



# Newtown School

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## WEEK 4 | TERM 2 | MAY 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 at Newtown School is abuzz with a tremendous array of activities and events for children, staff and parents.

We have large numbers of our students participating regularly in both sporting and cultural activities. A growing 'sport' in our school is chess. I wish to congratulate our school chess team who recently competed in the Wellington Regional Primary School chess competition. Our team finished in the top three schools for the region and qualified for the nationals in Auckland in October.

Chess, or any board games, are wonderful whānau activities for home - they are great for developing patience and strategy. I would like to challenge all families to find your chess board at home and teach your child chess (or other board games) rather than switching on the tv or a device!

Last week we celebrated Support Staff Day. This is an annual event which is held nationwide. It is an

opportunity to thank the wonderful Support Staff at Newtown School. So much is possible at our school, for all children, with the assistance of our treasured Support Staff.

The amazing new mural, 'Kamala with Hihi', on the side of the school hall facing Mein Street, has been completed. Artists Michel Tuffery, and Charles and Janine Williams have created an artwork which the entire community can enjoy and be proud of. We thank them for their hard work and inspiration.

Planning for another mural is underway for the eastern end of the administration block. We wish to acknowledge Resene Paints for their kind donation of all of the painting materials.

Our curriculum design team are planning a parents evening to be held, Thursday 28th June. Please diary this date. More information to come soon.

**Noho ora mai ra,**  
**Mark Brown**  
**Principal – Tumuaki**

## UNION MEETING

The Teachers Union [NZEI] has called a Union Meeting for staff on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th June, and as good employers we are required to facilitate their attendance.

We ask that you collect children by 12:45pm on Tuesday 19th June and make appropriate arrangements to ensure they are supervised.

Our school will provide supervision at school until 3pm for caregivers unable to collect their children at 12.45pm.

## SCHOOL TIMES

**School Starts** 9.00am  
**Interval** 11.00-11.20am  
**Lunch** 12.45-1.45pm  
**School Finishes** 3.00pm

## WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big warm welcome to our new students:

- Amos Fountain
- Theo Fountain
- Jamin Fountain
- Fatma Albnayan

## CONGRATULATIONS REBECCA!!

Newtown School would like to congratulate Rebecca Power on her appointment as Deputy Principal at Sumner School in Christchurch.

We wish her and her family all the best for the big move. She will be missed here at Newtown School.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 27 May - 2 June - Samoan Language Week
- 4 June - SCHOOL CLOSED - Queens Birthday
- 12 June - F@NS Meeting
- 15 June - Matariki
- 19 June - Early pick up at 12.45pm - Union Meeting
- 28 June - Parent's Evening
- 6 July - Last day of Term 2
- 23 July - Term 3 starts

## ABSENCES

If your child is not going to be at school, please contact us as soon as possible.

Remember to include your child's name and teacher.

Phone: 04 389667

Text: 020 40175659

Email:

admin@newtown.school.nz



## CURRICULUM CORNER

*By Nicki Read, Deputy Principal*

### Why learn science?

There is so much great science learning happening in our school this term. Through science we want our learners to think for themselves, reach their own explanations and conclusions and be sharp at noticing. We want them to make informed decisions

about issues, to voice their opinions, to take action and to participate in decision making.

What a lot we can learn from science thinking. Talk to your child about the science they are exploring.

It's exciting, thought provoking and challenging.



## PINK SHIRT DAY 2018

Newtown School raised over \$100 for the mental health foundation. The whole school showed manaaki in a week of friendship and kindness.



## CHESS TOURNAMENT

Written by Heidi (Luna's Mum)

Eight children from Newtown School participated in the Chess Power Wellington Central Regional Interschool Chess Tournament held at Wellington High School along with 100 other students.

The Newtown team members were: Luna López, Yuki Schotters, Jamie Zhuge, Pirihiira Rameka-Keremete, Xavier Kooiman-Vili,



Eneral Badral, Leo Kennedy, and Jimmy James Biechynden.

They each played seven games of chess, earning points for the team for each win or draw. The top four individual scores counted toward the team score, and these four were Luna, Yuki, Jamie and Pirihiira. Newtown School placed third which means they qualified to go to the National Tournament to be held in late October!

Congratulations to all members of the team. You did an amazing job, showed team spirit, and represented the school very well.





# KAMALA AND THE HIHI



## BEE HEALTHY | DENTAL HEALTH

Bee Healthy Regional Dental were at the school in Term 1. Unfortunately, their truck broke down and they were unable to see all the children. They will be back in Term 3.

If you are worried about your child's dental health please free-call 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583) to book an appointment



## TOUCH RUGBY | TERM 1

More photos from Touch Rugby in Term 1. Stay tuned for more sports updates!





# FROM THE OFFICE

## Entertainment Book

The 2018/19 Entertainment Books are now available!

Newtown School is once again selling Entertainment Memberships as part of our fundraising. We receive \$13 for each book or Digital Membership we sell, helping us to fundraise for our school.



There are fantastic savings to be made at Wellington's leading restaurants, cafes and attractions. Your membership is a great way to find exciting new places to visit, or a reminder to get back to those old favourites. There are also great offers for over 2000 Hotels, Theme Parks, Rentals Cars, online shopping and so much more.

**So grab your copy now!**

To order securely online go to

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

## Lost Property

We have a small mountain of clothing which has been found around the school. There are lots of jackets, hoodies, shoes and togs.

Please help us return lost items by naming all of your child's clothing



Go Piano teaches at Newtown School and offers excellent one-on-one piano tuition from beginners to those more advanced. They take lessons on Fridays during school hours and if you are interested in trying them out, Go Piano offer a free trial lesson to start with.

Contact Jonathan on 027 637 3764 or email [info@gopiano.co.nz](mailto:info@gopiano.co.nz)

**GO PIANO**

## Community Eid Celebration

Friday 22nd June 5-8pm, Newtown Library  
Please bring a plate of food to share

Storytelling, live music and delicious halal food.

Prayer space available. Everyone Welcome!

More info contact Zoe at  
Newtown Library 04 389 2830