



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

WEEK 2 | TERM 1 | FEBRUARY 2019

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau, parents & caregivers

Welcome back, and thank you for assisting your children and their teachers in having an exceptionally smooth start to the 2019 school year. We are extremely excited about this year and the fascinating journey of discovery and growth that lies ahead for both you the parents, but more importantly for your children. It's my pleasure also to welcome back students and families that are returning to Newtown, and to extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining the school community.

This year I would encourage you to not only keep your own love of learning alive, but that of your children. You can find the joy in new challenges, overcoming obstacles and mastering new knowledge. Encourage your children to make it a point of personal pride to do their best, try their hardest and refuse to be beaten or give up easily.

At Newtown we are very fortunate to have incredibly talented staff. They have each spent an inordinate amount of time preparing an array of learning experiences for the year. Our teachers will push, prod and nudge each student to stretch not only their physical self but also the limits of their thinking and creativity. Our commitment to academic excellence, coupled with our determination to address the children's physical and emotional intelligences, will mean that Newtown is a great place to foster your children's love of learning.

As we strive to provide the best possible learning opportunities, we are grounded through the mastery of our School Values; Curiosity, Resilience, Effort, Connection and Respect. We trust you will support us to provide the innovative learning and teaching opportunities that will accelerate your child's attainment in these areas.

WHATS INSIDE

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 20-22 February - Noho Marae
- 21 February - Family fun night
- 28 February - Working Bee
- 6-8 March - Year 6 Camp
- 17 March - Weetbix Triathlon
- 12 April - Last Day of Term 1
- 29 April - First day of Term 2

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

Connected Whanaungatanga | We belong and we learn together

This year we welcomed at our powhiri five new staff. Amy Head will be working in Whānau Tui, Nina Morrell-Wood in Whānau Harakeke, Matt Titcombe and Alice Van Der Merwe in Whānau Waitangi and Maraea Pukeke-Pine in Whānau Ngati Kotahitanga. Justine Henderson has been appointed as Deputy Principal and Learner Support Coordinator. All these teachers have qualities and attributes that will enhance our school. We are thrilled that they have joined our school community and know that they have much to offer us in the months to come.

All families are invited along to the Family Fun Night on Thursday 21st February, 5pm - 7pm. This is a great chance for you to be introduced to our new staff and meet your children's whānau teachers.

We will be holding a Working Bee on Thursday 28th February from 5pm - 7.30pm. Your help would be most appreciated! We have some painting, landscaping and other jobs we would like to achieve to help keep our school looking great.

On behalf of the entire staff, may I wish you all a great year at Newtown.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown
Principal – Tumuaki

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Newtown School Board of Trustees would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our students, staff, and whānau for 2019; we look forward to a great year ahead.

In our January meeting, Annette Gittos stepped down as Chair, a role which she has held for the last 2 ½ years. She will remain on the board until the upcoming elections. The board would like to acknowledge the exceptional contribution that Annette has made to our school. Annette's tireless work and leadership over almost seven years on the board has supported the school through a challenging time of change and growth.

Julie Bennett has accepted the role of Chair through to the elections in June. Julie has been a long-standing member of the board and has a great understanding of the workings of the school. Lucy Kebbell was confirmed as Deputy Chair, and Victoria Esson was confirmed as Treasurer. Jasmine Gilbert has stepped down as Ngati Kotahitanga rep, but remains in a co-opted position on the board taking on the health and safety portfolio. A new rep for Ngati Kotahitanga is being considered by the whānau.

If you would like more information about the role of the board, or what being a trustee entails, please don't hesitate to talk to any of the existing trustees – or – feel free to come along to a meeting to see for yourself. All parents are welcome, and there is no pressure to stay for the entire meeting. Board meetings are held in the staff room on the last Wednesday of each month at 6.30 pm.

Our next meeting is February 27th at 6.30 pm - we would love to see you there!

HAVE YOU MISSED AN IMPORTANT EMAIL FROM THE OFFICE OR YOUR CHILDS TEACHERS?!

*Please add Newtown School
to your trusted contacts to
prevent
filtering out.*

BOARD ELECTIONS 2019

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT NEWTOWN SCHOOL?

The Board of Trustees Elections are scheduled for June this year – offering all parents an opportunity to contribute the school, through standing for election or supporting others to stand.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact Trish, in the school office, on trisht@newtown.school.nz.

NEWTOWN SCHOOL WHĀNAU STRUCTURE 2019



Te Whānau Tui - Year 0 / 1

Whānau Teachers: Julia, Mitch, Amy and Annabelle

Te Whānau Harakeke - Year 2 / 3

Whānau Teachers: Karen F, Karen K, Gabrielle and Nina

Te Whānau Pohutukawa - Year 3 / 4

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

Te Whānau Waitangi - Year 5 / 6

Whānau Teachers: Alice V, Louise, Wanwan and Matt

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 - Deputy Principal / Curriculum development and delivery

Justine - Deputy Principal / Learning support co-ordinator

CURRICULUM CORNER

Written By Nicki Read -Deputy Principal

Our learning year begins...

It is exciting to start a new year in our new building with no huge changes on our horizon. Watch out as our staff pour their energy into rich, diverse and inspiring programmes that value the talents of our students and cater for their needs.

Many whānau have begun the year talking about what powerful learning is and what we can know about ourselves as learners.

Have a think about your own learning...

What helps you learn?

Do you know what stops you learning?

Who are the people you love to be with when learning?

Where do you love to be when you are learning best?

When do you need to be on your own? When do you love to work with friends?

Knowing what helps you learn best is incredibly valuable. Have a chat to your family to discover the kinds of learning that happens in your whānau.



NEWTOWN SCHOOL ANNUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND MEET THE WHĀNAU

Thursday 21st February

5pm- 7pm

All parents, whānau and caregivers are invited to attend our beginning of the year
Family Fun Night

This is an great opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers, find out how their whānau is planning learning all while the children are having fun in the playground and with their friends.

There will be a free halal sausage sizzle for everyone and
you're welcome to bring a picnic dinner.

MAKE SANDWICHES WITH US!

Each week parents make sandwiches for children at school who need lunch. We would love your help! It takes only 25 minutes every two weeks, and it helps make sure all of our kids at Newtown School have something to eat at lunchtime. It's also a great way to meet other parents!

You can also help by donating fruit, vegetables, or sandwich ingredients.

Please contact Amelia if you would like to help out this year.

021 753 504 ameliaroselaing@gmail.com



DRIVING DOWN EMMETT STREET

Please do not drive down Emmett Street to drop off or pick up your children. There is no where to turn around and St Annes School is private property. As there are children from two schools walking, scootering and playing in the area, it becomes heavily congested and a huge risk to their safety.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Please note the school carpark is for staff only - please do not use it when picking up and dropping off your children.

HEADLICE

Please check your child/ren's hair for headlice. We have had a couple cases already this year. Please treat them accordingly if your child does have them. For more information on how to do so please come and see us in the office for a brochure or search online.

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to school for 2019. Please pop in and see us if you have any questions or you can always contact the office on 04 389 6667 / admin@newtown.school.nz.

We wish you a great start to the year and look forward to meeting all the new families who have joined us.

Melissa and Trish

INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHERS

Kia Ora,

My name is Amy Head and I am delighted to be joining Whānau Tui at Newtown School! I have come from Maungaraki School, where I taught New Entrant children. I also taught at Normandale School, before teaching abroad in London. I am originally from Whanganui, however I have been living in Wellington for the last 10 years. I have an identical twin sister who is also a teacher! One of my strengths as a teacher lies in the arts. I believe in engaging children in their learning through dance, drama, music and visual art and making learning memorable and fun. I believe that children should excel in an environment where they are engaged and want to learn. I am thrilled about joining the teaching team in Whānau Tui and I am excited about meeting all of my new students and parents.



Kia Ora, My name is Nina and I am a first year teacher in Harakeke. I recently graduated from Victoria University.

I love being active and outdoors, and often enjoy going on camping trips in the weekend. I also have a background in dance and drama and love to bring that into the classroom too.

I feel extremely welcomed already and I am very excited for my time ahead with Newtown School.



Alice V has joined the wonderful Waitangi Whānau. She is originally from Auckland and recently moved to Wellington after a period of travelling and working in Canada. She is a digital learning enthusiast and in her spare time enjoys getting into nature, cooking, reading, growing vegetables, and relaxing with family and friends. Having previously taught at intermediate level, she is loving interacting with a wider range of ages at Newtown School.



Hi my name is Matt Titcombe, I'm excited to be at Newtown after teaching at Houghton Valley for the past eight years.

I have lived in Wellington most of my life attending EBIS and Rongotai College. I spent 8 years studying Physical Education, Biology and Geography in the United States

I have a passion for the sea and love surfing and swimming in it.

I'm married to Hirata and have a 14 year old daughter Tamrah.

I look forward to being part of the Newtown Community and teaching at your school.



E ngā rau rangatira o te hāpori o Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora
Tēnā rā tātau katoa.

Ko wai tēnei? Ko Rochelle Maraea Pukeke-Pine ahau.

He uri tēnei no Tūwharetoa, rāua ko Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa.

I am very excited to be a beginning teacher in our Immersion Unit in Te Whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga. I have been involved with the School, Community and Local Iwi for many many years now as a student, as Kaiarahii te reo and now the new Kaiako Matua in the Immersion unit.

I am looking forward to fostering Te reo Māori me ōna Tikanga throughout the wider school and in my students and their whānau in Ngāt Kotahitanga on their reo journey.

Ko te reo ka tika, ko te reo ka rere, ko te reo kia Māori



My name is Justine Henderson and I have moved from Berhampore School where I had taught for 8 years. I've been appointed as Deputy Principal and Learner Support Coordinator at Newtown School. I am married to James and have 3 children ages 17, 14 & 12.

I am excited to be joining Newtown School and getting to know the children and community.



Curious Mahira | We wonder take risks and innovate

TIME TO THRIVE

'Time to Thrive' is an exciting action project that we are undertaking this year!

We are using this programme in addition to the exceptional education they get within their whānau classes to develop students strengths. This means that we have opportunities for our students to engage in sports, the arts, nature, creative thinking and wellbeing that encourage them to thrive!

If your child has been chosen to be a part of an initiative it will be because we believe it is something that they will enjoy and flourish in, as well as support and build key competencies and learning capabilities in their journey of lifelong learning.

If your child has not yet been chosen to be a part of an initiative never fear we have the year ahead of us and more ideas and opportunities to come.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved in 'Time to Thrive' then please talk to Debbie or Nicki.



MUSIC LEARNING 2019 | CONTACT NOW FOR TERM ONE

Piano and Drum lessons at school

Dynamite Music offer piano and drum lessons during the school day. The lessons are taught in groups and there are discounts for community services card holders. For more information and to sign up for a free trial lesson, visit <https://enrolmy.com/dynamitemusic/book-now/50-Newtown> or contact Simon on 027 380 0239



Go Piano has a few spaces left for piano lessons on Fridays at school.

Please contact Jonathan on 0276373764 or email info@gopiano.co.nz to find out more and sign up.

You can also get in touch via the website: www.gopiano.co.nz

Guitar lessons available from qualified, experienced tutor.

All styles and levels, acoustic and electric. Lessons are organised during the school day. Trinity Guildhall exam options. \$23 per half hour one on one lesson. Group lessons also offered. Julian Taylor (BMus) 021 126 8497 crown.julz.24@gmail.com



"The Ukulele Institute" (T.U.I)

Calling all Rockstars. Join us at Uke Club every Monday after School. We strum, we sing, we dance, we have a laugh. We are working towards a performance at the Newtown Festival. Come to the office to enrol your Rockstar.

Respectful Manaaki | We value the thoughts and feelings of others

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

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

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



WELLINGTON COLLEGE ART COLLECTION EXHIBITION

This Exhibition is an opportunity for the community to view some significant works from the College's historic collection and also some beautiful contemporary work by current staff and students. The exhibition opens at 6pm on Friday 8th March and will be held in our new Performing Arts Centre - The Alan Gibbs Centre.

Friday 8 March
6pm
The Alan Gibbs Centre
Wellington College

WELLINGTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Come and play football with us!

Wellington United Junior Football Club is a thriving club based in Newtown. We offer football to children from 5 years onward. Registrations are now open for the winter 2019 season. Please visit our website www.wellingtonunited.org.nz for more information or email wellingtonunitedjuniors@gmail.com.

Our main team trials are on the weekend of 23/24 February – players must be registered to trial.

SUZANNE AUBERT SCOUT GROUP

Do you enjoy camping, the outdoors and doing adventurous activities like kayaking, cycling, tramping? The Suzanne Aubert Scout Group is running Cubs (girls and boys aged 8 – 11) and Scouts (girls and boys aged 11 – 14) on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm at St Anne's Hall in Newtown. This terms activities include: rock climbing, camping, MTB bike adventure and games nights. Come along and join the adventure. For more details either email SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz or contact Rob McCullough on 0221771007.