



# Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

## WEEK 04 | 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.

Autumn has brought surprisingly sunny days for us to enjoy. Our learners continue to thrive in all sorts of activities within their day. They get opportunities to play, create, think and wonder. Everywhere I walk, I hear 'Nicki, did you know...?' as they want to share something new they have learned. The teachers are all working very hard to keep learning purposeful, relevant, varied and inspiring. Remember to thank them for their energy and care for our learners. It's surprising how far a thank you can take us.

Next week teachers have voted to strike on *Wednesday 29th May*. The school will be closed. This is not a decision we make lightly as we know the impact this has on our families we care for. Our desire is to see education valued and teachers able to do their job with continued passion and delight. We want support for children with additional learning needs, time and workload supported, to provide conditions that mean we retain excellent teachers and principals and to ensure teaching is a career that is attractive to recruit to. Please support our cause.

Over the last few weeks we have received a number of parents nominations to be part of our Board of Trustees. What an exciting sign that we have so much interest that we will be running an election. This group of people have a vital role in supporting the leadership and teaching for all students by governing our school. They care. They bring families, school and community together to make the school the best it can be.

### WHATS INSIDE

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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
- 6 September - Onesie day
- 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

In order to remain well everyone needs to get plenty of sleep, healthy food to eat, drink plenty of water and get fresh air and exercise. All these help us all be ready to learn each day. Remember, also, to notice those who are kind, especially our children. Their actions make a difference to those around them. You can see this Newtown School value written on our stairwell...

*"He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai."*

*If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.*

**Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read**

**Principal – Tumuaki**

## TEACHER'S STRIKE | 29TH MAY

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

## WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

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

- Violet Mischeski
- Minh Tien Nguyen
- Riddhi Patel
- Manaia Brown
- Anika Austin

"BE KIND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE."

The 14th Dalai Lama



**NEWTOWN SCHOOL  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY  
DUE TO THE TEACHERS  
STRIKE**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ONGOING SUPPORT**



## TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Newtown School has received nine nominations for the Board of Trustees Elections 2019. We are thrilled to have such strong interest in the election.

Now it is over to you, the parent community, to vote. You can expect your voting papers in the mail next week.

This will include the candidate statements so you know who you are voting for. But you can also find out about the candidates on our website at:

<http://www.newtown.school.nz/our-school/bot/>

The candidate statements will also be up on the windows at the bottom of the Harakeke stairs.

If you know someone who needs a translated version of the voting form, please get them to come into the school office.

## TE TIAIO OPENING

What a fabulous opportunity Newtown school had to be part of the opening of Te Taiao Nature exhibition at Te Papa.

It was a privilege to see our tamariki perform alongside other schools. Thank you to Maraea and supporting whānau for organising our attendance.

Do go and check out this fabulous new exhibition as there is plenty to discover and learn.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

### CANDIDATES for the TRUSTEE ELECTION:

Amelia Handscomb  
Haidee Westwater  
Jasmine Gilbert  
Jess Gorman  
Miriam Swanson  
Nick Booth  
Shamala Pancha  
Victoria Esson  
Yadana Saw





# CURRICULUM CORNER

## Getting Active at Newtown School!

**Physical Education** is an important and vital aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum. At Newtown School we have some exciting health and Physical Education programmes happening throughout the school.

We believe that kids involved in a variety of health and physical education activities has a strong positive impact on our children's wellbeing and relationships.

Through sports we have seen our tamariki learn resilience, how to compromise, how to lose and win, how to work together and how to lead and inspire others.

**Here are some examples of the rich opportunities we have had this term:**

**Year 5 and 6 Rippa Rugby tournament.** We had to show resilience and teamwork throughout the tournament. Thanks to Max who taught us how to work together as a team.

**The Saints Basketball** came in last week and took a session with Pōhutukawa students. They taught us the importance of teamwork and that working hard can give us the opportunities in sports. We got some free tickets and caps to take away.

### Coming up:

- Southern Zone cross country. Our students will be representing Newtown School. This is an exciting event for runners to push themselves and compete with students from other schools.
- Project Energize deliver sessions with our teachers that integrate both health and PE to our students. They are here to run some huff and puff sessions around the importance of staying active and nutrition sessions around healthy lunchboxes and making the right choices with healthy food to grow.
- Whole school tuakana teina sports/games tournament. The seniors in the school will be running the games and sport that the juniors will take part in. This is a great way to build tuakana (older) teina (younger) relationships in our school. Whole school tournaments always have such a positive feel and buzz about them.



***A special thanks to Zoey who does an awesome job running the after school sports teams. This term we have Senior Netball Yr 5-6 and Basketball Yr 3-6.***

***Go along and support these teams on a Friday and Saturday!***

## CONGRATULATIONS

We couldn't be happier to congratulate teachers Maraea and Nina for graduating last week.

We would also like to congratulate Michael and Lucy, two of our T.A's who also graduated last week.

We are proud to have you all as part of the Newtown School team.





# NETBALL

What a fabulous effort by our netball teams this Saturday. I was so proud to see the positive way our two teams went out on court and showed team work, fair play and some pretty amazing netball skills.

Our Newtown Hurricanes team played the Kilbirnie Rockets, they had loads of opportunities to shoot goals, and were strong on defence. The game was very close and they worked hard right to the final whistle - the score didn't quite go their way - but what fabulous attitudes - tu meke!

Our Newtown Vortex team played the Seatoun Shooters and what a closely fought match! They worked incredibly well as a team, and made use of all the players on court - and their hard work paid off with a good win!

A huge thanks to the coaches and whānau supporting our netball teams - we really appreciate your investment into our netball stars!



Are you interested in and can share your interest with us in electronics, the dynamics of flying, fence building, scooter ramp design, painting, food design. We have students that are exploring these things and we would love your help! Get in touch with Debbie, via the office or email [debbiep@newtown.school.nz](mailto:debbiep@newtown.school.nz), if you can help.

PASSION LED US HERE



# NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

## 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

*There's no excuse  
for single use!*



## LOST PROPERTY

**We again have a lot of unnamed lost property building up.**  
Please name all of your child's clothes. We have pens in the office available for you to use if you need them.  
We often have the lost property out at pickup. You can find it near the orange stairs in the main school or in your child's whānau. Please check it for items you haven't realised are missing

## HEADLICE

**Please check your child/ren's hair for headlice.** We have headlice going around school. 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.

## 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>

