

Term 2, Week 12

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# SCHOOL Newsletter

NEW PLYMOUTH ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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*"My help comes from the Lord" Psalm 121:2*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora NPACS whanau,

"I can do all  
things through  
him who  
strengthens me."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Today is a day of celebration. Not only is it the last day of the term and holidays are about to begin, but it is also the beginning of a new journey for our school.

July 3, 2020 marks the last day of two classrooms at New Plymouth Adventist Christian School. Next term, we officially move to 3 learning spaces. Our local Seventh-day Adventist Church has kindly agreed for us to continue to utilise their building for an additional learning space. I would like to thank them for the continued support for our school and mission.

Many of our learners are very excited about our new teachers, new students and possible class moves. However, depending on their personality, it can take time for some kids to adjust to a new environment. This is why we are carefully considering the best placement for our students. In some cases, we may contact you for your suggestion and advice. We are finalising the class lists next week and will email/seesaw all relevant information. We encourage you to discuss the changes with them so they are fully prepared and happy as they begin their new term at school.

## 2020 Information

### Dates for 2020

Term 2: 15 April – 3 July

Term 3: 20 July – 25 Sep

Term 4: 12 Oct – 14 Dec

**15 December (Teacher only  
Day)**

### School times

8:45am – 2:45pm

## Thought for the week:

Over holiday time, encourage your child to put down their device and enjoy other fun activities like; playing sport, biking riding, swimming, making and creating things, reading books, baking and so much more. Below, is a list of fun holiday activities...ENJOY!!

I pray you have a fun, relaxing and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Blessings,

Renee Timmins  
Principal

# Important Reminders

- **Children need to be in class before school starts at 8.45am.**

Check out our [School Website](#) to see upcoming events and our latest Newsletter!

[www.npacs.school.nz](http://www.npacs.school.nz)

- **Some of our school policies and procedures can be viewed on our school website: [www.npacs.school.nz](http://www.npacs.school.nz). For more information, please ask at the office for more details.**
- **Reading Support:** We are looking for parents who would like to come and read with our children for reading support during our morning program. If this sounds like you, please come and see Natasha at the school office.
- **Second-hand Uniforms:** We have a second-hand uniform cupboard at school. If your child has grown out of their school uniform, you can donate or sell them to school. Please see the office for more details.
- **Basketball starts 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July, see the newsletter for first draw games.**

## **From NPACS procedure for Absences/Lateness:**

Non-attendance, on-going lateness and absenteeism at school has been identified as a major barrier to learning and a significant indication of at-risk students. This will be monitored by the school. The Principal must regularly report to the Board of Trustees about any absences of concern. To this end New Plymouth Adventist School is committed to encouraging and ensuring students are at school unless there are exceptional circumstances which prevent this from happening. For more information, please see our school website.

**Please note:** It is imperative that, we be notified beforehand if your child/children are going to be away from school, via phone, email or letter. We have a lateness and absence register at the office.

**Collecting Children:** When it is necessary to collect children from school during the day, please send a note, email or telephone the school – preferably the day before. This enables home readers, notices, homework and so on to be organised by the teacher before pick up time. There is a book to sign in the staff room.

## **Uniform:**

### **Rationale:**

The wearing of the school uniform is an important aspect of the New Plymouth Adventist Christian School. It is a part of the School's Special Character which identifies the school as a part of the Seventh day Adventist Education system in the South Pacific.

### **Purpose:**

Uniform is a form of identification. The students wear uniform as an identification of the school at which they attend. The uniform is also a means of drawing attention to the school and advertising its existence within the community. The wearing of a uniform unifies all students so all are seen as equal while at the school.

The Uniform Procedure is important to the school in an effort to bring about unity among the students and for the school's identity. It is the principal's and staff's responsibility to make sure the uniform policy and code is upheld by the parents and the children. Here is an excerpt from our procedure:

- The uniform must be worn at school and to and from school. The sports uniform just be worn on the designated sports day.
- The complete uniform must be worn according to the policy and the uniform code. No non uniform items can be worn with it or instead of it.
- If for some reason the complete uniform cannot be worn a note must be written, explaining the reason, to the principal. The uniform problem must be resolved asap.
- The uniform must be clean and worn in a neat manner wherever or whenever it is worn.
- On mufti days uniform does not need to be worn. A gold coin donation is to be made to the school for a specific project.
- Children with shoulder length or longer hair must keep their hair tied up.
- The following list is not considered uniform and must not be worn with the school uniform
  - No jewellery, rings, bracelets, necklaces earrings.
  - One pair of studs in the ears may be worn.
  - No makeup, nail polish, lipstick or hair dye is acceptable.

## BASKETBALL

### First games of the league:



Year 0-2 Wednesday,  
22 July, Court 3 at 3:30pm

Year 3-4 Wednesday,  
22 July, Court 2 at 4:20pm

Year 5-6 Monday  
20 July, Court 3 at 5:20pm

### Mini ball Coaches Clinic:

On the 15th July there will be a Mini ball coaches clinic held at the TSB Stadium. This will be split into two groups, Years 0-4 will be run at 4:00pm and the Year 5-8 at 4:45pm. This would be helpful for parents to come along and learn how to help with the running/coaching of these games.

Mouthguards will be handed out at these sessions.

**NO MOUTHGUARD, NO COURT TIME!**

We need parent helpers at every game. This is a safety requirement, please let the office know if you can help out.

## New Classrooms for Term 3

For term 3 and 4, our learning environments are going to look a little different. We are finalising the details next week and will email class lists and all relevant information.

## **WEEKDAY ACCOMMODATION WANTED**

Hello school family,

We have moved into a remote farmhouse and now need a base in town. Our children attend the school (Sam & Dan in year 6) and I work at school as the caretaker and practical skills teacher, and my wife Jodi will stay with us from time to time. On weekends we would return to our farmhouse so just need week day accommodation.

We will consider anything - a room in a shared house, a sleepout, flat or small house, and we also have a caravan which we could stay in if there was access to a bathroom and power.

We are very happy to help with maintenance or work around the property and to pay the going market rates for accommodation.

Please contact Peter & Jodie Calkin

### 'Before school club'

This service will continue in term 3.

Please note the pricing as follows:

\$1.50 per day, per child

\$5.00 per week, per child

**\$5.00 per day** – casual rate, (**non- booked attendance**).

Please remember to book in your child/ren either at the office, via email at [office@npsda.school.nz](mailto:office@npsda.school.nz) or text our school mobile 027 555 1863 no later than the night before, to avoid being charged at the non-casual rate.

## **FUN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:**

**\*Adventure Club:** Contact Mr Calkin  
027 555 1863

### **\*Mike Rubick**

*Playball Taranaki & Playball New Zealand*

027 313 8588

Email: [coachmike@playball.co.nz](mailto:coachmike@playball.co.nz)

Email: [playball@playball.co.nz](mailto:playball@playball.co.nz)

Facebook: *Playball Taranaki*

### **\*Puke Ariki Holiday Programmes**

<https://pukeariki.com/libraries/programmes-and-activities/>

# Snippets from the classroom!

Now! Your writing is so full of **NOW** words. It gave me goosebumps!

**AWESOME!**

**FANTASTIC!**

Date: 10/6/20 Ryan

Wonderful

I was <sup>floating</sup> ~~float~~. I came to a golden street and I saw <sup>God</sup> ~~God~~!

I was <sup>excited</sup> ~~excite~~. I loved the golden streets. I was <sup>amazed</sup> ~~amaze~~.

I said "wow" and I said "Hi God" and he said "Hi Ryan".


I said "How do you know my name?" because I am God.

I love <sup>heaven</sup> ~~hevin~~. Am I staying?

Outstanding work, Ryan. Just beautiful!

**Ryan**

Date: 19.6.20




Curling, floating <sup>leaves</sup> ~~leafs~~ fall down off the tree. Some leaves are wet from the rain and some are small. Some <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ colorful. Colours like <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ Bronze, pinky, reddish and a speckle of green.

Wow! Great description Joshua.

**Joshua. H**

Date: 28/6/20




Assembly

In <sup>assembly</sup> ~~assembly~~ first we sing songs. Next, we have Pastor Tony. Then, we have certificates. Then, we have class. My favourite song is Rejoice in the Lord always. My favourite part is certificates. When Pastor Tony comes we memorize the mem.

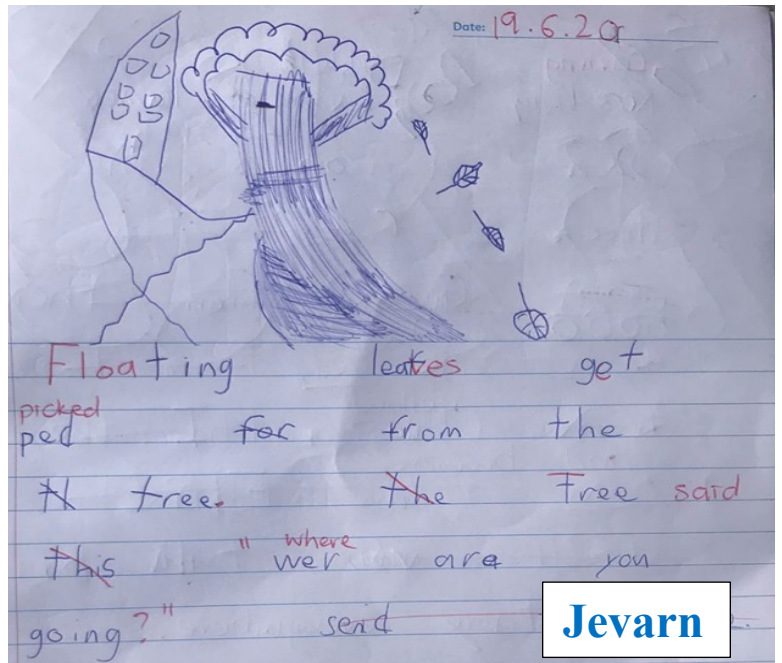
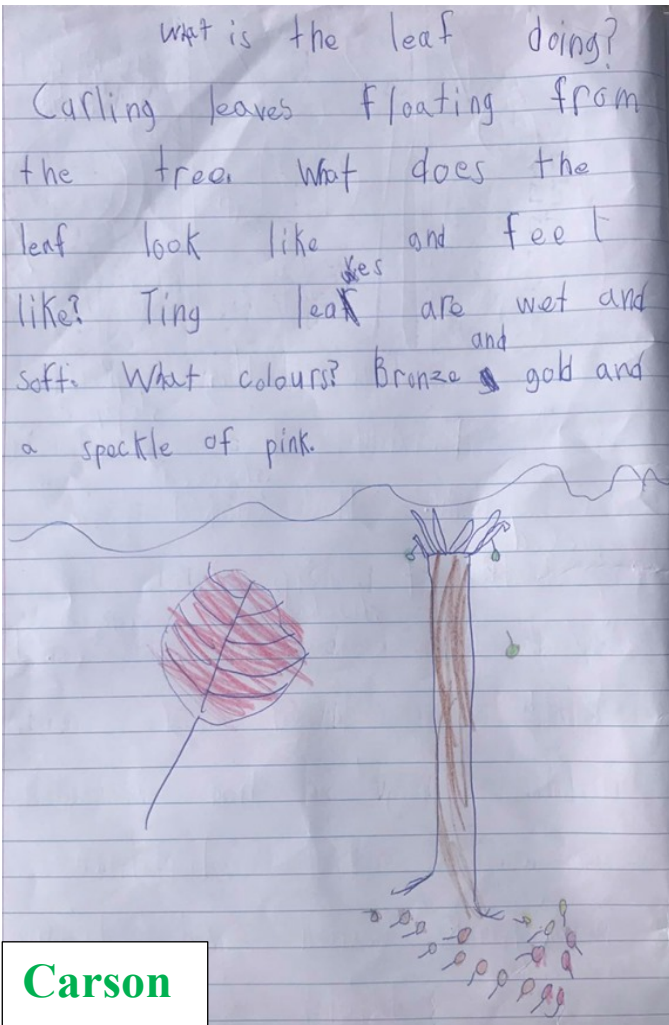
**Abigail**

Date: 15/6/20



On my 2nd Birthday, I got 3 big presents. The 1st one had a big Doll. I loved it. It came with dippers. After a few <sup>years</sup> ~~years~~ I sold them. I was sad. After I sold them, I lived in Waitara. I was happy after all. Then I got <sup>another</sup> ~~another~~ a doll. I called it <sup>Sweetie</sup> ~~Sweetie~~. Then I lived in <sup>Hamilton</sup> ~~hanletine~~.

**Indy**



A weekend with no digital technology!

### Introduction:

Can you live without technology? No Fortnite? No Roblox. Sounds like torture right? I know I can't live without it but I know the secret... After lots of research here are the answers. You can survive a weekend with no digital technology!

### What are some other options that can keep you busy?

Did you know if you're bored you can read a book, sleep in, watch the sunset, run, play bored games or even bake a cake. You can go outside and play in a park. Personally, I would recommend playing with your pets if you have any!

### Going outside to play and stay healthy!

Did you know that going outside every day is really healthy and raises your blood flow and it also makes you happier. It can improve your memory and stop depression. Getting outside can help you escape the stress of work or school and can provide a calming environment. Did you know people in Japan used to bath in the mud! Now that is really avoiding technology!

### How can exercise help you?

If you do lots of exercise it strengthens your heart and improves your circulation. With the increased blood flow your oxygen levels rise in your body, therefore making your body a healthier place to live. Did you know it also boosts your endurance and your fitness levels too! The more oxygen we have in our bodies, the better our brains work... therefore learning is also a result of exercise!

### What people did before technology?

Did you know before technology was invented people used to sit down for hours designing stuff for machinery and other things like riding a bike or creating stuff. In my opinion it just sounds tiring!

### Conclusion:

This journal article has hopefully told you how to survive without technology!

**By Ruben**



