



Message from the Principal

Welcome to our new learners who have joined Newtown this term, Zaw Zaw, Lua, Arti, Lilyhana, Clemira, Alex and Nixon in Whānau Tui, Marley in Pohutukawa, Kevin in Waitangi and Manutai in Harakeke. We are also glad to have student teachers throughout the school for the next 7 weeks.

The first half of term has been busy with a chance to show off a little to special visitors. Last week we had the Education Review Office team spend a number of days here. They listened, looked around, took notes, checked our documentation, talked to BOT, leadership, teachers and learners to find out about how awesome Newtown School is. They shared all the fantastic things they saw we have to celebrate. Here are just a few:

- Wonderful diversity of cultures and motivated, well mannered learners
- Hard working, dedicated and talented teachers
- Supportive and organised BOT
- Skilled teacher assistants
- Reliable and robust data
- Many ways of supporting all students across our school with insight and care
- Learning that is meaningful and relevant
- Systems that are helping our school be more efficient and targeted.



ERO have a challenging task of needing to understand our school in only 3 days. We were delighted to share what is important to us and to hear their ideas for where we can head next.

A second highlight was the visit from Bill English and Chris Finlayson. After responding to the wero they were welcomed by our Kapa haka. They talked briefly about our buildings and assessments, then answered some important questions for us. Mr English talked of his real life heroes and role models and explained how he uses resilience in his job.



Check out this weeks Nutrition Nugget from Team Energize!

Remember to talk to your children about different types of foods:

Go
Glow
Grow
Slow



Learning Highlights Week 5

We are excited to have developed the **visuals** to represent all our five values of our curriculum recently. Each symbol has a special reason for it's shape, form, colour and connection.

This term's focus across the school is exploring **resilience**. We are finding as many real life heroes or role models who use resilience. A test of practicing our resilience this week was **'Weaving our Fence'**. Many hands contributed to decorating our fence with colourful wool. Check out the new decoration made by many little hands. We think it looks great! This was organised by a group of students wanting to give their time to the school to make a difference-their own Student Volunteer Army.

Great effort for the **swimmers** last week who qualified for Southern Zone sports. We value the resilience it takes to be strong in a sport. Well done.

A final stand out experience this week was a student led and organised **talent show**. They auditioned, judged, provided feedback and sorted all that is needed to create an afternoon's entertainment. Such a range of fantastic performers with courage who were well appreciated by school and parents. Awesome effort.

Garden to Table!

Last week the team made a leek & potato soup, using fresh ingredients from our very own Veggie Garden.



The garden team did some amazing work planting and feeding our lovely feijoa trees. They also started to dig out the old sandpit in order to create a new garden space!



Southern Zone Swimming!

Was great to see 22 students take part in the Southern Zone swimming event held today! They all did a great job!



Up Coming Events

Week 5 - Prime Minister visit (Tues)

Talent Show (Thurs)
Daffodil Day (Fri)
SZ Swimming (Fri)

Week 6 - School Assembly (Mon 1:45)
FANS Meeting (Tues 7:30pm)
Project Energize Food Session (Wed 3:30pm)
Orange Day Parade (Fri)

Week 7 - Onesie Day (Fri)

Week 8 - School Assembly (Mon 1:45)

Week 9 - Dance Splash (Thurs)

Week 10 - School Assembly (Mon 1:45)
Whole School Athletics (Tues)

School Holidays 29/09

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Pictures from the week! Talent Show Weave the fence

