



Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

WEEK 8 | TERM 2 | JUNE 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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WHATS INSIDE:

- Invite to New School Blessing
- New School Walk through
- Parent Night
- Curriculum Corner
- Welcome to Newtown School
- Hong Kong Students Visit
- And More

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 28 June - Parent's Evening
- 5 July - New School Blessing
- 6 July - Last day of Term 2
- 23 July - Term 3 starts
- 25 July - New School walk through

SCHOOL TIMES:

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are in 'new school countdown' with only **TEN** school days to go! Our children and staff are becoming very excited. The community has waited more than six years for stage one to be completed!

Parents are invited to participate in the blessing for the new school on Thursday 5 July, 9.15 am. See page 2 for more information. This is not the 'official opening' as this is planned for late September when stage two is completed.

Over the Term 2 holidays, work begins to remove all but two prefab classrooms, reroof and do modifications to Whānau Tui, add a new junior playground in front of Whānau Tui and prepare a new staff car park. All of this work is scheduled to be completed by 24 August 2018. All this work, along with our freshly painted buildings, we will have a school that will look fantastic.

Each term we run a fire drill, lockdown and/or earthquake drill. Yesterday we held an fire drill, which went according to plan despite having to assemble in the cold.

The children are fantastic at following our emergency procedures and are very clear on what they have to do should an emergency situation arise.

With Rebecca moving to Christchurch, I'm pleased to announce the appointment of an experienced teacher to replace her. Julia Harris will lead our junior school. Julia has been in a similar role at Mt Cook School for the past 10 years. Julia has the professional knowledge and attributes our school was looking for and will complement the educational passions of our existing staff.

I encourage all parents to come along to next Thursday 26th June at 5pm for Parent Evening to hear from curriculum design staff. They will show you what happens in the classroom at Newtown School. You can find more information on page 2. I look forward to seeing you there.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown
Principal - Tumuaki

Connected Whanaungatanga | We belong and we learn together

INVITATION TO NEW SCHOOL BLESSING

'Ka mate te kāinga tahi, ka ora te kāinga rua'
'When one house dies, another house opens'

In 2011, the double-storey block situated on Emmett Street side of the school was demolished. Since then, we have witnessed the construction of the new building, our new classrooms, and working spaces on a daily basis. There is a great anticipation to finally, be able to move into our new building.

On Thursday 5 July 2018, we would like to invite whānau, parents, and caregivers to attend the blessing of our new building.

We will gather in the hall by 9.10am.
The ceremony will be conducted by Te Ati Awa iwi.

After the blessing, whānau, parents, and caregivers are welcome to stay for morning tea.

Nau mai haere mai.

PARENT EVENING INVITATION

We love learning @ Newtown School! Why?

We are excited to welcome you and your child back to school on Thursday the 28th of June from 5-6pm. Come and see how learning happens at Newtown School

- What is investigation and what might it look like?
- What is collaboration and what might it look like?
- What is choice and what might it look like?
- What is communicate and what might it look like?
- What is whanaungatanga and what might it look like?

All will be revealed at Parent Evening 2018.

Come and look around our different whānau to see what happens here during the day.

See you there.

Students will also be running a fundraiser on the night for Wellington Soup Kitchen

Homemade Soup will be available

Price: \$2 or a can of food
Please NO SPAGHETTI OR BAKED BEANS



BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITION

The Board of Trustees wish to thank Karen O'Leary for her valuable contribution as a Trustee for the past year.

As a result of Karen stepping down from the Board, we now have a vacancy to co-opt another person. We are particularly looking for someone who has an interest in education, policy, health and safety, and/or cultural inclusion. If being on the Board of Trustees is something that interests you, or if you just want to find out more about what a school board does, please contact Annette Gittos, Chairperson (ph 970 0163; bot@newtown.school.nz) or visit the school website <http://www.newtown.school.nz/our-school/bot/>. You are also invited to attend board meetings which are held every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm in the staff room. Our next meeting is Wednesday 27 June.

Annette Gittos | Board Chair

Resilient Aumangea | We keep trying and learn from what we do



WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DRINK MILK AND WATER ONLY TO DRINK AT NEWTOWN SCHOOL

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big warm welcome to our new students

- Fran Watson
- Hayat Mohamed
- Mouky Kota
- Naomi Fuimaono

Plastic Free July is almost upon us. There are lots of good initiatives and we would like to help you be a part of it all with an attack on single-use plastic at our Saturday vege market. We are going to have a De-bag and Re-bag revolution. Let's do this together!

First, let's De-bag. Most of us already bring carry bags (yay!).

But we see a lot of people putting fruit and veges into single-use plastic to weigh, stashing it in the bigger bag for the 12 minute walk home. To De-bag this, we propose to have pottles on stalls - and will encourage you to use these to pick and weigh, then decant the veges into the carry bag.

Second, let's Re-bag. Most of us buy bread. In plastic bags. We encourage you to bring these back to the market and "re-bag your radishes".

And in Plastic Free July we will be at the market to remind everyone about it!

But before that we would love for you to bring pottles (ice-cream size and bigger) and bread bags to school so that we have a stash to get started. Pop them into the office for collection. We would also love to hear from keen beans who would be happy to help through July to spread the message and empower our neighbourhood to go plastic free. Please email nada@upcup.coffee.



CURRICULUM CORNER

By Nicki Read, Deputy Principal

What's the impact of positive feedback? Everywhere you look at school, we see engaged, active learners. We know great things are happening when we get feedback like the following:

"How inspiring it is to see a new and different approach to learning. What I love so much is how much respect for the kids is going on and the shared nature of the learning process. Inclusivity at its best!" parent

"We would like to communicate our sincere gratitude for our welcome to us from University of Redlands School of Education, to learn about your wonderful culturally inclusive curriculum and teaching. We wholeheartedly enjoyed our visit, and as you probably saw some of our own graduate students were moved to tears when your students shared haka with us. What an amazing school you have, and it truly was inspirational for us to observe your students and teachers. Thank you so much for your generous hospitality." from visiting educators.

"I want to give you some positive feedback on the action-stations time. It's wonderful to see the children starting the day with play-based learning. The children are more motivated to get to school in the mornings, and it's the thing in his school day he talks about the most at home. I am also aware that play offers a wealth of cognitive, social, emotional and health benefits for children, so I am delighted to see this taking place.

So well done for leading the way and incorporating classroom play into your day! I am very excited about the positive and progressive things that are happening at Newtown School this year." Parent

"I just wanted to feedback that our son loved yesterday's trip. He said it was one of the best school trips he's ever been on. He talked lots about what he did and saw." and "Our son has grown such a lot in confidence this year already. He loves coming to school! Parent

"The children are so engaged and we love what you are doing. Thanks for really knowing my child and caring for them."

Keep encouraging our awesome teachers as they love your children and work really hard to make their learning be the best it can be.

Respectful Manaaki | We value the thoughts and feelings of others

HONG KONG STUDENTS VISIT



Newtown School would like to extend a warm welcome to Alisa, Claire, Evelyn and Kasper from the Education University of Hong Kong visiting for the next two weeks. These students, as part of their studies, are being immersed in the NZ education system and will be working with small groups during their placement with us.

Alisa (Pohutukawa), Claire (Harakeke), Evelyn (Waitangi) & Kasper (Tui)

SOCIAL ACTION

Four Year 12 students from Wellington East Girls' College Lily, Alex, Yuxin and Lillie provided two days of lunch for Newtown students who arrive with no lunch. This was part of Year 12 Health social action. These wonderful young people baked muffins, made sandwiches and provided fruit and then helped hand them out. Thank you so much for your generosity girls!



ROOT TO TIP



We are Ava and Fern and we are 2 year six students. We have been accepted into root to tip, which is a regional cooking competition. We were the only people accepted from Newtown and we are super excited. This competition would not be possible without garden to table.



INTER ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to these awesome runners Rosa Spear, Georgia Gittos, Remi Forsyth, Archie Murphy, Portia Bennett and Annabelle Gittos for making it to the InterZone Cross Country and doing a fabulous job representing our school.

Kia kaha!

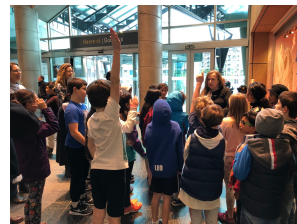
WAITANGI TOI ART TRIP

Written By Kaela and Estella

On Tuesday, Wanwan's class and Debbie's class went on a trip, to the Toi Art exhibition in Te Papa. In our opinion, we suggest that you go to the Toi art exhibition because you will discover lots of new and unusual types of art and artists like Lisa Walker and Michael Parekowhai ... and it's free!

Another reason to go is that it's fun and child friendly so it would be nice to go along with your family & friends.

You should go and see Haupapa, the piece of art that has a different shadow, or Automated Colour that flips every second, minute & hour. If you go to the Toi Art exhibition you can see all of these artworks and see all sorts of amazing art! There are artworks that look different at different angles, films, portraits and photographs so if you want to have fun, go to Toi Art in Te Papa!



Written By Vaasana and Mymy.

Before the trip we thought art was just paintings of people, designs of clothes or some sculptures.

But after the trip we found out that art means loads of things. It can be things on screens, it can be food, it can be creative jewellery, it can be colourful.

Before the trip, we thought art couldn't be so many different things! But after the trip we all thought there could be many different types of art. All of us were inspired by the creativity of all the wonderful arts.

If you go there, you might actually be amazed by the art.

ROTARY CLUB | DICTIONARIES



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Wellington South for their annual donation of dictionaries

The Year 4s love receiving these and look forward to receiving one.

GOOD SLEEP | GOOD HEALTH

Research shows up to one in four New Zealand children aged 5-13 may not be getting enough sleep. Children who do not get enough sleep can be hyperactive, impulsive and have a short attention span. They are more likely to struggle with verbal creativity and problem solving, and generally score lower on IQ tests. Short sleep duration could produce adverse hormonal changes like those potentially associated with obesity, diabetes and hypertension.

A healthy 24 hours for children should include:

- uninterrupted, good-quality sleep of 9 to 11 hours per night (for those aged 5 to 13 years) and 8 to 10 hours per night (for those aged 14 to 17 years), with consistent bed and wake-up times.
- an accumulation of at least one hour per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity involving a variety of aerobic activities.
- no more than two hours per day of recreational screen time.
- breaking up sitting time and participating in a variety of light physical activities for several hours.

Effort Kia Kaha | We give our best in everything we do

MUSIC LEARNING | BOOK NOW FOR TERM 3

Newtown School offers music lessons with qualified instructors. Please contact the providers directly



"The Ukulele Institute" (T.U.I.)

You can learn fancy strumming, finger picking and even some cool moves every Monday after school (3:15-4:00pm). The Ukulele Institute (T.U.I.) brings a load of Ukes and other cool percussive instruments. We'll learn some tunes, belt out some songs and prepare for some school and community concerts. \$5.00 a week (\$50 for 10 week term) and available to all ages...even mum or dad or grandma can join Uke Club. Ukes are supplied...but you'll want your own for the homework. Please contact the school office to sign up.

Dynamite Music Group Piano Lessons has spaces available.

Come along & try out a lesson for free. Parents welcome to pop in to say hello. In 5 weeks, beginners will learn to read music and to play four pirate songs (or similar) hands-together. Lessons are from 1.30 - 3pm at school on Wednesday afternoons. Keyboards are available to hire for \$5/week (please request on sign up). Cost of 5 weeks is \$60. For more information and to sign up, email: simonjonesmusiclessons@gmail.com or phone 027 3800 239



Guitar lessons available from qualified, experienced tutor. All styles and levels, acoustic and electric. Lessons are organised during the school day. Trinity Guildhall exam options. \$22 per half hour one on one lesson. Group lessons also offered. Julian Taylor (BMus) 021 126 8497 crown.julz.24@gmail.com

Go Piano offers individual piano lessons on Mondays and Fridays. The lessons include classical, pop and jazz styles and every term our students get to perform their music in concert for family and friends. Cost \$25 per lesson. Please visit gopiano.co.nz to find out more and sign up or email: info@gopiano.co.nz

GO PIANO

FROM THE OFFICE

Spare Clothes

Winter is here and the playground is very wet. Please send a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case they get wet or muddy - we are having multiple accidents a day and don't have enough clothes, especially Pants!!

Library Books

Newtown school library is now closed in preparation for the big move.

Please have a look for school books at home and return any books to the school office.

Are you able to help us on Monday mornings between 9:30 and 11am?

We need parent support to help us in the kitchen and the gardens to keep making this programme a success. No prior knowledge required, just a willingness to get involved.

Contact Tim - timc@newtown.school.nz.



Entertainment Book

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.

So grab your copy now!

To order securely online go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10p4934>



Recycle!

Remember to bring all your old oral care waste to the box in the office foyer. For every old toothbrush, toothpaste tube, floss container or oral care package, the school gets rewards from Terracycle.

Be a part of the solution to reduce the waste in our environment.



Don't forget to keep collecting Yummy Stickers! The more we collect, the more new playground equipment we can get for the school. Once you fill up a sheet please hand it into the office. If you do not have a collection sheet please see your child's home class teacher.



The wheels on your bus go round, more places, more often.

From **Sunday 15 July 2018**, Wellington city will have new bus routes and timetables, giving you more choice about where and when to travel.

To find out what it means for you, visit metlink.org.nz/wellingtontcity or call **0800 801 700**.

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WRITING FOR KIDS

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Join Linda Martelletti, teacher and writer, for an afternoon of stories and fun.

Creative writing for 8 – 12 year olds

Wednesday 18 July 1.00–4.00pm (afternoon tea provided)
 Newtown School. \$35 pp. Limited to 12 spaces.
 Contact Linda 0272959792. martelletti@yahoo.co.nz



Bookings are open for the July school holiday Wilderkids programme

Wilderkids, run by Sustainability Trust, is a school holiday programme for kids who really want an adventure. Based in Wellington's Town Belt, Wilderkids gets kids exploring the nature on our city's fringes. The focus on care, connection and curiosity.

We've got another great Wilderkids programme lined up for July school holidays. You can book at <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/pages/school-holiday-programmes>.

From July 9 to 20, we'll have your children building huts, making candles, planting native seedlings, bush baking on a fire pit and building a camp fire! The days are based around the cold season, learning about nature in winter, being active - with a good dose of snugly warm activities. And we're bringing back a favourite - building huts (but get in quick, this is popular!)

The programme is:

- Focused on connecting with and caring for nature and encouraging curiosity
- For kids aged 5 to 12
- \$56 a day, with a 10% discount for full week bookings
- Held at Innermost Gardens in Mt Victoria
- Popular, so it pays to book early!

If you have a Community Services Card, we'll be running a random ballot for \$10 places again. Please register on our website by 25 June.

Looking forward to exploring nature with your wonderful kids!

Swimming lessons for all age groups and abilities (babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers, school age children and adults)

Since 2007 Aquazone has provided professional swim instruction by experienced coaches and instructors to all ages and abilities from babies to adults.

We operate all year including school holidays, from indoor heated pools in Newtown, Miramar, Kilbirnie and Freyberg.

Our program is structured to teach the ideal balance of swimming skills, water safety and water confidence in a safe and child friendly environment. Class sizes are kept small to ensure quality tuition.

Swimmers love our poster reward system that sets goals and acknowledges achievement by earning stickers. Swimmers progress from one key skill to the next through several different ability levels.

- ❖ Qualified & experienced instructors
- ❖ A structured skills & technique based program
- ❖ Small graded classes with individual attention
- ❖ Heated indoor pools at Newtown & Miramar schools
- ❖ Classes all year round (Mon-Fri between 3pm & 6pm – Sat/Sun 9am-2pm)
- ❖ Holiday programs

Book your place now at www.aquazone.co.nz

