuesday 9th February

Y/N

I give permission for my child/ren to be transported to East End Beach and take part in the beach education programme

Y/N

I am **able** to provide transport to and from the venue as I have a full drivers license and my car has a current WOF and Registration. I can safely take _____ (number) of passengers.

Car Number Plate: _____

Y/N

I am **able** to assist in all the activities including the water activities.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____