



Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

WEEK 6 | TERM 3 | AUGUST 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

Kia ora | خوش آمدید | Hola buenos días | malo e lelei | Goedemorgen | ようこそ | Talofa Lava | Bula |
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora,
Thank you to the fantastically creative and hard working F@NS parents who organised another wonderful school disco. The hall decorations, lighting, and bubbles along with the amazing student costumes, resulted in excitement and fun for all.
Our school has been successfully granted \$500,000 by the Wellington City Council to for the school swimming pool. This great news ensures we will be able to repair damage to the pool and upgrade the facilities. Work will potentially start in February 2019.
I would like to acknowledge the support of the Wellington City Pool officials, Southern Ward councillor Fleur Fitzsimons and the WCC councillors for their support.

From Monday next week the playground will be expanded as the asphalt sealing has been completed in the school courtyard and the junior (Whānau Tui) playground opened. Topsoil and grass seed is being spread on the old Harakeke and Waitangi areas.

Our students have been extremely patient during new school building period. It's been a long time since it started at the beginning of 2017.

Thank you to all our whānau and students who took advantage of our Learning Conversations last week. If you were unable to attend these learning conversations you are encouraged to contact your child's homeclass teacher for an update on their progress and achievement.

A written report for each child will be given to their whānau in Week 10 of Term 4.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown
Principal – Tumuaki

WHATS INSIDE

- Newtown School & the Community
- Quiz Night
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IMPORTANT DATES

- 7 September-Onesie day - Wellington free ambulance
- 12 September-Newtown Celebration Night
- 21 September - Quiz Night
- 28 September-Loud Shirt day, Helping deaf children listen and speak
- 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

CURRICULUM CORNER

By Nicki Reed | Deputy Principal

Why include music?

In two weeks Newtown School learners will share a sample of songs from the nations as we 'Walk the World of Newtown'. To create this we have: sung, learned new languages, kept in time, worked together, discovered new melodies but what is the value? There are many claims regarding the importance of music. Reflect on the place music and song has in your life and see if you agree.

"Music should be central to the school curriculum because it improves children's health and wellbeing"

'Music exerts a powerful impact on our lives and is as important for a well-rounded education as reading, writing and maths'

'Music helps concentration, aids relaxation and can influence moods and emotions'.

'Music can calm or excite and help to overcome anger, despair and other powerful emotions.'

'Two more weeks of laughter, children shining, rhythm, talents, effort and delight. Come and see another part of our learning as we celebrate the gift of our diverse cultures through music.'

NO MATTER WHAT
CULTURE WE'RE
FROM, EVERYONE
LOVES MUSIC

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When
words fail,
music
speaks
~Shakespeare



NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

CHICKEN POX

Chicken Pox is highly contagious and we have had quite a few cases recently at Newtown School. Please look out for the most characteristic symptom, an itchy, blister-like rash on the skin.

Symptoms include:

Skin: blister, scab, ulcers, or red spots

Whole body: fatigue, fever, or loss of appetite

Also common: headache, itching, sore throat, or swollen lymph nodes

Children must stay home until the blister like rash has scabbed over

EDUCATION COUNCIL INFO VIDEO

Newtown School is being featured in videos for the New Zealand Education Council. The videos are about the Code of Professional Responsibility for teachers.

If you object to your child being involved in this, please notify the school office.

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big, warm welcome to our
new students this term

- Apeksha Logishetty
- Calita Holmes
- Isaac Lau Young
- Lily Yang



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

PRODUCTION UPDATE



Walk the world of Newtown

Get your tickets for the production from the office soon!

Price: Koha- Gold coin or more.

There are limited tickets so get in quick!

Production Date: Wednesday 12th September

Time: 6:00 -7:00

(Children arrive at 5:15)

Venue: Wellington High School, Riley Centre.

‘Walk the world of Newtown’ tells a story of two new students discovering the wonderful cultural community of Newtown, as they explore shops, cafes and boutiques on their way to Newtown School for their very first day.

PHOTOS FROM THE DISCO



SWIS ART SHOW | INFORMATION EVENING

The show features artists with a connection to Wellington alongside student art. They are fundraising for tiered seating for a performance space.

Lots of great featured artists this year such as Max Patte, Ans Westra, Lisa Walker & John Drawbridge and lots of local artists too

The event starts with a ticketed gala opening on 31st August from 7-9 tickets are \$22 including a complimentary drink, the show is also open during the day on 1st and 2nd September with free admission.

Tickets can be bought via our facebook page or at the door. See facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/southwellingtonartshow/>



SWIS Year 7 Information Evening
South Wellington Intermediate is holding their Year 7 Open Evening on Tuesday 4th September 6-7pm

WHĀNAU WAITANGI

BUILDING STUFF

A group of children have been planning, designing and making some planter boxes as part of Curiosity Monday.

This is one of the smaller box they made. (left)

CURIOSITY MONDAY

This week some students went to Alexandra Rest Home to connect with the elderly for Curiosity Monday. They enjoyed our company and some students are planning activities to do with the residents for next time.



INQUIRY

One of the inquiry groups is to connect and investigate the balance in the community.

Last Wednesday, we had Martin and Anna come in to talk to us about the history of Newtown Festival. We had so many questions! Martin and Anna are impressed with our questions and they left their email so we can send through more questions.

Did you know that Newtown Festival started when the council threw a party for when Carrara Park was built? Did you know that they spent 14 months to plan for the festival each year (if that makes sense)?

BRING A JAR

Newtown School will be organising a raffle over the next few weeks to help raise money for new technology in our school (chromebooks and iPads). These learning tools will be vital in helping our students access information and resources more readily, and add to our already creative curriculum.



Please support this initiative by bringing a jar filled with goodies. Here are some great examples of what you could fill the jar with - spices, vinegars, preserved food, sauces, sweets, homemade nut butters, coffee or tea, nuts, muesli/granola or make a cake (dry ingredients only.) Please make sure all items are non perishable.



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, NEWTOWN SCHOOL HALL, 7PM

Just a reminder that our Quiz Night is fast approaching and we already have a number of entries. There will be incredible prizes for the winning team and spot prizes throughout the night. There are limited spaces, so get in quick so you don't miss out on a fantastic evening. We will be selling a range of food and beverages on the night at our cash bar.

Payment is now available on Kindo under "Events and Trips" with two different listings individual and team. Remember to drop your entry form into the office or email it to Diana (dianac@newtown.school.nz). If you are unable to make it, but you would like to make a donation towards new learning tools for the school, that would be greatly appreciated.

When: 7pm Friday 21st September

Where: Newtown School Hall

Why: to help raise money for new technology in our school (chromebooks and iPads).

Team information: teams can be between 1 - 8 people and entry per team is \$80. If you want to come but you can't make a team we will put teams of 8 together. Individual entry for the quiz night is \$10.

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.

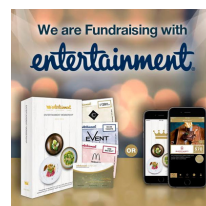
Contact Wanwan : wanwanl@newtown.school.nz



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 - 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.



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.

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.

Donovan Bixley event at The Children's Bookshop

Popular author and illustrator Donovan Bixley will be entertaining children at a free event at The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie Plaza on Saturday, September 8th from 2pm until 3pm. Donovan, who has published more than 100 books, including the Flying Furball, Dinosaur Rescue and Dragon Knight series, is a household name for anyone with young children due to his distinctive style and engaging sense of fun.

His Wellington visit is a celebration of his latest title - How Māui Fished Up the North Island - which reinvents the legend of Māui as a cheeky younger brother on a fishing trip with the whānau. Donovan worked under the guidance of Dr Darryn Joseph to honour the cultural significance and importance of Māui and the book is available in both English and te reo Māori editions.

Donovan will be reading, drawing and signing copies of his books at this event. There is also a colouring competition, details of which are on The Children's Bookshop Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thechildrensbookshop/> Copies of the colouring sheet are available in-store too.

To book for this event, please email books@thechildrensbookshop.co.nz or phone 387 3905.

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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