



# NAPIER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

*Principal: Wendy Gray*

*'Growing and Empowering Learners'*

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Dear Parents /Caregivers

Welcome to Napier Intermediate. For those of you who are new to our school, my name is Wendy Gray and I am the Principal of Napier Intermediate. Our school is constantly evolving and we are always looking for ways to improve the learning that your child will receive whilst at Napier Intermediate, so if you have had children at Napier Intermediate before you will notice some changes for 2020. Last year we trialled a new start time for Wednesday's only. This was not as successful as we hoped and we are not continuing with it in 2020. Our start time every day is 8.30. Last year for our first day we had Day One Interviews for all students. This was again very successful and we will continue with interviews on Day One this year. The class your child is in will be emailed out to you on Monday 20th January. Parents will be asked to go online and book an interview time with the class teacher for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. These times will be for 10 minutes and will give each parent and child time to discuss aspirations and goals for the student's learning and also a chance to ask any questions of the teacher about how the class will operate.

Our first day for full instruction in 2020 is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January starting at 8.30 am, all students will go directly to class. Children should bring their lunch and morning tea as no subway will be available. Buses will be running

A lot of planning has taken place to ensure a smooth start to this year. Class placements have been completed and we have taken into consideration the data from your child's contributing schools and interviews with their 2019 teachers. We have tried very hard to ensure all new Year 7 students have at least one of the students they wrote down in their class. The Year 8's are spread across the whole school and may be in a different house, as they are now familiar with the way Intermediate works. I am aware that the transition from contributing school to intermediate school can be rather daunting for children. We work hard to ensure that your child is helped through this process but would ask that you communicate with us, either the classroom teacher, the Year 7 deputy principal Mrs Tracy Davis, the Year 8 deputy principal Mrs Louise Taylor or myself, as early as possible if your child is experiencing difficulties.

The school office is open from 9 am -2 pm from 20th January if you have any questions. Student stationery packs are available from the school for the first two weeks at \$55. This includes \$12 for Maths Buddy. These packs are competitively priced.

Your child will be able to purchase these packs from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January from the school hall during the day. We ask that all children have stationery in place by the 10<sup>th</sup> February to assist with the beginning of the year programmes.

All students will be required to be wearing the school uniform including a school hat. The second-hand uniform sale is on the 17th January 3.30 - 6.30 pm. Please note this is cash only. **We have a new uniform provider this year and have made some changes to the uniform for Year 7. Boys have a new shirt, which will be used for the whole year. There is a new P.E. uniform shirt as well. Girls will have a skirt option available as well as the new skirt. A school jacket is available and girls can wear long or short white socks. Other than these changes the uniform is the same as last year with girls also only having one style of shirt for the year. We have a pop-up shop here at school from today through until Wednesday or you can go online to NZ Uniforms and order online. This is a cross over year with both old and new uniform being acceptable.**

There are some major changes to the costs this year. The school fees no longer need to be paid as we have joined the Government scheme, but there is a technology fee of \$75 to help with the purchase of take-home materials for the technology classes.

This is also the year we have a Marae Visit to Pukemokimoki. We are not sure of dates or costs at the moment, but we will get this information out to you as soon as possible. We are hoping to keep the cost to \$30.

We do have automatic payment forms available at the office so you can ensure your costs are spread over the year.

A form for out of school music will be available through the school office. We have 1 flute, 4 clarinets, 3 saxophones and 2 trumpets for hire, from the school. Lessons are available in vocals, keyboard, trumpet, guitar, bass guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, music theory and drums. This form will need to be returned to the office by the 10<sup>th</sup> February if your child wishes to learn an instrument. There are limited places.

This year we will not be sending home newsletters or notices unless requested. These will be emailed to your email address or they can be sourced on our website and phone app. If you do not have access to either of these please contact the office and a hard copy will be given to your child. Our newsletter day is every second Thursday. Once a term each house produces a team newsletter celebrating the learning for the term and you can expect a weekly email about the week's expectations from the class teacher.

We also have a Phone App, which can be downloaded from School Stream using the access code 2619 and then Allow Notifications. We would encourage all parents to download this as it is an important part of our school to parent communication.

I wish to welcome your family to Napier Intermediate School and look forward to working with you in the interests of your child over the next year.

I hope you have enjoyed some quality family time over the Christmas break and that your child is looking forward to an exciting year in 2020 at Napier Intermediate School.

Kind regards

Wendy Gray