Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou tēnā koutou katoa - Warm greetings to you all.

This is the last newsletter for this busy term. I wish to thank all the parents, whānau and caregivers who have supported the students learning this term in so many ways i.e. camp, time to thrive programmes, sports teams, whānau trips and so many other ways - we deeply appreciate your support of our great school. To the parents who supported the cross country with course supervision and to the two dads who ran to support every race, this event was an excellent example of the support given our students and staff.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our ‘parent information evening’ on Wednesday. They were able to experience alongside their children how our learners at Newtown School learn. Many parents I spoke to were impressed with the range of exciting learning activities that their children experience each day.

Over the next two terms have a number of smaller building projects being completed. The redevelopment of our school swimming pool will begin by June. Old Whānau Tui will be converted to be our new staff room, library and administration area. Our school hall will also undergo a ‘refresh’ and we will be finally able to use our school stage! It has been a storage area since the removal of the old school seven years ago!
We are farewelling two teaching assistants today. Neesha Patel is going to train as an occupational therapist after five years at Newtown School. We have all appreciated her skills and attributes as she has supported new learners with English, ran our study support programmes and shown care and kindness to all our students. Teacher Aide and parent, Christine Cangardel, is moving to Stokes Valley. Christine, who worked as a trained teacher in France, has a new goal to establish a new early childhood centre. They will both be missed. We wish them all the best with their new, exciting careers.

I have been awarded a Primary Principals sabbatical during Term 2, therefore I will not be at school. My sabbatical involves inquiry into the research, development, innovations and impacts of the Education Council and Ministry of Education's new Leadership Strategy and Leadership Centre for the teaching profession of Aotearoa NZ. In my absence, Deputy Principal Nicki Read, will be Acting Principal for the term.

The recent lockdowns in Christchurch schools highlighted how important having up-to-date contact details are. If you still have your contact sheet at home and please get it back into the office as soon as possible. Alternatively, we can supply you with a new form.

I wish you and your family a safe and relaxing holiday. Staff will look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 29th April. Finally, to the hard working staff, I wish them all a well-earned break.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown
Principal – Tumuaki

NZEI - IT’S TIME/KUA TAE TE WĀ

UNION MEETING

In the week of 6th May, primary teachers and principals around the country who are NZEI Te Riu Roa members are heading to meetings to vote on whether to accept or reject the latest collective agreement offers from the government. They will also be voting on whether to take strike action should the offers be rejected.

*Newtown School will remain open, to minimise disruption to teaching and learning on these meeting days.*

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

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Your child will have brought home a copy of the contact information that we hold for them last Monday 1 April. Please check this information, make any changes that may be necessary and return to the school office or letterbox at the Mein Street gate as soon as possible. It is *vital*y important that we have the most up to date information in our system at all times, particularly in the event of an emergency.

Effort Kia Kaha | We give our best in everything we do
Third times a charm - the rain cleared and the fields dried, Newtown School Cross Country got under way.

Tui and Harakeke showed Kia Whakapau Kaha by tearing around the school with huge smilies on their faces.

Pohutukawa and Waitangi went up to McAlister Park and it was great to see the supportive atmosphere created by the children.

Aria “It felt good to be able to finish in the top ten”
Xavier “It was tiering, but we got there in the end”
Kashmira “It was fun running with your friends”
Yuki “I felt motivated by everyone cheering for us”

Thank you so much to all the parents that came along and helped us make this event happen.

Congratulations to the athletes below:

**Year 6 Boys**
1st - Xavier Kooiman-Vili
2nd - Leo Kennedy
3rd - Xavier Aitken
4th - Yuki Schotters
5th - Faizaan Saiyad
6th - Codie Faneva

**Year 6 Girls**
1st - Maddie Wellington
2nd - Lucy Nair
3rd - Freya Scott-Lancashire
4th - Vaasana Anthony
5th - Shalom Leota
6th - Lily Mills-Wierzbicki

**Year 5 Boys**
1st - Archie Murphy
2nd - Mohanad Ayad
3rd - Lachlan Tassicker
4th - Matthew Clark
5th - Abdi Abdi
6th - Suliman Abboud

**Year 5 Girls**
1st - Annabelle Gittos
2nd - Rosa Spear
3rd - Ava Laing
4th - Sage Ward
5th - Franka Moleta
6th - Georgia Gittos

**Year 4 Boys**
1st - Ares Torrie
2nd - LJ Puepue
3rd - Laz Moke
4th - Micah Johnson
5th - Abdullah Ali
6th - Bawi Thang

**Year 4 Girls**
1st - Rita Treadgold
2nd - Sylvie Ward
3rd - Mila Piatek
4th - Anouk Gorman
5th - Annie Rooke
6th - Imogen Mitipelo-Moriarty
Our vision for Newtown School
Together we inspire and nurture our learners so they contribute and thrive in our world.

We need:
- Each other
- Strong identity
- Care and connection
- Each other
- Collaboration and communication
- Values that drive our learning
- Each other

WEETBIX TRYATHALON

Congratulations to all of our Tamariki that participated in the Weetbix Tryathalon on Sunday 31st March. What a fabulous day had by all. Look at these proud smiles - you all did amazing!

A big thank you to F@NS, pedal ready and re-bicycle for supporting our children and making this event possible for more children at Newtown School. And of course the wonderful parents, whānau and caregivers who went along and supported the children on the day.

WHĀNAU SCAVENGER HUNT

Congratulations to Taitoa Meunier and Lucy Meunier, you are the winners of our Whānau scavenger hunt on Wednesday night.

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.

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

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.

CHICKEN POX

Chickenpox (varicella) is a very contagious (catching) disease. It causes small itchy blisters on your skin.

Other symptoms of chickenpox are: tiredness, fever & general aches and pains.

The virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough, and by touching the chickenpox blisters then touching objects or other people. The illness starts 10–21 days after being exposed.

If your child is showing symptoms of chicken pox please see your family doctor and keep them home from school until all of the spots have scabbed over.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check at home over the holidays for Newtown School Library books and Wellington Public Library books. We have a number of books missing and would really like to get these back so everyone can enjoy reading them.

Please drop any found books into the school office

SUPPORTING STUDENTS’ WELLBEING

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

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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
**HOLIDAY BOREDOM BUSTERS**

**KAIA THE KĀKĀ**
19 JAN - 30 APRIL 2019
CENTRAL PARK, BROOKLYN

Kaia the Kākā is a free wild adventure to rescue a virtual kākā and her chicks from predators with virtual rat traps! Children, families and educators alike will be interested in this innovative augmented reality journey playable in Wellington’s Central Park. You need to be physically in the Park to search for CLUES, discover hidden ARTWORKS, send Kaia PHOTOS & answer her QUESTIONS to save the day. The adventure combines art, nature, story and new game technology, using smart phone and Facebook messenger, to spark imaginations and interest in nature and engage children in a real conservation challenge.

**Island Bay United Holiday Football @ Wakefield Park**
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April 2019

Bookings are now open for the April Football Holiday Programme. The holiday programme is open to all kids aged 5 - 12 yrs and is run by Island Bay United's Coaching and Developing Manager, Martin Garcia and his team of coaches. No previous football experience needed...we cater for all levels and abilities.

9am - 3pm $40 per day or $140 for all 4 days.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** - we look forward to welcoming you.

**Registration** is on the IBU Junior club website www.ibujuniors.org.nz. Email queries to ibujuniorsevents@gmail.com

Wellington Harrier Athletic Club offers cross country training for primary and intermediate school children.

**Our club days are Saturdays and we meet at the Wellington Harrier Club rooms on Alexandre Road Mount Victoria at 2 pm.**

For more information please contact Julie Richards - juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk 0212959026

**EASTER**

Healthy Easter Egg Pops

**Ingredients**
- 500g low fat yoghurt
- Handful natural muesli
- Handful of diced fresh, frozen or dried fruit - (e.g. bananas, blueberries, sultanas)

**Instructions**
1. In ice block moulds, layer the fruit, yoghurt and muesli until each mould is full
2. Place a stick into each ice block mould
3. Freeze and serve when required.