



# Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waioira **Newtown School** *Love learning, love life!*

## WEEK 10 | 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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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations Newtown! We have a wonderfully designed school, built to the highest standards and it is fantastic for our students and staff to learn and work in.

Our new buildings were officially opened by our Minister of Education, Chris Hipkins, on 16 October 2018. What an amazing afternoon of celebration and fun. We can all feel very proud of what we have accomplished together to transform the school over the last two years.

After the powhiri and ribbon cutting ceremony all tamariki celebrated the new school opening with a fun carnival. I am sure that the students will remember this special time and day with an afternoon of fun filled activities. I wish to sincerely thank the amazing group of F@NS parents for throwing themselves into organising the carnival. The school looked fantastic with all the colourful bunting and activities.

I wish to acknowledge powhiri speaker Daniel Peterson, the boys who set the challenge to our guests and the school kapa haka group for the welcome extended to our guests. The kapa haka uniforms looked wonderful, as well.

I wish to sincerely acknowledge Annette Gittos, the board chair, for her leadership and I'd like to thank the Board of Trustees, past and present, for their support and governance during the 'makeover period'.

I wish to acknowledge our wonderful staff for their professionalism, energy for and willingness to shift teaching practises, to continue to challenge themselves and provide exciting learning programmes everyday for our students. This has been outstanding.

Thank you to the wider Newtown whanau for your patience during the school build. This is your school and you can feel very proud of it.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 5-9 November - Book week
- 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

We have transformed our teaching and learning here at Newtown School. The construction of the vibrant local Newtown School curriculum alongside the New Zealand curriculum is an outstanding development. This has been created with the assistance of the parent community, students and staff. It gives us strong values to work from which underpin the future direction of our school. We continue exploring how, as a staff, we can create exciting, fun and vibrant learning programmes. We want all our tamariki to experience school as a place where learning is fun and so that they will continue to value learning, in different forms, throughout their life.

The process of organising classes and whanau for 2019 is now underway. If you know your family are going to be leaving Newtown at the end of this year, or beforehand, it would be helpful for our planning, to know this information. Please contact the school office to inform them if your child will not be returning in 2019.

*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](mailto:away@newtown.school.nz)

## NZEI INDUSTRIAL ACTION | TO BE CONFIRMED



The teachers union may take strike action on **Friday 16 November**.

It is still to be confirmed and we will let you know as soon as we have any more information regarding this.

Should the strike go ahead, the school will be closed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

### 2019 STUDENTS

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!

### SUN HATS !!

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.

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

### KINDO FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

*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

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



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.

# BOOK WEEK | November 5th -9th

***We will be celebrating Book week at school next week.***

*Each teacher will be reading a book after interval each day - encourage your children to check the window by the lift in the new building and choose which stories they would like to listen to*

***Please be sure to put these dates in your diary:***

***Thursday 8th November*** - Come to school in your pjs for bed time stories & a book swap - 6pm-7.15pm.

*\*Bring along any of your books you would like to swap for something different to read*

***Friday 9th November*** - Come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

*We will have a parade of all our costumes starting from 9.15am*



**NEWTOWN SCHOOL**

## **BOOK WEEK**

**5th - 9th November 2018**

**THURS 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 6PM - 7.15PM**

**STORY NIGHT & BOOK SWAP**

JUNIORS IN TUI / SENIORS IN POHUTUKAWA / TE REO IN NGATI KOTAHITANGA

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**COSTUME PARADE**

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER! SPOT PRIZES!

# NEW SCHOOL OFFICIAL OPENING | PHOTOS

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who came along to our Official opening last Friday and to F@NS for all their organisation and help putting together a fabulous afternoon the kids will always remember. What a wonderful success the carnival was after the ceremony.

