



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

## WEEK 9 | TERM 4 | DECEMBER 2018

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau, parents & caregivers

Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2018.

With the end of the school year is rapidly approaching and it is important that our students are at school every day, with their sun hats and sunscreen, ready to enjoy the learning experiences. As the days are warming up and the end of term is near our students show signs of tiredness, so I would encourage some early to bed nights so that they are in good spirits at school.

#### Thank you!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children, staff and the Newtown community for what has been, I believe, a very successful year. Thank you very much to all who have helped in some way over the year. The impact this involvement has on the children should not be underestimated, whether you are helping in whānau classrooms or coaching sport teams or coming along on trips, the children at Newtown all benefit from this support.

The number of people who have supported us in one way or another throughout the year, never ceases to amaze me. Their efforts are always very much appreciated and add a real depth to community spirit.

I wish to also acknowledge all our fantastic school staff. The Newtown community is extremely fortunate to have such skilled people working in their school. The children in this school receive quality teaching and learning programmes, from caring and supportive teachers. The teachers in turn are supported by a wonderful group of support staff who go above and beyond their job in order to see that the children at Newtown get a good deal.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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

### SCHOOL TIMES

School Starts 9.00am

Interval 11.00-11.20am

Lunch 12.45-1.45pm

School Finishes 3.00pm

## Reports & 2019 Classes

The End of Year Reports will be sent home on Monday 17 December. This report summarises your child's achievements and progress. Please celebrate their successes with them. Included in the report envelope will be the tentative notification of your child's 2019 class. Students have met with their 2019 home class teacher and new whānau mates last Thursday.

We advise tentative student placements at this time to allow you to support your child's transition to their new learning environment over the summer break. Many hours of thought and reflection have gone into creating the most appropriate learning groups we can for 2019.

## Staffing

As the year draws to a close, there are some final staffing announcements. After 9 years teaching and leadership at Newtown, we will farewell Kelvin Harper, as he transfers to Postgate School in Whitby. Kelvin will use his leadership experience, as Deputy Principal, at Postgate. Our school community wishes to acknowledge the energy and professionalism Kelvin has invested into our school, especially over the last 4 years as the school has changed and grown. I'm sure that Kelvin will, one day, be the principal of a Wellington school.

We welcome Maraea Pukeke-Pine, to be our newly appointed Maori kaiako position, she will teach in our full immersion whānau from the beginning of 2019. Maraea and her whānau have had a 30 year association with Newtown and Ngāti Kotahitanga. Welcome back, Maraea.

## Final Assembly

Our Year 6 Final Assembly will be held Wednesday 19 December, 9.30am in our school hall. All parents are invited to the final assembly. This is a very special occasion where we recognise senior student achievement and make a small presentation to all our Year 6 students. I look forward to many of you being able to join us for this celebration.

## Water Polo

Our school Year 6 Water Polo team won their grade final this Wednesday. In 'golden point time' our team scored to win this extremely exciting game. The team deserve to be the champions of their division. Along with the two proud coaches, there were many parents and staff who shared in the celebrations.

School will close for the year at **3.00pm, Thursday 20th December.**

The new school year will begin for all students at **9.00am, Monday 4th February 2019.**

To all our Year 6 students and those families who will not be with us in the New Year, I wish you all the very best.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

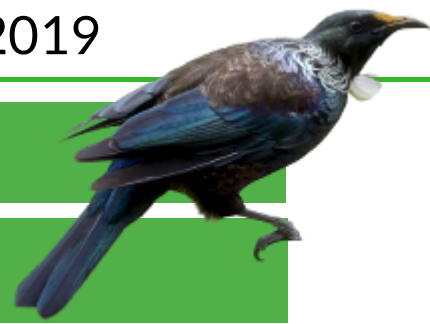
***Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown  
Principal – Tumuaki***



Congratulations to the end of year award winners who have contributed such a lot to Newtown School



# NEWTOWN SCHOOL WHĀNAU STRUCTURE 2019



## Te Whānau Tui - Year 0 / 1

Whānau Teachers: Julia, Mitch, Amy (new) and Annabelle

## Te Whānau Harakeke - Year 1 / 2

Whānau Teachers: Karen F, Karen K, Gabrielle and Nina (new)

## Te Whānau Pohutukawa - Year 3 / 4

Whānau Teachers: Alice C, Diana, Hannah and Sally.

## Te Whānau Waitangi - Year 5 / 6

Whānau Teachers: Alice V (new) , Louise, Wanwan and pending appointment

## Te Whānau Ngati Kotahitanga- Year 0 - 8

Whānau Teacher: Maraea Pukeke-Pine

## Specialist Teachers

Debbie - Creative programmes

Part Time and specialist teachers Ann M, Ann K, Janette and Linda

Nicki - Curriculum development and delivery

**Don't forget to check your child's reports for information on the start of next year and who their home class teacher will be for 2019**

## CURRICULUM CORNER

*Written By Nicki Read -Deputy Principal*

### Our children respond to change...

This week, across the school, students visited or welcomed new friends into new spaces. We saw faces of joy, uncertainty and excitement. We heard sounds of laughter, silence and new conversations. We noticed beginnings of new friendships, awareness of not knowing exactly what to do and unexpected maturity of responses.

We found new leaders, kind helpers, reassuring friends, funny teachers and interesting activities.

How exactly do we respond to changes? How can we help our children make the most of change that occurs?

Here are some strategies that help our children embrace change positively...

- **Cultivate 'big likings'**...this develops passion
- **Teach them to embrace diverse ideas and accept feedback**..this fosters intellectual humility, remember no one has all the answers.
- **Free their ideas**-this flips complaints into opportunities
- **Expose them to innovation**-this introduces kids to real-life inventors and problem solvers
- **Use writing and arts to develop emotion regulation and empathy**-this builds self understanding
- **Give them room to explore and imagine**-this helps kids feel they can navigate the world independently
- **Don't think of ourselves as our kid's boss**-the more we control kids, the more we lower their sense of control and motivation

**On the places you'll go,  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
So ...get on your way!**

**--Dr. Seuss**

# NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

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## SWIS ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

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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.



## SPORTS UNIFORMS | SPORTS ON OFFER TERM 1 2019

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Hi folks, we are on the look out for any Newtown School uniforms you may have around the house. Now is the time to look under the beds, in the drawers and cupboards for any Newtown School uniforms that may have been missed during the year. If you could drop them off at the office that would be fantastic.

Sports on offer next year in term one will be Touch, Mini Polo, Junior Netball and Girls Futsal. An information notice will go out by the second week of the new term

Many Thanks, Zoey

## DRUM LESSONS

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**Drum lessons are being offered next year at school.**

Lessons will be \$18/week with up to 3 students per group.

Students who sign up for Term 1 will receive a free practice pad and drum sticks.

Trial classes available. For more information, please email [simon@dynamitemusic.co.nz](mailto:simon@dynamitemusic.co.nz)

*Dynamite Music also teach group-piano-lessons at school.*

## FROM THE OFFICE

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All of the Staff here at Newtown School wish you and your families safe and happy holidays

We look forward to seeing you all back for another great year of learning in 2019

### 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!

School starts for 2019 on Monday 4th February

# GYMNASTIC'S SUCCESS | AVA BADDELEY

This year was Ava's first year as a senior gymnast, and she was one of the youngest senior gymnasts in the country. As a Step 7 she took overall titles at Blenheim, Top of the South, Christchurch and Waitara competitions - and many apparatus places in beam, bar, floor and vault.

She was also named in the NZ Development Squad earlier this year. In October, at the NZ Champs, she took away a NZ title on bar and was placed 2nd overall for her step. She was named Most Improved Senior, and Senior with the best attitude at her club prize-giving.

Next week, Ava is attending a NZ Development Squad camp in Christchurch where she is trialling for a place in a smaller squad targeting World Champs and Youth Olympics.

Ava has big goals with her gymnastics, makes many sacrifices, and her dedication is amazing ... this is a great achievement, recognising the 24-26 hours/week which she trains.

Congratulations Ava. Your commitment and hard work is admirable.



## SCHOOL SPORTS

Written by Zoey Milne - Sports co-ordinator

Newtown School has had a fantastic year with our sports teams. We offer a number of sports players can join and represent the school in.

Sports we had teams playing in 2018 included Netball, Basketball, Touch, Futsal, Mini Polo and Water Polo.

During the year we have had some great results with most teams achieving in the top 3 in their grades. Our standout results include first in grade for Senior Touch, first place in the A-grade for Senior Netball and, most recently, first in grade for Year 6 Water Polo in the intermediate level competition.

We have introduced Futsal as a new sport this year, with the two new girls teams playing in the Sunday leagues.

We get some lovely comments on how wonderful all our kids look in their sports uniforms and the pride they have in themselves.

Our sporting community is among the best there can be and I look forward to seeing your players next year!



**Curious Mahira | We wonder take risks and innovate**



# WHĀNAU TUI NEWS

This term in Tui we have had fun explorations around and about Newtown. Living world has been fun to enjoy and learn new things as a whānau. Some children enjoyed being able to share their own knowledge.



As we gathered more discussion and ideas, we have continued to explore bees and other living world ideas through art!

To finish off the year, we headed to the Botanical Gardens to explore and see what living things we can find!

-Whānau Tui and teachers.





## WHAT NOW TV SHOW | 8-10am Sundays on TVNZ 2

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On Sunday 17th March, the what now show will be coming live from Te Ora and would like to invite our school's families to be part of the live audience!

Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of their awesome audience...& it's FREE!! As space is limited, they work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

Please head to the following link and register if you are interested  
[www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)

Ground Location: Mount Cook School, 160 Tory Street, Te Ora, Mt Cook.



## WELLINGTON PHOENIX COACHING CLINIC

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Throughout December and January, the Phoenix will be running free coaching clinics for children aged 7-12. These clinics are for children who love football but don't have the means or access to football opportunities and sports education beyond the school curriculum.

The day will consist of practical coaching aspects, as well as a theory session related to fitness and well-being of footballers. All participants will receive free Pita Pit lunch, drink bottle, t-shirt and bag for their efforts.

The coaching clinic in the Wellington City area will be on Friday 18th January at Wakefield Turf, Island Bay from 9am-2pm.

The clinic has a maximum of 60 children for each, so we will be taking children on a 'first in-first served basis' through online registration forms.

The link for the online registration form is <https://form.jotform.co/83235486515865>

Please note there is a maximum of 15 spots available per school.



### The 12 storytimes of Christmas

Free evening festive storytimes for families  
17-21 December 2018

Go to [wcl.govt.nz/kids](http://wcl.govt.nz/kids) or pick up a flyer for details

