



Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

WEEK 6 | TERM 4 | NOVEMBER 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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IMPORTANT DATES

13 December - Whole school Picnic in the park

18 December - Year 6 Leavers Dessert evening

19 December - Final Assembly

20 December - Last day of Term 4

4 February - First day for 2019

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

SCHOOL TIMES

School Starts 9.00am

Interval 11.00-11.20am

Lunch 12.45-1.45pm

School Finishes 3.00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau, parents & caregivers

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding regarding having their children home for last Friday's strike action. We realise the inconvenience this causes for families and we would not be taking this action if we did not think it was totally necessary. The issues we are challenging are: resources and staff to support children with additional learning and behavioural needs, attracting high quality people into the teaching profession and adequate pay.

For me, the biggest concern is attracting high quality people to, and to remain in, the teaching profession. With increasing numbers of teachers and principals leaving teaching, as well as a 40% reduction in the number of people training to be teachers, this has far-reaching consequences for the future of primary schools in New Zealand.

We welcomed Constable Tayla Giles to the school recently. Constable Giles will be spending time training our 2019 road patrollers, who will support us all to access the school safely. Our staff look forward to working with those being trained during 2019 and commend

them on their student leadership aspirations and community spirit.

Naylor Love, our school construction company who started in December 2017, finish this week. There are a number of small jobs to be finished before the beginning of the new school year. This includes the final preparation of two new grassed areas that are presently fenced off. These will be available as playgrounds in the new year. With the school being completely repainted, the next substantial 'school makeover project' will be our school swimming pool in early 2019.

If any parents know that their children, currently in Year 0-5, are not going to be attending Newtown Primary in 2019, it would be most helpful to know this information. Please contact the office on admin@newtown.school.nz, 04 389-6667 or drop in and let us know as soon as possible.

Finally, please note our current school year ends for students 3pm on Thursday 20 December and re-opens for the New Year on Monday 4 February 2019.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown
Principal - Tumuaki

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.



FROM THE OFFICE

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. 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.

PITA PIT AND SUSHI LUNCHES | END ON 14TH DECEMBER

Please note that the last day this year for Pita pit is **Wednesday 12 December** and **Friday 14th December** for Sushi.

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 or by popping in to see us!

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A Big, warm welcome to
our new students

- Tayson Toheriri
- Preshil Zerah Prasanth
- Bao Bui
- Roman Paese
- Sara Choudhary
- Ethan Jose
- Nakita Latu-Rangiuia

BOOK WEEK

Thank you to everyone who came along and took part in Book Week. A lot of organisation goes into these events and its great to see them enjoyed by so many. The staff and children had a wonderful week celebrating books and reading. A big thank you to those who came along to our bedtime story evening and to the parents who read to the children. We would also like to thank the Children's Book Shop in Kilbirnie for donating prizes.



Resilient Aumangea | We keep trying and learn from what we do

ZINES

As part of Book Week, we volunteers work with children to create their own zines.

How amazing do these look!

Thank you to Milly, Caitlin and Lucy for coming in and doing this activity with these children.

They had a lot of fun!



CURRICULUM CORNER

By Nicki Read

Real World Learning : Two Stories

How do we learn about the world around us?

It is well documented that outdoor learning experiences early in life play an important role in developing more sustainable behaviours in adult life. At Newtown School we often discuss meaningful ways we explore successful approaches to outdoor living so our learners engage with the world and community around us. The focus of this kind of learning is to support and develop the values and competencies our children need. These values influence the attitudes and actions we have.

Look out for these special rocks around Newtown. Learners from our school have hidden these so that whoever finds these might get a dose of our school values! We believe our values make a difference to the world we live in-Manaakitanga (raising the esteem of others), resilience (facing positive challenge), kia kaha (strength to keep going), Whanaungatanga (we belong) and curiosity (wondering about our world).



You might have seen this group of learners last week building and creating. Parents and teachers commented on their teamwork, inclusion, safety precautions with vests and cones, following of instructions, the way they used everyone's skills, providing shelter for several who had no hats in the hot sun, problem solving when things fell down plus noticing the deep satisfaction and joy they had from creating something. These are just two examples of growing behaviours in our learners that will lead to making fine adults. Watch out for the many of these examples across our whole school. Let us know when you see this in your children! Go get outdoors...

Check out <https://www.wildeyes.co.nz> for ideas

HARAKEKE NEWS

Harakeke have been busy this term looking at what it means to be a role model. We have been exploring ways we can be role models by giving back to our community. The role models in Harakeke have been busy doing the following things around Newtown:

- Making cookies to give to the Mary Potter Hospice.
- Collecting resources for the SPCA.
- Painting school value rocks and hiding them around Newtown.
- Visiting Adelaide Early Childhood centre and spending time with the children there.

We feel very proud becoming role models in our community. Keep a look out for our values rocks around Newtown!



F@NS

F@NS is our parent run group which supports the school to achieve great things. Their work directly benefits the children and families of our school.

We are always looking for people to join our team and welcome any new faces along to our meetings. It is a great way to meet other parents and caregivers from our school community.



If you would like more information, you can contact the office at admin@newtown.school.nz or pop in to see us!

Watch this space for the next meeting date

THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following businesses for supporting our school carnival.



Tom Culy
0212732357
Harriet Lee
0277524915



Wellington Halal Meats

NEWTOWN



NEW WORLD

TE REO MĀORI CLASSES

Attention all applicants for Te Reo Māori classes next year.

Please drop off enrolment packs to school office on Friday (or asap) to be collected.
If you have any troubles or queries filling out forms please contact Daniel on 021433315.

We have also been advised, do not try and register online for the course through their website. They prefer hard copy enrolments thanks.

There are spare forms in the office for those who missed the info evening.
Ngā mihi

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING APPEAL



Recycling for Charity has teamed up with Wellington Hospitals Foundation,
Official charity of Wellington Regional Children's Hospital

Mobile phones can be sent or dropped off to our address at:

- Recycling for Charity, 1 King Charles Drive, Upper Hutt OR
- Main Reception, Atrium, Wellington Regional Hospital

Donating your old mobile phones for recycling, not only are you saving the environment but supporting a great children's charity.

- All Mobile phones are securely wiped with Sim and Memory cards destroyed and recycled. All Apple iPhones, please iCloud unlock first before donating.
- All Mobile phones that are too old, get crushed and environmentally recycled in Europe, with recycled commodities being reused in new technology. ie new Mobile phones.
- Mobile phones can be given to us in any condition broken or going.
- Money raised, goes towards the building of the new Wellington Children's hospital.
- All Mobile phone, Lithium batteries are environmentally recycled.
- With your support we can make a difference in helping children in need.
- We are looking for corporate, schools, clubs, or private sponsorship, if you can help please get in touch at www.recyclingforcharity.co.nz

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