



Newtown School

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NEWTOWN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM TWO WEEK 4



Check out our Principal Award winners from our last Whole School Assembly.

Message from the Principal

Welcome to our new learners, Boaz, Yakin, Logan, Yoel and Hendriks in Whānau Tui and Aidyn in Whānau Harakeke.

Kia ora, It has been fantastic to see so many families come to the Maths evening – over 135 adults. Your positive support of these sharing meetings demonstrates the active partnership between home and school. Please feel free to speak to our staff in an informal way if you have any questions in relation to your child's learning.

Mid year assessments reports are being prepared by your child's whānau teachers.

The mid year report will come out week 9, 26th–30th June. Check out our 'Seesaw' section in this newsletter, to catch up on an innovative way of reporting to you about your child's example of school progress and the exciting learning they are undertaking via your smart phone or computer.

Thanks F@NS for supplying the 75 pairs of blue sports shorts. I'm sure, like me, that we are all very proud of our interschool cross country runners representing our school, especially being fully kitted out!

As you drive past our school on Riddiford Street you will be seeing exciting progress being made on our new school build, over the next month. Parts of the second floor will be constructed by mid June. A 25 metre construction crane gets assembled next week for the next stages of construction.

It is great to see the winter sports programme underway, including Saturday netball.

Thanks to all the staff and parents involved in the running of these activities for our students. It's a huge commitment and our students do appreciate it.



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School Starts at
8:55am. Please
make sure your
child is here
before then to
socialise with
their peers.



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can pay for
school lunches,
sports and
school
donations
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Wrap It Up

Maths Night 2017!

Tuesday night saw Newtown school filled with families measuring, timing star jumps, weighing objects and noticing patterns as they explored Maths. Our learners explained how they demonstrated our school values of Connected, Curious and Resilient in Maths time. We talked about the value of real life maths, talking, working together, making sense of Maths and what we learn from mistakes.

Thanks to every family that came and took part and for the hard working staff who helped and shared this time.



Parents said:

"What a fantastic night, it was so well organised and I Loved it."

"I'm excited by the direction our school is going in for maths."

"That was so helpful as a Tui parent to understand where my child is heading as they move through the school."

"What amazing employees our children are going to be because they know how to collaborate with others and creatively problem solve."

"I've seen the difference in my child. He can explain and show the curriculum values in the way he does Maths and talks about it at home."



Seesaw @ Newtown

The Learning Journal

Your child may have been talking about a new application we have started to use across the school called Seesaw. This is an online Learning Journal that will replace the blue clear-file you have received in the past. This will allow you to receive notifications of when your child posts work and leave comments helping to continue to build those strong relationships from home and school.

At the moment students are working on selecting work they want to share and learning how to use the system before we give Whānau access towards the end of the term with your child's Progress Report.

Check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzLrtDR84KY> for more information about this powerful learning tool.

Welcome to Morgan!

Huge welcome to Morgan Bardsley who has joined Te Whānau Waitangi and the Newtown School community this term.

Morgan is passionate about fast cars, motorbikes, and working with his awesome class, Papa. Morgan has been looking forward to teaching here and is feeling warmly welcomed by everyone.



Curiosity Monday and S.P.C.A

We are Iris, Paige and Hazel and we started a community action group for Curiosity Monday. Harry, William, Natasha, Arianna and Mahad decided to join so they could help us fundraise. We all decided to fundraise for the S.P.C.A. We planned over three curiosity Monday sessions and on Monday 22nd of May we went out at morning tea with piles of baking and sold it to the school. It was worth it because we raised **\$248.40**.

Thank you to all the parents and children that did some baking and supported us.



Teacher Only Day

Reminder that there is a teacher only day on Tuesday 6th June (after Queens Birthday).
If you are unable to supply supervision for your children on this day please email
admin@newtown.school.nz.

MAAORI NEW YEAR

TRADITIONAL MEALS MADE HEALTHIER!

Add a variety of vegetables to any dish. Green leafy vegetables like spinach, puha, watercress and silverbeet are great. Cut visible fat from meat and skin from chicken when preparing dishes such as boil up and hangi.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



Welcome to
our new
Kapa Haka
teacher
Whaea
Kamaia!



Entertainment Book 2017

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10p4934>

Remember to support Newtown School and sign up for your Entertainment Book today!

ABSENT STUDENTS

Phone: 389 6667

Email: admin@newtown.school.nz

Text: 020 401 75659

UP AND COMING EVENTS

24/05 - BoT Meeting 6:15pm

05/06 - Queens Birthday

06/06 - Teacher Only Day

22/06 - FANS Meeting 7:30pm

23/06 - Matariki School Hangi

TBC - School Disco

Term Dates 2017

Term One	2nd February - Thursday 13th April
Term Two	Monday 1st May - Friday 7th July
Term Three	Monday 24th July - Friday 29th September
Term Four	Monday 16th October - Tuesday 19th December



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OPEN WEEKEND

27 & 28 MAY

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\$2
DONATION
PER ENTRY



This Saturday and Sunday, you can visit the Zoo and Zealandia for just a \$2 donation per entry! Wellington Zoo will be open from 9am until 5pm giving you a great opportunity to explore the Zoo and check out our new walk-through Kea experience in Meet the Locals He Tuku Aroha.

Wonderplay drama classes are free to try this week! Classes for 4-8 and 9-12 year olds as well as Advanced Drama for 11-13 year olds and our teen Young Actors' classes! Classes are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO

Offering ballet, jazz and contemporary classes in Houghton Bay and Lyall Bay for ages 3-18yrs.

Book in now for a **FREE TRIAL CLASS!**

Contact 021 202 7750 or
instepdance@hotmail.com
www.instepdancestudio.co.nz

Want to learn how to speak Māori Language?

When: Sunday 2pm-4pm

Where: Newtown School Staffroom

Cost: Koha (donation)

Contact Marama for more information
0226576485

At Bigair Gymsports, kids love Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour and Cheerleading! Coaching kids at Bigair Gym is one of the most rewarding jobs as we get to support kids and see them develop new gym skills, like cartwheels and walkovers etc. which kids love, and they learn a range of personal skills; including increased self-confidence, self-reflection and pride in their achievements as they progress through our 10 level badge programme. It is highly recommended that children start gymnastics at 3yrs due to being excellent preparation for starting school, and once children are at school, gym replicates the fundamental learning processes which supports children's learning at school so the benefits and rewards are substantial. To find out what class would benefit your child the most, please call our Owhiro Bay Bigair Gym on 3838779 or email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

If you have something for Community Notices please email

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