

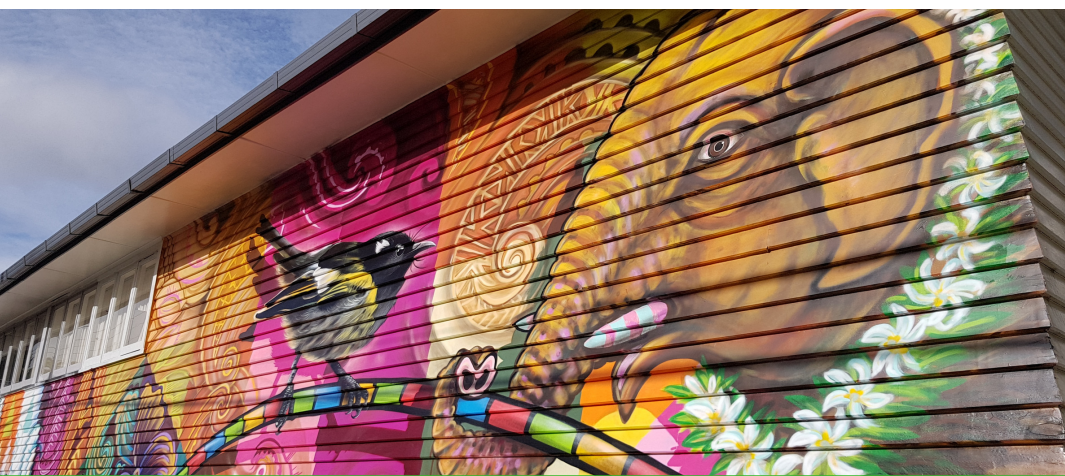


# Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora **Newtown School** *Love learning, love life!*

## WEEK 8 | 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.

My deepest sympathies are with the families directly affected by the tragic event in Christchurch, in particular, those who have suffered immense loss whilst at a time of peace and prayer.

It has been wonderful to see the kindness shown by our school community. Following the schools special assembly and activities last Monday, I have received multiple messages of thanks to wonderful staff for taking such great care in exceptional circumstances by facilitating the special assembly and activities. Teachers have also been thanked personally. With the wellbeing of students and staff being our absolute priority, we will be paying special attention to ensuring everyone's needs are met at this time.

Please remember if your child requires extra support, don't hesitate to contact their teacher, in confidence. We have access to support services and counselling and we will do what we can to help.

There are also some valuable resources and advice for parents online. We have put a list of links on our website at:

<http://www.newtown.school.nz/school-information/newsletters/>

### WHATS INSIDE

- Student contact information
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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 5 April - Cross country
- 12 April - performance assembly
- 12 April - Last Day of Term 1
- 29 April - First day of Term 2
- 5 July - Last 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](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

I wish to reassure parents that we regularly practice drills to prepare the children for these types of events. However, in light of Christchurch schools experience of 'lockdown', we have been proactively reviewing all our Emergency Management Plans with the assistance of New Zealand Police, Wellington Region Emergency and Ministry of Education.

One issue that was highlighted in Christchurch was how important having up to date contact details are. If your contact details change please notify the school office as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date. Your child will be receiving a copy of the records we hold for them next Monday and we would really appreciate you checking these and getting it back to school office by Friday 5 April.

Thank you to the parents and children who attended Learning Conversations. This was a great opportunity for teachers to connect with families and set learning goals for the year. Please remember that you can always make an appointment with a teacher to share anything that may help with the learning process for your child. Later in the year you will be able to focus on your child's achievement and progress at further school interviews.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your weekend.

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



## 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, go to  
[www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz)

or contact Trish on  
[trisht@newtown.school.nz](mailto:trisht@newtown.school.nz).

## STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Your child will bring home a copy of the contact information that we hold for them next Monday 1 April. Please check this information, make any changes that may be necessary and return to the school office by **Friday 5 April**, at the latest. It is **vital** important that we have the most up to date information in our system at all times, particularly in the event of an emergency.

## HOME & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Staff work in 'whanau' to foster cooperation and more effective knowledge building; based around student interest and 'real' challenges. This means your child may work with a number of teachers and a range of students in the collaborative team. Each student will have their own designated class teacher who has overall responsibility for knowing each child's strengths and weaknesses, their learning and progress. Should you have any queries about your child's learning or the teaching programmes, please make contact

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with their homeclass teacher first.

We operate an open-door policy and encourage you to come in and talk to us. In so saying, we ask you to do so outside of class teaching time. If you need to address a matter, please follow the protocol below:

1. If you have a query or concern; please approach the appropriate staff homeclass member in the first instance.
2. If your query remains unresolved and concerns academic achievement, then please approach Nicki Read. [nickir@newtown.school.nz](mailto:nickir@newtown.school.nz) .If your concern is in relation to student relationships or behaviour, then please approach Justine Henderson [justineh@newtown.school.nz](mailto:justineh@newtown.school.nz).
3. If after this there is continued concern, please do not hesitate to contact the principal directly, by phone or email [markb@newtown.school.nz](mailto:markb@newtown.school.nz).
4. Any other matter which cannot be resolved can, as a final step, be directed [preferably in writing] to the Acting Board Chairperson – Julie Bennett [chairperson@newtown.school.nz](mailto:chairperson@newtown.school.nz).

Our official school concerns and complaints process can be found on our website under Board of Trustees, Newtown School Policy Framework.

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 5th April we will have our school cross country. We begin the day by cheering on the **Juniors (Tui and Harakeke)** as they run around their circuit at the school. This will start at around **9:15 am**. We will need lots of parent help to show the kids which way to go, to support the children and of course take photos. For our **Senior Cross Country (Pohutukawa and Waitangi)** we will be running on tracks around McAlister Park and plan to leave school at **10:00am**

**Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing, a drink bottle of water, plenty to eat and a jacket, as well as a change of clothes and shoes. If your child is asthmatic, please make sure they have an inhaler with them that day.**

We need some parent helpers around to help the kids. If you are able to help please fill in the form that has come home with your child/ren this week and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## HANDSTAND COMPETITION

Bigair Gym loves to support kiwi kids to be active and healthy. Our mission involves encouraging kids to put their devices down and to have fun being active. So, we are again this year launching Bigair Gyms 2019 Handstand Competition!

The school which has the most entries will win a free lunch time gym session with Bigair Gym Coaches! And there's heaps of prizes for the children who win the varying categories too, which includes the most technically correct handstand, the most creative handstand and the most interesting handstand routine.

More information about this competition will be coming out soon!

## WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

*A big warm welcome our new students and their families.*

- Serenity Smith
- Lervander Naw
- Hamza Adao
- Hayat Adat
- Mohammed Isse
- Mohammed Khan
- Mika Mills-Wierzbicki

## LOST PROPERTY



We again have a lot of unnamed lost property.

**Please name all of your child's clothes.**

We often have the lost property out at pickup, please check it for items you haven't realised are missing



## OUR COMMUNITY IS UNIQUE

We continue to focus on kindness and care of each other.  
In practical terms...

- We show we care
- We use kind hands
- We notice others
- We go out of our way to help
- We value each other
- We use kind words
- We laugh and cry together
- We include others in our games



Our school values of **Whānaungatanga** and **Manaakitanga** are vital to the thriving nature of our school and everyone in it.

**He iwi tahi tātou, he ako tahi tātou.**

We belong and learn together.

## ENVIRO WARRIORS

The 'Get into Nature' group walked to Hataitai Beach on Thursday on a mission to clean it up! We searched high and low, and luckily managed to fill only two bags. We think this speaks to how awesome Wellingtonians are at picking up their rubbish. Kia Kaha to these enviro warriors!



## CREATIVE WRITING & POETRY

### Winter Train

On a cold winter's morning  
the 903 express  
sprinting like an olympic runner  
through the fresh and dense  
snow  
cabins rattling like milk bottles  
soot black smoke  
puffing out the spout  
leafless trees  
lining the railroad  
sky as black as gorillas' fur  
oil lamps glowing like sun's  
a blur of Houses  
all shapes and sizes  
hear the deafening noise of  
wheels  
screeching along the train less  
track.  
not a single light for miles  
deserted footpath  
fence stretching into the distance  
feel the cold breeze brushing  
along your face  
like fingers



by Isaac Marshall  
Age 8



# YEAR 6 CAMP | MARCH 2019

At camp we learnt to work with new people and how to take risks. We did lots of fun activities like looking after an egg, doing high ropes, walking to the waterfall and playing touch. My favourite activity was doing high ropes because it helped me get over my fear of heights. I learnt to trust people because if we didn't trust we might have fallen. At camp we had lots of good helpers that helped us during camp, like our parents, the high ropes supervisors and our teachers, these people all helped us to make camp happen, without them it wouldn't have happened. Everything at camp was fun for me, I did not have any challenges.

By Anesi

Yaaaay!!!!

We are finally here. As the bus stopped my eyes were surprised... it's Wainui camp site. As we were about to rush out. Nicki said "okay everybody sit down." Everyone was bursting with excitement. After we went out, the cold fresh air hit me. For a second it was disgusting but as we went to the campsite I looked around. I noticed we were surrounded by thick green trees. After matt and wanwan gave us our cabins.

Our cabin buddies were Piri, Brooke, Katrina and Sesilili. Then we got our camp gear set up. After it was afternoon tea.

My highlight was the challenges. I have so many reasons why but my favorite is the Year 6 camp was more than just a big chunk of fun. It was also about getting together and making new friendships and trusting people you thought you might never trust before and it's about being a good family.

By Siiloto Lene

Camp was a time for us to learn about nature, friends, trust and challenges. The activities were cool and interesting and the games were so fun. At the high ropes you could have heard my giggle from a mile away!

One of the games was...Spotlight!

Me and Piri we had a great hiding place. It was near the BBQ- it was best spot in the game.

CABINS: in my cabin was Bella, Sheree, Chloe, Caelyn

And I was the first person awake in my cabin. I thought 'I wish everyone else would hurry up and wake up!'

My favourite things were the food because Wanwan and Fiona cooked it. My favourite moment was the concert and I got to be MC. We even danced, including the teachers and parents.

By Patience Tihanyi







## "CAMP WAS SO AWESOME"

### WHAT PEOPLE LEARNT AND SAID:

People were using kind words like 'keep going' and 'you can do this' and respecting how other people felt. We learnt new things like being in the wild and different activities like high ropes things.

### SPOTLIGHT:

Me (Piri) and Patience were hiding together and all the seekers ran past us. We had told all the parents and teachers that we were there. Heaps of the people were found then they all came running back up to the hall and me and patience popped our heads out and said "no you haven't".

### CABINS:

Me (Piri), Sililoto, Sesilili, Katrina, Brooke were in a cabin together. We will like stay up all night talking. Sesilili would always go to sleep first and she was the first to wake up early. We woke up at like 6 or 5 am. As soon as everybody was awake we started to talk again.

### HERE'S WHAT SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT:

Ania - 'I discovered that you don't have to work with people you know well to have strong team.'

Freya - 'I discovered that I am more competitive than I thought, I wanted to win and win the prize I did my best because of it.'

Maddie - 'I was feeling scared on the high ropes but the encouragement I got made me feel braver and I got there in the end.'





# NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

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## SCHOOL SORES | IMPETIGO

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We have had a couple cases of school sores. The main symptom is red sores that form around the nose and mouth. The sores rupture, ooze for a few days, then form a yellow-brown crust.

Antibiotics shorten the infection and can help prevent spread to others.

**Please see your doctor if you suspect your child has school sores.**

## PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY

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On the last Friday of the term **(12th April)**, we will be having a special performance assembly for students to showcase their talents.

**This will be held at 9.30am in the school hall.**

As time will be limited in the performance we will be having auditions on Wednesday (3rd April) at lunchtime.

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS' WELLBEING

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As we have advertised in the newsletter previously, Billy Anastasiadis-Gray is at Newtown School this year as a student counsellor.

She is at school every Tuesday and Wednesday to meet with students and their families for counselling.

If there is an incident or situation at school and Billy is around, we may ask Billy to talk with students. This would be a one-off situation. If we think your child may benefit from on-going support from Billy, we will ask for your signed consent for this.

If you would like to make an appointment or get more information about counselling, please contact her on: [billya@newtown.school.nz](mailto:billya@newtown.school.nz)

## CELLPHONES

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Students are **not** allowed to carry cellphones on them at school. If your child requires a phone so that you can contact them before or after school please ask them to drop it into the office before school and collect it at 3pm.

## STUDY SUPPORT

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Study Support will be back on board at the beginning of Term 2 for Year 5 and 6 students.

Monday-Thursday 3-4.30pm.

More details coming soon or contact Neesha on [neesha@newtown.school.nz](mailto:neesha@newtown.school.nz) for more information.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

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At Newtown school we offer two options for bought lunches. These can be purchased online.

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](http://www.kindo.co.nz)





# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Children in Wellington are learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR Gymnastics classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus pride and self-confidence as they achieve new skills. BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE classes are great for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, basic skills, through to more advanced skills such as summersaults and twisting. Book now for our April School Holiday Programme! Full day and half day sessions available. Great for kids to get active and learn something new! To find out more, please call Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz).



**BIGAIR**  
GYMSPORTS & CHEERLEADING

## Secure your spot in Wellington Phoenix's April holiday programme!

This is an opportunity to play your favourite game all day, develop your skills, make new friends and rub shoulders with members of the Wellington Phoenix Academy.  
Suitable for ages 7-12 and all abilities.

**Wellington College Monday 15 – Tuesday 16 April – Wellington College Artificial, 9am- 3pm**

What's Included:

Coaching from Members of Wellington Phoenix's Academy

Wellington Phoenix holiday programme t-shirt

Size 4 training ball

1 adult and 1 child ticket to Wellington Phoenix vs Melbourne City, Sunday 21 April

Wellington Phoenix cap

Participation Requirements:

Appropriate football attire (boots, shin pads)

Packed lunch and snacks

Warm clothes and rain jacket (in case of cold weather)

Positive attitude

**For more information, including pricing and the link to register, visit [wellingtonphoenix.com/holiday-programmes-1](http://wellingtonphoenix.com/holiday-programmes-1)**



## Stop Motion Animation - Popular movie making creativity with LEGO and colour paper

Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 April 2019 in Newtown.

For more information go to [www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz](http://www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz)

or contact Craig Lauridsen 021 966 277 or [nms@acumen.net.nz](mailto:nms@acumen.net.nz)

## CodeCamp - Summer Holidays

Dates & Venues:

Samuel Marsden School: 15th-18th, 23rd-26th (EXC ANZAC Day) April 2019

Thorndon Primary School: 15th-18th April 2019

Lower Hutt - Chilton: 15th-18th April 2019

CodeCamp allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks.

Book Now at <http://codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp/>





## Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

We are holding a community hui at Wellington High School on 1 April 2019 at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections.

At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

We look forward to seeing you and helping your school's succession planning!

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 [facebook.com/NZSTA1](https://facebook.com/NZSTA1)  
 [twitter.com/NZSchoolTrustee](https://twitter.com/NZSchoolTrustee)

**Kōrari** – a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees