



# Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

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## WEEK 4 | TERM 4 | NOVEMBER 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau, parents & caregivers

Please take time to read the Board of Trustees reminder about the Teacher's Strike scheduled for **Friday 16th November** (see page 2). The school will be closed for instruction.

Thank you to F@NS for supporting 'Book Week'. Your active support of school events is most appreciated.

**Summer Considerations!** With summer nearly here, scootering to school will increase in popularity. Helmets, while not compulsory, are a sensible safety precaution. We ask that if your child is scootering to school, you ensure they wear a cycle helmet. Please make sure scooters and helmets are named.

It is timely to remind you also that sun hats must be worn this term and children should now have a sun hat to wear every day. We will be enforcing our 'no hat no play' policy. The weather has certainly let us know that summer is almost upon us, so it is important that we all wear hats and sunscreen (available in all classrooms) to minimise the chance of skin damage occurring. Again, please make sure your child's hat is clearly named.

**Congratulations** on the large group of students representing Newtown School at the Southern Zone Inter-School athletics on Thursday. We have a number of students moving onto the Wellington regional athletics and further detail will come on these students.

#### Staff for 2019

It's exciting to announce that we have made a few new teaching appointments for 2019. We welcome Justine Henderson as a Deputy Principal - Learner Support Coordinator (currently at Berhampore School), Alice van der Merwe (currently at Takapuna Intermediate School), Amy Head (currently at Maungaraki School) and Nina Morrell (University Graduate) to Newtown School.

### WHATS INSIDE

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### IMPORTANT DATES

16 November - NZEI Industrial action  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

20 December - Last day of Term 4

4 February - First day for 2019

### SCHOOL TIMES

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

With their skills and professional attributes it will be great to have them join our whanau next year.

At the end of the year, we have three valued teaching staff finishing up with us in order to take on a new roles. Toby, who teaches in Pohutukawa, will be taking up a teaching position (Paraparaumu School) on the Kapiti coast where he lives. Nicole Lyons is continuing to parent her young child and Morgan, who teaches in Whanau Tui, is moving to Australia.

Before the end of term we will be informing the parent community of the full school classes and teaching structures.

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

## 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: 04 389 6667

Text: 020 40175659

Email: away@newtown.school.nz

## NZEI INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The teachers union will be taking strike action and the Board of Trustees have voted to support them.

### NEWTOWN SCHOOL WILL BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE FULL DAY ON FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER

We ask that you keep your children home and make appropriate arrangements to ensure they are supervised.

(Note SKiDs out of school care is open)

Thank you for your ongoing support.



## NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

### SWIS ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

If your child is planning on attending South Wellington Intermediate next year please get your enrolment form into their office as soon as possible. It is very important that they receive this so they can plan for next year.



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.



# FROM THE OFFICE

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## SUN HATS

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PLEASE REMEMBER EVERYONE MUST HAVE A HAT ON WHILE PLAYING OUTSIDE AT SCHOOL DURING TERM 4.

You can purchase school hats in the office for \$12 or use any hat that covers the face and back of the neck.

Please ensure the hat is clearly named.

We appreciate you supporting your children to have a hat in their bag and to be sun smart at school.

## KINDO FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

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*At Newtown School you can pay for your School donations, trips and sports fees on Kindo, Please go to there website [www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz) to sign up.*

## NEW ABSENT EMAIL

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*Please email your any absentees through to Melissa on [away@newtown.school.nz](mailto:away@newtown.school.nz)*

## 2019 STUDENTS

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Is your child in Year 1 - 5 and not returning to Newtown School in 2019? Do you have a younger child who is starting at Newtown in the new year? Please let the office know, as soon as possible, on [admin@newtown.school.nz](mailto:admin@newtown.school.nz) or by popping in to see us!

## RUNNING LATE???

If you are running late for after school pickup, and it happens to us all, PLEASE phone the school office on 04 3869997 to let us know.

## CURRICULUM CORNER

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How many reasons can you think of about why we should read?

As Book Week draws to a close, we are reminded of the joy and value in us loving reading and the importance of encouraging our children to keep read.

As the Wellington weather continues to be its fickle self, what more perfect way to spend some time...reading.

Why do we bother when there are so many other excellent things to do?

Here are some possible reasons...

Reading is good for your brain

Reading introduces you to new ideas and invites you to solve problems

Reading makes you a better writer

Reading improves your conversational skills

Reading strengthens worldview and beliefs

Reading improves your self-discipline and consistency

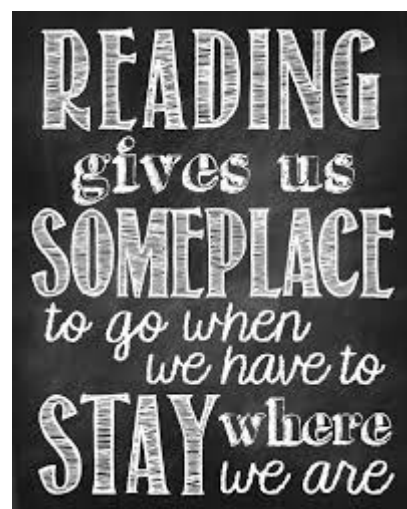
Reading increases your knowledge of history

Reading increases cultural knowledge (without an expensive plane flight)

Reading challenges your imagination

Reading increases your skill in an area of interest

Reading inspires you and reduces str



# POHUTUKAWA | QUOTES FROM THE STUDENTS

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If I knew I couldn't fail I would open a bookshop.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would own a fashion design shop.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would stop global warming.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would stop polluting the world with plastic.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would I'd get a degree in maths.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would I would explore the world.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would I would stop world hunger and racism.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would I would try to play a lot of sport because that makes me forget about the negatives and think about the positives.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would do the impossible.

If I knew I couldn't fail I would do everything on my bucket list.

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

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The Newtown School chess team participated in the Chess Power 2018 National Teams Championship in Auckland last weekend. The event brought together 359 avid competitors from 71 schools across the breadth of the country. Newtown School was one of 24 schools in the Junior division. In the Junior division, there were 24 schools and 134 participants, including Jamie, Yuki, Pirihiira and Luna from Newtown School. These students flew to Auckland on Friday or Saturday, and then played in the tournament all day on Sunday, flying back to Wellington on Monday.

You can see the results of the tournament here:

<https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/nzjunior/events/chess-power-teams-national-finals/pairings>

The level of competition at the tournament was very high, as these are the best school teams in the country. Each player had to play 9 games of chess in one day, which is not an easy feat, even for the top players. The scores of the team members are then added up, and the schools are then placed according to their total point score. Newtown School came in 24th place. They wore their school shirts with pride, and in particular displayed the school values of resilience and aroha. We were particularly impressed how they all supported each other throughout the course of the tournament, especially toward the end of the day.

Thanks to the school for supporting the chess team this year and for helping us make this trip to Auckland. Thanks to all the school whanau who supported our fundraising events.

Cheers,  
Heidi & Mauricio



# Kilbirnie Santa Parade 2018



**WITH AFTER-PARADE  
ENTERTAINMENT!**

**SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

**10.30am** Parade starts

From PAK'nSAVE Rongotai Rd to  
cnr Bay Rd and Coutts St

followed by: After-parade family  
entertainment & **Santa's Grotto**  
(behind Community Centre)

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