



LINC-ED & SCHOOLDOCS

This year has seen several changes in the way we communicate and share information online with our community. While some of these changes may be new to many parents, there are certainly advantages in these changes. Most importantly, parents will have a wider range of information about their child's learning, school fees and BOT policies readily available.

Linc-Ed allows students and staff to share and reflect on the students' learning goals and their "next steps" in their learning. Linc-Ed, which will also replace our school reports, will grow into a learning profile of every student over the years.



Our first step is sharing our newsletter via email. By the end of Term 1 we will share details of how to access your child's Linc-Ed page, including financial account details. As well as being able to see their financial account details, parents will also have the option of being able to pay online, directly through Linc-Ed. We will also begin sharing a learning post and learning goals, so that students, teachers and parents can become more familiar with the new online platform.

SchoolDocs The BOT has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.



The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

- Go to <http://ngatea.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www").
- Click → Search your school
- Start typing "Ngatea Primary School" and select from dropdown list
- Username → "ngatea"
- Password → "icare" .

Our focus for Term 1...

- *Good morning/afternoon*
- *Please*
- *Thank you*

**SMALL CHANGE FOR ME
BIG CHANGE FOR ALL**

PARENT SYMPOSIUM

A notice giving more information about the workshops on offer at our Parent Symposium will be sent out shortly. We kindly request parents who are able to collect their children, to please do so at 12:40 p.m. Many of the staff will be running workshops for parents and therefore it will help to ease the load on supervision if students are collected



Please note:

- **The school will remain open for those students whose parents/caregivers are unable to collect them at 12:40 p.m.**
- **The After School Care programme will also be running as per normal hours.**
- **Buses will run at normal hours (after 3 p.m.)**

SCHOLASTICS

Scholastic brochures will be sent home today. Orders to be into the office by the Friday 2nd March. All cheques to be made out to Scholastics please.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A SORE THROAT?

The Ministry of Health is funding this service initiative aimed at reducing the incidence of Rheumatic fever in the Waikato.

If your child is between 4 and 19 years of age, and has a sore throat, and you are having trouble getting an appointment at your Doctor's, call into NGATEA PHARMACY. We are fully trained and can swab your throat, send the swab to the Lab and will receive results back, if positive for Strep, we will contact you and you can come in to Ngatea Pharmacy , and Anna will prescribe and give the Antibiotics required.

This is a free service.

CALF CLUB AGM

Tuesday 27th February 3.10pm in the Whetu learning space.

As this is the last year for a couple of our committee members, it would be fantastic if we had some new members join this year to see what it is all about. Joining the calf club committee won't take up too much of your time and it will give you a great sense of satisfaction knowing you helped put together a fantastic calf club event for the children of Ngatea Primary.

HEARING & VISION TESTING

Tuesday 20th February – 11 am

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Parents will be notified of test results. The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie. names, date of birth. If parents needs to be contacted the Vision Hearing Technician will also obtain their contact information from the school.

NZMSM GUITAR / UKULELE LESSONS AT SCHOOL

Enrolments are being taken now for 2018. The lessons are held during school time on a Friday. Either individual or as pairs, depending on numbers.

A term fee will apply.

For further information please contact Sue Speedy 0276976109 or email speedy@kinect.co.nz

JAZZ BAND: 2018! FREE LESSONS

Years 5,6,7& 8 only.

There are places available for Yrs 5,6,7 & 8 students to learn an instrument this year. Lessons will be taught by Fleur Wolstencroft, the Hauraki Plains College brass and woodwind teacher.

Saxophone Trumpet Trombone

To register, contact Stu Green: stug@haurakiplains.school.nz

To hire or purchase an instrument: KBB Music (Auckland), Ph 0800 775226

www.kbbmusic.co.nz

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Moana	
Imogen Beagley	Demonstrating excellent leadership skills and using your ICARE when helping other students.
Sol Barshai-Sherrock	Demonstrating excellent leadership skills and using your ICARE when helping other students.
Ryan Flint	Making a wonderful start to the year in your new learning environment and making great choices about your learning.
Chloe Le Gros	Making a wonderful start to the year in your new learning environment and showing courage by contributing positively to our classroom discussions.
Travis Maitland	For obviously practicing his sounds over the holidays as he is helping our new students learn all the letter sounds.
Eva Coxhead	For practicing her reading over the holidays and remembering so many of her sight words.
Hope McGrath	For her amazing paintings she has been doing during tekaro time in class.
Indy Finn	For always doing the right thing in the right place, at the right time.
Whenua	
Lucian Birch	Settling into the Whenua Team and how learning happens at NPS after his trip across the ditch.
Kyrahn Wong-Tung	Creating a piece of writing that is imaginative and vivid - well done!
Lauren Ruwhiu-Taylor	Making everyone feel welcome in Whenua, especially our new students.
Amy Hayward	Leading the way in swimming.
Cullen Garrett	Taking responsibility for his learning and setting a good example for others.
Blake Leach	Taking responsibility for his learning and setting a good example for others.
Whetu	
Cruz Elliott-Derby	For assessing a situation and making the right choice. Well done, Cruz. Keep it up.

Emily Strawbridge	For creating an amazing hall pass for her Chapter Chat activity, completing it to a very high standard. Awesome, Emily.
Tayla Birkett	Creating a very detailed classroom plan for her Chapter Chat activity. Well done, Tayla.
Boston Murphy	Amazing detail, using Scratch to portray a scene for his Chapter Chat activity.
Reuben Dodunski	Using google drawing to create a very detailed classroom plan for his Chapter Chat activity. Well done, Reuben.
Maggie O'Neill	For creating a very unique rabbit for her Chapter Chat activity, thinking outside of the box. Well done, Maggie.
Marama	
Zion Burgess	For settling in so well and applying himself to all learning tasks.
Ryan Hart	For working positively with others and getting on with the job!
Summer Warmington	For starting the year showing maturity and great leadership. Keep it up!
Jesse Paton	For starting the year showing maturity and great leadership. Keep it up!
Miles Sargent	For making good choices in his learning and taking action. Awesome!
Trinity Van der Hulst	For settling into our crew well and setting a high standard of excellence for yourself.