



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

## WEEK 10 | TERM 1 | APRIL 2019

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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!

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 12 April - Last Day of Term 1
- 29 April - First day of Term 2
- 5 July - Last day of Term 2
- 22 July - First day of Term 3
- 13 / 14 August - School Photos
- 27 September - Last day of Term 3

### 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

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 – Tumuaiki*

## 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** 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

## 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).



### UNION MEETINGS:

Newtown School will remain open, to minimise disruption to teaching and learning, on the days when Union Meetings are being held.

# SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

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 smiles on their faces.

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

Ania *"It felt good to be able to finish in the top ten"*  
Xavier *" It was tiring, 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 5 Boys

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

## Year 4 Boys

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

## 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 Girls

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

## 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**



## WHĀNAU SCAVENGER HUNT

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

## WEETBIX TRYATHALON

Congratulations to all of our Tamariki that participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon 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



**Resilient Aumangea** | We keep trying and learn from what we do

## 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

# 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.**

## CHICKEN POX

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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

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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

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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)

## 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)



# 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.



Bring your dancing shoes! *Cheer Up Tink* Get ready to sing your heart out!

Join princess Anna on her enchanted journey through pixie hallow to cheer up Tink.  
Featuring Ariel, Spiderman, Fairy God Mother, Captain Hook and Olaf.

April 25th	April 26th	April 27th
11:00am & 1:00pm	11:00am & 1:00pm	11:00am & 1:00pm
Epuni Community Hall Lower Hutt	Linden Social Center Tawa	Newtown Community & Cultural Centre

Book Tickets at Patronbase:  
[www.patronbase.com/\\_EnchantedEntertainment](http://www.patronbase.com/_EnchantedEntertainment)

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or email [info@enchantedentertainment.co.nz](mailto:info@enchantedentertainment.co.nz)

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](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk) 0212959026

### 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](http://www.ibujuniors.org.nz). Email queries to [ibujuniorsevents@gmail.com](mailto:ibujuniorsevents@gmail.com)



## 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.



For more recipes and ideas visit: [fuelled4life.org.nz](http://fuelled4life.org.nz)