



# Newtown School

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NEWTOWN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM TWO WEEK 6



Check out our Maths Night winners! Huge thank you to all the local businesses that supported this event.

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to our new learners, Emily, Elizabeth and Saiido all working with Sarah and James in Whanau Tui

I trust you have had a wonderful long weekend.

The staff training and professional learning provided by the Ministry of Education this Tuesday proved to be most worthwhile. Our learning was focused on positive student management and behaviour of all our students here at Newtown.

We are already at Week 6, half way through Term 2, and it is always very pleasing to see our students so engaged and focused on their learning.

It was great to see so many students at the Cross Country last week! A student from Whanau Waitangi running said to me, "It is important to build up stamina - and participating in sports, running from one side of the court to the other, was a really good way to help build up stamina." The idea of stamina (in all areas of our lives) connects to the concept of 'grit' which has become a catchword in education. This term was brought to prominence in the educational sphere by Angela Duckworth. Her research around 'grit,' defined as 'perseverance and passion for long-term goals' shows the positive impact of grit on student achievement. Her TED Talk is only 6 minutes long and worthwhile watching.

<https://www.ted.com/talks/>

[angela\\_lee\\_duckworth\\_grit\\_the\\_power\\_of\\_passion\\_and\\_perseverance](https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance)

Winter is upon us, bringing with it winter chills and bugs. It is vital that if your child is going to be away from school, please let us know.



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



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school lunches,  
sports and  
school  
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Wrap It Up**

# Southern Zone Cross Country



What an amazing effort by all our runners at the Southern Zone Cross Country and a special mention to Felix who took out the Year 6 Boys race coming in 1st place.

Also a big thank you to our parents that came to help, if there was a prize for the best supporters you would have been 1st!

**Congratulations to the following students who made the top 15 for their age group and will go on to the Inter-School Cross-Country on the 20th June!**

- Portia Bennett
- Leo Kennedy
- Ava Baddley
- Maia Moriarty
- April Marshall
- Iris Boswell
- Gabe Forsyth
- Felix Smith (1st)

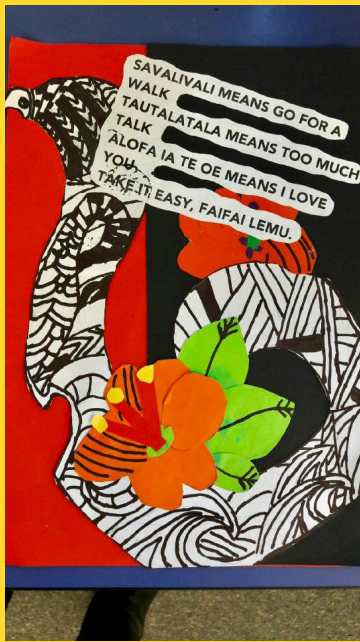


Newtown School would love to thank Newtown Greengrocer for their on going support of our Garden to Table programme.



# Samoan Language Week!

Last week we shared Samoan siva, art, and language together to help celebrate Samoan Language Week. Thank you to our Samoan aiga for sharing your culture!



## Talofa Whānau

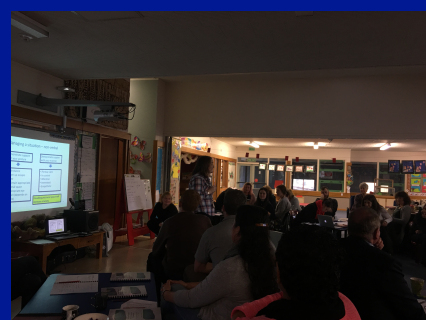
Newtown School wants to purchase a 'Pate' drum to use with our students. If you know someone who can help us with this please see Rebecca (Tui) [rebeccap@newtown.school.nz](mailto:rebeccap@newtown.school.nz)



## Teacher Only Day

Thank you with your support and understanding to allow the teachers and support staff to have a day learning about Understanding Behaviour and Responding Safely.

Everyone got a huge amount of information and skills from this day.







Earlier this term Tui Whānau went to Matairangi play area and created a lot of curious play.



**MAAORI NEW YEAR**

**KUMARA**  
Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

This traditional vegetable has a sweet, creamy flavour. There are 3 different varieties in Aotearoa: red, gold and orange. Orange has the sweetest taste. Try baking or steaming. For an extra burst of flavour combine with mashed potato or add to soup.

**School Hangi**  
We are having a Hangi on Friday 23rd June, to help celebrate Matariki. Tickets are \$10 each. More information will come out next week.

## ABSENT STUDENTS

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## UP AND COMING EVENTS

22/06 - FANS Meeting 7:30pm

23/06 - Matariki School Hangi

30/06 - School Disco - Space Theme

## 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





