



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

WEEK 4 | TERM 1 | MARCH 2019

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou katoa Ngā mihi nui, kia koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all.

Thank you to everyone who came to our family fun night and meet the teacher evening held last week. Our teachers really value the opportunity to share the plans for the year ahead with parents and whānau, as it sets up the understanding of expectations and is an opportunity to answer any questions you may have. If you weren't able to attend and haven't met your child's home class or whānau teachers yet, please don't hesitate to contact them and make a time to discuss class expectations and how your child is settling in.

We value school sports teams and believe that participating in these activities is important for students to develop skills of cooperation, collaboration, fair play and sportsmanship. I wish to sincerely pass on my massive THANK YOU to all of our parents who have offered to coach or manage teams or activities this year. We will endeavour to support you as much as we can in your role.

Negotiations regarding the teacher and principal collective employment contracts are still current and not settled. Paid union meetings are being coordinated nationwide on the week beginning the 18th March so that they can discuss progress and decide on next steps in the Kua Tae Te Wā campaign. More details will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6-8 March - Year 6 Camp
- 17 March - Weetbix Triathalon
- 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

At Newtown we value the opportunity to experience learning outside the classroom. We provide many exciting and interesting trips. Last week, Ngāti Kotahitanga involved their tamariki and whanau at a Noho Marae, next week our Year 6 students attend school camp at Camp Wainui. These activities provide a great opportunity for our students to develop resilience, confidence and a sense of personal self achievement.

Thank you to all the parents who gave their time on Thursday night for our school working bee. We had a big clean up along the Mein street gardens, we have put posts in for a fence along the side of the senior playground and fixed the wire on the fence.

The staff and I look forward to working with you during the rest of the term.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown
Principal – Tumuaki

NZEI UNION MEETING | TO BE CONFIRMED

The teachers union will be holding a paid union meeting on the week beginning March 18th.

More details will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR 2019

- TERM 1 | Monday 4th February - Friday 12th April
- TERM 2 | Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
- TERM 3 | Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
- TERM 4 | Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER | PARKING

This Sunday 3rd March is the Newtown Festival. Over 80,000 people come to Newtown and as a school in the area, we have the opportunity to provide parking for stall holders in our school grounds to raise money for the school.

This is only possible with the support of our whānau and friends of Newtown School. We need 4 or 5 volunteers to come into school and help direct cars and collect money from 6.45am for a couple hours

Could you spare a half hour or hour this Sunday morning (3 March) to help out??

Please contact Helen at totalpropertywgt@gmail.com for more info.

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.

NOHO MARAE

E aku rau rangatira tēnā rā tātau katoa,
I te wiki kua taha ake nei i tū ai te Noho Marae tuatahi o te whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga ki Te Kura o ngā Puna Waiora i tēnei tau 2019. Ko te kaupapa matua o tēnei noho ko te whakawhanautanga me te manaaki. He hononga tēnei ki ngā tikanga o te marae.

I te ako ngā tamariki me pēhea te whakarite i ngā momo wāhanga o te noho, ngā mahi o te kīhini me te ringawera, ngā mahi i roto i te whare, ngā mahi o ngā haerenga me ngā kaupapa. Ahakoa i noho tātau ki te kura he painga i puta i waenganui i te whānau me ngā tamariki. He mihi maioha tēnei ki aku mātua i whakapau kaha ki te akiaki, te tautoko i te whānau mō tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira.

Last week Te Whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga had a Noho marae at school and stayed two nights in our classroom. Our focus for the noho was to create a space for whanaungatanga and manaakitanga that are core values strongly fostered by our School and also in connection to Marae tikanga and roles whānau have when on a Marae. I would like to acknowledge all the parents who came to help out at the noho and supported the kaupapa for our whānau. Thank you so much, it is very much appreciated.

Aku mihi mahana,
Whaea Maraea māua ko Whaea Susie

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big warm welcome all of our new students and there families that have joined us at Newtown School this year

- Mohammed Khan
- Xavier Aitken
- Cruz Ross
- Hadi Alyousif
- Clement Fua
- Tuileala Lene
- Ibrahim Abdirashid
- Carsten Bodnar
- Robin Farnault
- Tyler Johnstone
- Jeremiah Ualesi Latu
- Emily Davis
- Oscar Henley
- Archie Sherriff
- Andrew Wahapa
- Jeanie Anderson
- Davy Karon
- Phuc Tran
- Mohamed Abdirashid
- Lucas Haak
- Mohanad Ayad
- Krisha Kansara
- Sharmake Ahmed
- Caelyn Davis
- Siiloto Lene
- Raghad Ayad



Kia ora! Welcome to Friends @ Newtown School (or "FANS") – a group set up for the Newtown School community to support and interact with the day-to-day operation of the school. FANS is managed by parents and caregivers and everyone is welcome to get involved.

If you would like more information, you can contact the office at admin@newtown.school.nz or come along to our next meeting

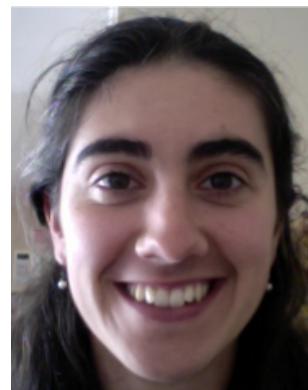
WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH | 7:30PM | SCHOOL STAFF ROOM (above the office)



BILLY ANASTASIADIS-GRAY | STUDENT COUNSELLOR

Sometimes we can come up against problems that can make things pretty hard. Problems can try & mess things up for us at home or at school, with our friends or whānau. Counselling is a place we can come to when this is happening.

This year we are lucky to have Billy Anastasiadis-Gray with us as a student counsellor. Billy used to be a teacher at Newtown School and now she is training to become a counsellor. She will be at school every Tuesday and Wednesday to meet with students and their families for counselling. If you would like to make an appointment or get more information about counselling, please ask at the office or contact Billy on billya@newtown.school.nz



INQUIRY LEARNING IN WAITANGI

Huge thanks to Good Nature Traps for supporting our inquiry learning in Waitangi in Term 4, 2018. The boys were interested in reducing predators around our school so contacted Good Nature Traps who generously donated three traps. So far, we have only installed one trap but have already had success. A great way for us to show manaaki to our school and local environment.



CURRICULUM CORNER

Written By Nicki Read -Deputy Principal

Be passionate and make a difference

How many times have you seen photos like this one, students with bags of rubbish?

This week a crew of students from Newtown School went beyond the gate to make a difference in our community. They only travelled a short distance but were stunned by the quantity of rubbish they found; a whole black rubbish bag in one hour! These students are taking the action they can.



As the adults in their lives we need to be influenced by their actions. Show our tamariki that we demonstrate manaaki for our the places we live in. Pick up others rubbish and put it where it needs to be. Reduce the amount of rubbish we use. **Be the adults that make the difference!**

NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

SUNHATS

PLEASE REMEMBER EVERYONE MUST HAVE A SUNHAT ON WHILE PLAYING OUTSIDE AT SCHOOL DURING TERMS 1 & 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.

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 or 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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

At Newtown school we offer two options for brought lunches. These can be purchased through Kindo.

Pita Pit is available on Mondays and Sushi is available on Fridays. Please check out the links on kindo for pricing. www.kindo.co.nz

BEE HEALTHY | DENTAL HEALTH

As some of you may have seen, we have the mobile dental service at school.

If you have any concerns about your child's teeth please pop in to see the staff in the van.



TE MATATINI KI TE AO



Te Matatini is a significant cultural festival and the pinnacle event for Māori performing arts. Held every two years, it is one of the most highly anticipated events for performers, their whānau and the mass of passionate Kapa Haka fans throughout the world.

We were given the opportunity to experience this magnificent event here in Wellington at the Westpac Trust Stadium hosted by Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Te Atiawa Iwi. This event has not been held here in Wellington for over 40 years. We got to experience this over two days on Rāpare and Rāmere and our tamariki had a great time learning and watching Kapa Haka on a National platform.

Many thanks to those mātua and kaiako that came along to support and help out on the day. We really appreciate it.

Aku mihi mahana,

Maraea Pukeke-Pine
Te whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga



GIRLS FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

We had a fantastic day on Friday Friday 15th February at the girls Futsal tournament held at the ASB Centre in Kilbirnie. We had 46 girls taking part across 8 teams which was a excellent turn out. Thank you to all the whānau that came along and helped out with the tournament. These sorts of events are only made possible with your support.

