



Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

WEEK 2 | TERM 3 | AUGUST 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 15 August - NZEI Industrial Action
- 17 August - School Disco
- 21 & 22 August - Learning Conversations
- 6 September - Parent Evening
- 12 September - Newtown Celebration Night
- 21 September - Quiz Night
- 28 September - Last day Term 3

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

Welcome to Term 3. We hope you had a wonderful time with your children over the break. We welcome four new teachers to Newtown School, who I am confident will benefit our students and school. Julia Harris comes to us from Mt Cook School and has joined Whānau Tui. Louise Conwell has come from Houghton Valley is in Whānau Waitangi. Marlaina Myers is in Whānau Pohutukawa and Mitch Jordan has come from Owhiro Bay to join Whānau Tui.

Wow... we have finally moved into our new school! Despite the odd teething issue, we are enjoying the new learning and teaching spaces. We have received positive feedback from parents as they familiarise themselves with their children's new school. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic support parents gave the blessing of the new school. I also wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to our teaching staff, who spent a large amount of time setting up the new learning spaces over the holidays – they look superb. I was thrilled to note how ready students were to make the most of all what will be on offer this term!

I would like to extend a special welcome to new students, and their whānau, who have joined us this term. I hope you already feel part of the Newtown School community.

School interviews will be held in the afternoon and evening of **Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 August 2018**. You are invited to register to meet with your child's teacher at:

Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code: q7f93

Many of you will have realised teachers who are NZEI Te Riu Roa members will be on strike for the full day on Wednesday 15th August. See more detail on page 2. This segways nicely into a brief outline of why, from a teacher's perspective, there is support for the strike beyond increased remuneration. It is to improve terms and conditions to attract and retain teachers which will, over time, reduce the risk of teacher shortage. This means less negative impact on the quality of learning and teaching. You are welcome to talk directly to your child's teacher about the current negotiations. Finally, thank you for your support with this.

What an exciting term we have planned! We trust you will enjoy joining in with the learning opportunities on offer during the next nine weeks. I urge you to take time to talk about and share what is happening with your children when they get home.

Have a wonderful two weeks.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown

Principal – Tumuaki

Connected Whanaungatanga | We belong and we learn together



The teachers union has decided to strike on 15 August 2018 and the Board of Trustees have voted to support them. **NEWTOWN SCHOOL WILL BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE FULL DAY ON WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST** We ask that you keep your children home and make appropriate arrangements to ensure they are supervised. Thank you for your ongoing support.

NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

HEADLICE

Headlice are going around school.

Please check your child/ren and treat them, if necessary. Treatment is available through your GP free of charge.

CELLPHONES

Please remind your child if they carry a cellphone to hand it in at the office in the morning and collect it after school.

Children are not allowed to carry a cellphone at school.

NEWTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

New hours on Saturdays

Now open from 10am - 4pm

CHESS CLUB

We will be running the chess club on Tuesday mornings before school from 8am.

The club will be in Moana, which is the old library (WanWan's old classroom).

Beginners welcome.

SCHOOL DISCO | FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST

F@ns are organising the school disco on Friday 17th August. If you're interested in being involved, helping or supervising at the disco please email friends@newtown.school.nz.



WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big, warm welcome to our new students this term

- Aditi Variar
- Christa Ririnui
- Danica Lai
- Escher Beaumont
- Jimmy Livapulu
- Khiem Nguyen
- Khanh Nguyen
- Mitchell Lai
- Nesra Mohamud
- Salale Moananu
- Sana Nuh
- Sekati Taliau
- Sunny Newson
- Taitoa Meunier
- Yasin Al Shekh
- Zion Wilkie



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



By Nicki Read, Deputy Principal

Collaboration-is it just a buzz word?

- Two weeks in our new spaces and there is much to celebrate, consolidate and notice.
- Newtown teachers think hard about how we apply our creative curriculum. We adjust, refine and wonder how we keep being better teachers to help our children be the best learners they can be.
- Now we share a physical space more closely, we immediately apply our definitions of collaboration. How do you see us collaborate?
- We:
 - Share risk, responsibility and rewards
 - Show willing participation and buy in to a shared vision
 - Have a shared vision that is enhanced by each team members strengths
 - Work side by side as team members
 - brainstorm, reflect and make decisions together
 - Are creative, fun, responsive and looking to be better.



NEWTOWN CELEBRATION NIGHT

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Later this term, Newtown School will be showcasing our incredible singing talent.

We will be presenting songs which reflect the rich diversity in our community.

Leading up to the show, all whānau are working on their items during class time.

There will also be school musical groups performing; Ukulele, Guitar and Piano as well as the School Choir and, of course, our newly formed School Band!

If you can help by sharing some songs and movement from your culture we would love to hear from you.

All students are in the production and are expected to be in the production on the night.

We will be asking for parent expertise and support as we get nearer the time.

If you can help with costumes, makeup, sound, lighting, dance or special effects please see Gabrielle in Harakeke (gabrielleh@newtown.school.nz)



**Date: Wednesday 12th September- Time: 6:00 -7:00
(Children arrive at 5:15)**

**Venue: Wellington High School, Riley Centre.
Please save this date and keep an eye out for more updates.**

PHOTOS FROM THE BLESSING

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the new school blessing.

Here are some wonderful photos taken by Stan Alley to remember the occasion.



STORIES FROM POHUTUKAWA

Written By Rita Treadgold

"Hi I'm Rob the highlighter and I have three cousins Dob, Bob and Fob and we are whiteboard pens and I'm going to tell you about the time the kids came into the new school for the first time. Here goes... today, is the day, before Monday, Sunday, and its eight o'clock in the morning and Dob,

Bob, Fob and I are in the classroom. "I'm bored" said Dob "Shhh someone's coming" said Fob. A builder comes in and opens the draw "Aaaah prue sunlight" says Bob "no that was just the draw opening" I say, "Hang on he gone and he has left the draw open" said Fob. I couldn't believe it we were FREE! We started doing graffiti on the board. The next day, we were still doing graffiti on the board. All the kids came in Dob, Bob, Fob and I screamed. The kids didn't hear because there's a spell that all furnisher so if we draw on the board or talk the humans can't see it or hear us. So that's lucky. They looked at everything in amazement, they felt like there eyeballs were going to fall out, there hands were shaking like crazy, while they looked at the classroom. There was art on the walls, tables and chairs on the ground bookshelves, maths and literacy things and the teachers said there was under floor heating. They looked at both of the breakout spaces as well, there were lily pad cushions and a little deck out the front. Everybody was smiling, it looked really sweet, there was toilets. This was the greatest day of my life (well besides the best day of my life which was the day I was made in the factory). I felt so good I bet Fob, Dob and Bob felt the same! Oh and then I got picked up to be written with.

Written By Isaac

One day when I was perfectly fine in the shop and then a man came and picked me up. I strangled and strangled. But it was too late he had boxed me up. I was thrown into a van and taken down a super bumpy road. I was unboxed and put on the ground again. It was madness! An army of rampages beasts came marching towards me I was frozen with fear. Sadly I smelt a toxic scent apparently that smell was a fart one of the humans secret weapons. They have many weapons like.... burps, yelling, biting and sleeping. They also yawn alot. Talking and laughing were their strongest weapons of all.

Then they stamped towards my new friend Greg, I felt like screaming but they took a sharp turn towards my other friend George. I felt like crying, and then they sat on him. Dooo Dooo Dooo. It was so dramatic. Then they sat on Bob. "Go away" I tried to scream but terror took over before I could make it. I wish I could run away, but my legs start to fail me. All I could do was stand and watch. As my friend was being sat on, suddenly my legs started to work. So I walked towards my friend and pushed the beast off. Suddenly he caught his breath.

Over time we got used to being sat on, as more children did. They came and they went. Around and around, up and down. I could hear many different people talking like "WOW", "so cool", "amazing", "Fantastic", and many others that I cannot explain. And then they left.

Over time, I thought differently about the beasts, and that's that.

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) 022 364 2685 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

Welcome back to Term 3!

Please don't hesitate to come and see Trish or Melissa in the office if you need any help or have any questions about Newtown School.

We look forward to seeing you.

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.

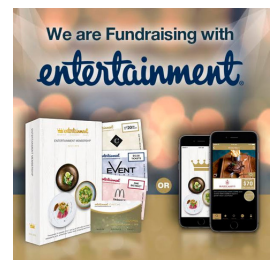
Contact Wanwan : wanwan1@newtown.school.nz



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>



Sushi Lunches

Sushi Lunches - delivered every Friday. Place your order for Friday via www.ezlunch.co.nz. Orders are accepted up until 9.00am on a Friday morning. A full menu, prices and allergy information can be obtained via your ezlunch account.

Please note there will be no sushi deliveries on Friday 10th August.

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.

DITCH THE PACKETS!

A little time spent preparing food at home allows you to make healthy choices, no label reading needed!

Muesli bars → **Homemade fruit muffin**

Fruit string → **Dried fruit (3 apricots)**

Biscuits → **Fruit**

Chips → **Cheese & grainy crackers**

Shapes → **Plain popcorn**

Fruit Drink → **Water flavoured at home**

Developed by Sport Waikato 2018



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.

NEWTOWN KINDERGARTEN



- Large outdoor area
- Trained and registered teachers
- 20 hours free
- Full year
- Session hours 8.30am - 2.30pm
- 3,4,5 days per week available for 3 and 4 year olds
- Visit us at 9 Hospital Road or call 04 389 8245

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

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