

International Student Newsletter

Term 2 2025



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Warm winter greetings to you all. Term 2 has certainly been an eventful one for our students. Opportunities abound them both inside and outside of the classroom. Some of the highlights have been the wonderfully entertaining school production of The Little Mermaid, Year 12 and 13 Ball held at the national museum of Te Papa, participation in a wide range of sports, drama productions and musical performances.

To keep up to date with academic results, engagement and attendance, please visit our Portal. I encourage you to engage in conversation with your students about their achievements, attendance and involvement in the school.

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STUDENT VOICE

Senior School Ball

The 2025 Newlands College School Ball was a fantastic night filled with a lot of fun and connections. As the International Student Representative, it was especially heartwarming to see so many international students enjoying themselves and being part of such a memorable event!

- Seongbin Moon from Korea



Junior Triangular - MVP

I enjoyed playing basketball for three years at Kunei in Japan, so I decided to continue playing at Newlands College as well. I'm having a great time making friends and talking with my teammates.

- Shiho Nakatani from Japan



NZ Art Show—Emerging Artist Award Merit Award Winner 2025

It was an amazing opportunity for me as an international student to win the Merit Award for the Emerging Artist Award. Thank you for the love and support from my host family, friends and teachers.

- Fuji (Keticha) Akharakonkun from Thailand



Jazz Band

Helene and I went to the Manawatu Jazz Festival on the 31st of May as part of our school's Big Bang. We are very happy that we had the opportunity to represent our school. Taking part in this festival was a lot of fun, and we were able to experience different schools playing beautiful songs. We both think that it was so worthwhile since you get to look at a variety of different people who come together to play and enjoy jazz music.

- Elisa Flohr from Germany



Smallbore

Doing smallbore has been a lot of fun. It takes quite a bit of concentration and focus. I am enjoying seeing the progress that I make like learning new techniques and how to mark a shoot. Shooting with my friends can get quite competitive, since we all try to get the highest score. I only started small bore at Newlands College and it is nice to try out new things.

- Gina Gordon from Germany



Hockey

In the second term, Amelie and I played together on the hockey team. Both of us were very warmly welcomed by everyone on the team. In the last few weeks, we had a lot of fun during the training and the games (especially when we won) with the team, and we will miss it a lot. Thank you for the great time!

- Amelie Paul and Helene Steine from Germany



Tough Guy/Gal

As someone who has never done a run longer than 3 kms, I was a bit scared of the 6 km challenge coming up. But everyone at the school, teacher and students encouraged me to do it and I'm really thankful for that, as it turned out to be so much fun and the team

spirit was amazing! If they had not motivated me to do the run I wouldn't have done it and I would have missed out on this great experience. This event really showed me what my body is capable of and I would do it again anytime.

- Amelie Paul from Germany



Football 2nd XI

It has been a pretty good experience in the team because of all the efforts of the team members and coaches. I also like the organisation of trainings and the atmosphere in general. It has been a fun experience. I want to say thank you to the XI coaches, coordinator and the XI trainer Jaydn Robson for their support.

- Alexander Jahnhorst from Germany

Movie Night

Our international movie night was a cozy and fun way to bring everyone together and share a few laughs. We enjoyed plenty of snacks that were shared and also took the opportunity to farewell our German students; thank you for being part of our school and community. I wish you all the best as you head home!

- Seongbin Moon from Korea

