



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

## WEEK 02 | TERM 2 | MAY 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.

We have had a great start to Term Two. There is a buzz of activity and learning throughout the school. It is a pleasure to show new families through our spaces and see what everyone is up to. They often comment on the many places the children are working in, the different activities they can see, the mixture of friendships and cultures and the positive atmosphere they feel.

This term we have welcomed several new staff, as well as student teachers from Victoria University into our team. See Page 3 to find out who has joined us. It is great to discover the strengths and contributions they bring.

This week teachers have attended Paid Union Meetings which was an opportunity to discuss current offers of pay and conditions for teachers. We are dedicated to providing the best resources we can for our students and want to ensure we all thrive.

In student news...We recently heard four of our students were selected as finalists for their Experiencing Marine Reserves pieces of art and one of whom won. Ella Wellington (now at SWIS) and one of her parents are off to Poor Knights Island to go snorkeling. Well done Ella - we are proud of you!

Our Garden to Table crew made it to the newspaper - sharing their garden planting at Parliament. A great chance to share the excellent principles of growing and preparing what we eat.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 29 April - First day of Term 2
- 17 May - Pink Shirt Day
- 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 now in Ramadan with many of our students fasting. This is a special time of year for our Muslim students and their whānau.

Whānau news on Wednesday saw the first whānau hui for those who are Māori. We were honoured to have so many whānau turn up and share their aspirations for their tamariki with us.

One of our Board members, Annette Gittos has recently resigned. We thank her for long and dedicated service to the Board, initially as treasurer and more recently as Chair. Annette has been a thorough, diligent and engaged trustee over her time on the board. She has poured many hours of care and thought into Newtown School. Annette was responsible for successfully leading the strategy and direction of the Board through a period of major changes. Thank you Annette for all you have given us and we wish you all the best.

Board of Trustees elections are coming up soon. Be encouraged to be involved - we'd love to have your input. See below for more information.

Our Kahui ako is currently seeking to employ people in positions of what are called 'across school teachers'.

We look forward to the next few weeks of term and acknowledge the many people it needs to contribute to keep our community thriving. Thank you for your part in this.

*Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read  
Principal – Tumuaki*



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**SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

Step forward for our schools ✓



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# Nominations are open!

Trustees are active leaders in our school. They have an important role of supporting the Principal & Deputy Principals to ensure effective teaching and learning.

Parents, whanau and people in the community can be school trustees.

We want our school board to represent the diversity of Newtown

School's community with a variety of skills and experience.

The trustee elections are the opportunity to choose people who will make a positive difference at Newtown School.

We need people willing to put their names forward for the benefit of the children!

Nomination forms have been sent home with the eldest (or only) child in your family. Please bring completed forms to the school office.

**Nominations close on 24 May 2019 at midday.**

# WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

Kia ora,

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o NK. Ko Jamie Hoare tōku ingoa. He pākehā ahau, no Airangi, no Koterangi ōku tipuna. He kaiako ahau i ngā kura tuatahi. I whakaako ātu ahau i roto i tēnei rohe e waru ngā tau. Kei waho o te kura, he mīharo ki ahau te eke paihikara, te kōrero māori, te whakaari tene. He whakatauki hei arahi tāku mahi, he aha te mea nui? Ko te aroha. Tēnā koutou.

Hello to the whānau of Newtown and NK. I am Jamie. I come from England and Scotland. I have been teaching in Primary for over 8 years. Outside of teaching I enjoy bike riding, learning te reo Māori, and acting. I have a proverb that I follow every day "What is the most important thing in this world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

Mauri Ora  
Jamie

"He will be relieving in Ngāti Kōtahitanga and is very excited to foster te reo Māori me ōna Tikanga at Te Kura o ngā Puna Waiora".

## CURRICULUM CORNER

### He waka eke noa - We're all in this together.

All of us involved in the community of Newtown School play a vital role in building a positive culture in our school.

At school; in our learning, in our relationships and how we feel about ourselves, we use our school values to guide us. Kia Manaaki - Respect, Kia Manahau - Resilient, Kia Whakapau Kaha - effort, Kia Ngākau Hihiri - Curious and Whānaungatanga - connected.

These values make sense in our home and community too. Some ideas from our students for how our values could look at home are

- **Curious** - Asking questions about things we see on TV or in the news, being interested and involved in activities your family are doing, reading at home
- **Connected** - Helping with chores around the house, having conversations with family members
- **Kia Manaaki** - doing the dishes, helping with cooking, making breakfast for the family
- **Resilient** - showing sportsmanship in our sports games in the weekend, learning from mistakes
- **Kia whakapau kaha** - making sure you stack the dishwasher correctly, continuing learning at home



**Curiosity  
Mahira**  
We wonder, take  
risks and innovate



**Connection  
Whanaungatanga**  
We belong and we  
learn together



**Effort  
Kia Kaha**  
We give our best in  
everything we do



**Resilience  
Aumangea**  
We keep trying and  
learn from what we do



**Respect  
Manaaki**  
We value the thoughts  
and feelings of others

Effort Kia Kaha | We give our best in everything we do

## WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME TO OUR TEAM...

Jamie Hoare in Ngati Kōtahitanga  
Frances Hudson in Tui

And some wonderful new TA's  
Maggie Webb  
Max Allen  
Estelle Valent  
Rosina Baisi  
Jordyn Shuen  
Ella Norrie-Dempsey  
Tuihana Kinita

We also farewell Ailish Coleman  
who has taken a job elsewhere.  
Thank you for all your work with  
our students. We wish you well.

## WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

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

- Thea Marsden
- Cayden Leota
- Leo Wilson
- Ayden Festraets
- Tui Taylor-Bain
- Theo Marks
- Mamatha Vilas
- Rashid Muhammed
- Blessed Tanuvasa
- Ezekiel Ma'ake
- Samiuela Ma'ake



# DIG FOR VICTORY

On the 1 May 2019 a group of students went to Parliament to participate "Dig for Victory" as part of a Garden to Table event. They got to dig in the Parliament grounds! Newtown School planted lettuce and cauliflower. They also met the speaker of the House - Trevor Mallard. He talked about how excited he was about the veggie garden and hoped that he can be the first one to taste these delicious vegetables when they are ready. We are hoping to see more people planting their own vegetables because it is fun and rewarding.



# SAFER COMMUNITIES

Following the tragic terrorist attack in Christchurch on 15 March 2019, our condolences and heartfelt sympathies are with all New Zealanders, and particularly our Muslim and ethnic communities.

New Zealand Police have a crucial role in supporting our communities as we recover together. They are focused on providing a strong and supportive presence to help people feel safe and be safe.

Please head to our website and follow the links for translated versions of the information from NZ Police:

<http://www.newtown.school.nz/other-information/community-support/>



#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ

SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING



# 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 with their homeclass teacher first.

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

If you have a query or concern; please approach the appropriate homeclass teacher in the first instance. If your query remains unresolved and concerns academic achievement, then please approach Nicki Read (nickir@newtown.school.nz). If your concern is in relation to student relationships or behaviour, then please approach Justine Henderson (justineh@newtown.school.nz).

If there is continued concern, please do not hesitate to contact the principal directly, by phone or email (markb@newtown.school.nz).

Any other matter that cannot be resolved can, as a final step, be directed [preferably in writing] to the Acting Board Chairperson – Julie Bennett 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.

## NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check at home 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

### TERRACYCLE

Terracycle is back up and running. Please bring in your oral care waste so we can recycle it and collect points! The drop off box is in the office foyer. Thank you.

If you would like to read more about Terracycle please read here <https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/brigades/oral-care-brigade>





# CHESS CLUB

Everyone is welcome at Chess Club, which meets on Tuesday mornings before school. We start at 8am, but students can come any time before the bell. We meet in Moana, which is the classroom behind the staff room.

If you have never played before, we will help you learn!!



## ENVIRO CREW FUNDRAISER

The Newtown School Enviro Crew is going to sell these produce bags on Saturdays in May. We will have a stand at the veggie market. Please come along and support us! We will be there from 9 ish to 11:00.



### Newtown School Fundraiser PRODUCE BAGS

- ditch plastic bags
- cotton mesh, breathable
- all profits to Newtown School

Medium (20 \*30cm) \$3.50c  
Large (30\*40cm) \$4.50c

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## LOCAL PIANO TEACHER AVAILABLE TERM 2 - FUN PRIVATE LESSONS!!!

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# CAN YOU HELP?? RESEARCH STUDY WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

My name is Anne Fitzpatrick and I am a researcher with University of Otago's Department of Medicine.

We have a research study underway looking at a particular protein gene called CREBRF and whether it can help prevent diabetes among Maori and Polynesian people.

We are seeking Maori and Polynesian men, aged 18-40 years who can give a morning of their time at the University's Wellington campus in Newtown to participate in our study by going through a series of tests. These tests measure body composition and how we store food and get energy from that food.

Participants receive a copy of their test results and a \$100 Prezzy voucher as a contribution toward their time and expenses.

If participants choose to, they can elect to donate their Prezzy card to their school, kura/kohanga reo, or sports team

Thank you for your assistance

Nga mihi

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## MOTHER'S DAY TO MUM WITH LOVE (OR SOMEONE WHO IS LIKE A MUM TO YOU)



### **GIFTS FROM YOUR HEART**

- ♥ Make her a card.
- ♥ Draw her a picture.
- ♥ Write her a song and perform it for her, get some friends and family to be the band.
- ♥ Write her a short story about how special she is.



### **GIFTS FOR HER HEART**

- ♥ Take her for a walk around the neighbourhood to look at the autumn trees.
- ♥ Take her for a walk to the park.
- ♥ Go on a family bike ride.
- ♥ Play a game in the backyard and invite the family or neighbours to join in.



For more information, visit [www.heartfoundation.org.nz](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz).