



# Newtown School

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## WEEK 8 | TERM 3 | SEPTEMBER 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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Hallo zusammen | Mingalaba | Sua's dei | Ciao | Kia Orana | Namaste | Chao mung | أهلا بك |  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 21 September - Quiz Night
- 28 September - Loud Shirt day,  
Helping deaf children listen and speak
- 28 September - Last day Term 3
- 15 October - First day of Term 4
- 26 October - Official opening

### 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

Rautī, rautā, rauika mai e te iwi, e te whānau mō te pānui a-kura ki Te Kura o Nga Puna Waiora.

Welcome everyone to this weeks Newtown School newsletter.

#### School Concert

I wish to sincerely thank all our students and staff, along with parents who came together to make our school performance a fantastic success. Our concert celebrated the diversity of our students and school community. It showcased all the amazing cultures which make Newtown the special place it is.

Each of our whānau had prepared a song or two in a language represented at our school; French, Mandarin, Spanish, NZ Sign Language, Punjabi, Samoan as well as kiwi songs. It's not easy to learn a song in a new language and we think our students did a great job. We also celebrated our school's musical talent with the band and choir. The costumes all looked amazing, as well.

You can find the video of the concert on the Newtown School Facebook page.

Our kapa haka and taiaha performed with distinction. They looked wonderful in their new uniforms. I wish to acknowledge Gabrielle Rollo who helped coordinate the concert bring together the talent and enthusiasm of our students and staff.

I noho tātau ki te mātakitaki i ngā mahi whakahirahira a ō tātau ākonga. We sat back and enjoyed the singing and our student talents

Ka hīkoitahi tātau katoa i te ao o Newtown! We walked the world of Newtown together...

#### Official Opening of New School

Please keep the afternoon of Friday 26th October (1pm - 4pm) free to celebrate the official opening of our new school. This will be followed by a 'school carnival' of fun! Everyone is invited. More information will be shared in the new term.

Kia kaha te reo Māori

At Newtown, we give te reo Māori a go! Kia kaha tātau ki te kōrero i te reo Māori.

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

# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers

At our last meeting of the Board of Trustees we welcomed Miriam Swanson on to the board in a co-opted trustee position. Miriam has a child in Harakeke and a professional background in Clinical Psychology.

Other items discussed included the approval of a \$500,000 + GST grant from the Wellington City Council to fund the renovation of the school pool. We are very grateful for the Council's support because without this funding the long-term viability of the school pool was in doubt. The tendering process for the upgrade work will commence in the next couple of months and the renovation work is expected to be completed by mid next year. The start date for the renovation work will be determined following the selection a construction company.

Keeping our students safe at school is very important and the new building brings with it a great space but also some challenges. The balustrade on the second storey is one such challenge. We want to ensure students do not climb it because of the risk of a fall. The school is taking steps to reduce the risk such as not allowing students up on the second storey deck during lunchtime. We are also working with the Ministry of Education's new build project team, to see if there are any other design solutions that can be made which can help mitigate the risk. You may wish to talk to your child about keeping safe and not using the balustrade as a climbing frame.

The 'official opening' of the new building will be taking place on Friday 26 October and we are working with the Ministry of Education on who will officiate at the opening. We hope to make this a fun, celebratory occasion for our school community. We will be inviting past students and families to this as well. The school will send out more information as plans are confirmed.

Ngā mihi

Annette Gittos  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

## 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**

### WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big, warm welcome to our  
new students this term

- Frank Wright
- Lucille Wright

### ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

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







The main symptoms of influenza are fever, cough and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children. These symptoms usually last 3-4 days but can be up to 7 days.

The following information will help reduce the spread of influenza and assist your school:

1. Advise a member of staff if your child has an illness as described above.
2. Check that your school has your correct and up-to-date contact details in case they need to contact you.
3. Keep sick children at home until feeling well and free from symptoms (usually 3-4 days but up to 7 days). Sick staff and students should not be at social or sporting events, school productions or camps. This is so they can rest and recover and don't spread illness to others.
4. It is important to use tissues to cover coughs and sneezes and to be very good about washing and drying hands thoroughly. An influenza brochure accessible at [www.rph.org.nz/influenza](http://www.rph.org.nz/influenza) has some good tips for looking after people with influenza and stopping it spreading to other people at home.
5. If anyone in your family has influenza we ask that they don't visit hospitals or community care homes or see people who may be at high risk of serious illness, such as pregnant women, young babies, or anyone who has cancer, lung, and heart or kidney conditions.

If you are worried about your child's symptoms or they have long-term health problems (e.g. asthma, diabetes, kidney, heart or immunity problems), then you should phone their usual doctor or Healthline 0800 611 116 for further advice. Otherwise they should recover at home and see their GP only if the illness gets worse or is not improving.

## ONESIE DAY | WELLINGTON FREE AMBULANCE



THANK YOU for your amazing fundraising efforts last week.

This Onesie Day, over 125 schools and ECEs put on their onesies and raised money to keep us here, and keep us free.

Wellington Free Ambulance are the only emergency ambulance service in the Greater Wellington and Wairarapa region, and the only emergency ambulance service in the country who are completely free to the patient. That is entirely thanks to our community, groups of people like you, coming together and donating to this vital service year after year.

## DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who brought a daffodil to support the cancer society on August 31st. We raised **\$217.70**



# CURRICULUM CORNER

**Tena Koe**

**Bonjour**

**Talofa**

**Namaste**

**Malo e leilei**

**Salam Alaikum**

TeIn Maori language week we acknowledge the tangata whenua and the richness Te Reo Māori adds to our nation and identity. We want to deepen our understanding of the Maori world view and this can be done through developing our knowledge and use of the language. How fortunate are we that New Zealand is the ONLY country in the world that speaks Māori. Let's foster its growth.

Our New Zealand curriculum reminds us of the value of language...

'Languages are inseparably linked to the social and cultural contexts in which they are used. Languages and cultures play a key role in developing our personal, group, national, and human identities. Every language has its own ways of expressing meanings; each has intrinsic value and special significance for us.'

At Newtown School we have 43 ethnicities and we know this is a gift in our community. We love hearing our students and staff speaking in many languages and discussing their learning with other people from the same culture.

Learning another language opens another world. Let's challenge ourselves to explore and develop our use of other languages.



Whaia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei  
Strive for something that is most precious, should you bow, let  
it be to a lofty mountain.

This whakataukī means to be persistent and not to let obstacles stand in your way from reaching your goals.

## Te wiki o te reo Māori hīkoi

Rautī, rautā, rauika mai nei e te whānau o Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora. I tae atu tātau te whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga ki Te wiki o te reo Māori hīkoi tuatoru i te Rāhina ki Te Whanganui a Tara. I timata tātau ki te Whare Paremata, ā, tae atu ki Te Ngākau. I tae atu te marea ki reira tautoko ai te kaupapa. Ko te whakatauāki i tapaina mō tēnei tau 2018 ko "Kia Kaha te reo Māori". Tēnā titiro mai ki ēnei whakaahua whakahirahira. "Mā pango, mā whero ka oti ai te mahi".

Tuturū a whiti whakamaua Kia Tina, Hui e, Taiki e!

On Monday Ngāti Kotahitanga partook in the third Māori Language parade in Wellington. We started from Parliament and made our way to Civic Square. The phrase for this years parade is "Kia Kaha te reo Māori". It was an outstanding turn out with many groups, schools and organisations showing their support for the language. "No matter what colour, what culture, what background the job gets done". Check out our awesome photos.

Many thanks to the parents who came along and for supporting the kaupapa

Aku mihi mahana,

Whaea Maraea, Matua Fraesar, Whaea Susie

Nga Kaiako o Ngāti Kotahitanga



NEWTOWN SCHOOL  
OFFICIAL OPENING

OCTOBER  
26  
2018

Newtown School  
Afternoon



# SAVE THE DATE



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HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY  
IN OUR SCHOOL (CHROMEBOOKS AND IPADS)



INCREDIBLE PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM  
AND SPOT PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

**21.09** NEWTOWN SCHOOL HALL  
Enter your team at the school office  
**2018** \$10 for individual entry or \$80 for a  
team of 1 - 8  
**19:00** For more information contact Diana at  
dianac@newtown.school.nz



## SCHOOL CARETAKER

We are looking for someone to maintain  
our new-look school. The ideal  
candidate will be:

- experienced in facilities and property maintenance
- able to undertake minor building and repair tasks
- physically fit
- able to carry out grounds maintenance
- able to work both independently and as part of a team
- committed to safe work practices, and have a clean, full drivers licence

To be successful in this role you will need to undergo a police check as required under the Vulnerable Children's Act. A job description is available  
[admin@newtown.school.nz](mailto:admin@newtown.school.nz)

*Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa.  
Applications close 24 September 2018.*



## Sushi Lunches

Sushi Lunches - delivered every Friday. Place your order for Friday via [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://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.

## 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.