

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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

Hope you all enjoyed a lovely long weekend. Perhaps you, like me, hibernated inside by the fire with a good book, to hide from some very changeable weather! We really are experiencing winter wind and rain alongside sun. We know because we have a huge number of coats in our lost property. Do come and check through them as we donate them at the end of term.

Changes are coming as Diana and Alice head towards parenthood and finish at Newtown School. They leave us in different weeks of this term but we want to acknowledge what wonderful contributions they make to our school community. They have great enthusiasm, talent and deep care for our children. We will really miss them. With changes of staff come opportunities so we warmly welcome Juliana to our team.

Our Kahui Ako (cluster of schools) continues to thrive and has recently been shortlisting teachers to fill across school teacher roles. These people will work across all schools in our cluster to draw the strengths of all together, enable sharing of best practice and inspire us to work well together. One of the teachers at Newtown has been shortlisted for one of these roles.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 11 June Southern zone Cross country
- 14 June Eid Celebration
- 27 June Get Prepared Event
- 29 June Matariki Breatkfast TBC
- 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

SCHOOL TIMES

School Starts 9.00am Interval 11.00-11.20am Lunch 12.45-1.45pm School Finishes 3.00pm Matariki is approaching and we celebrate the end of Ramadan with Eid. These are special celebrations within our community. We look forward to sharing a Matariki breakfast (more details to come.) Happy weekend.

Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read Acting Principal – Tumuaki



STUDENT LATENESS | ATTENDANCE

It is proven that poor attendance and being late to school greatly affects student achievement.

We really want your children to be successful, lifelong learners! So please support us by getting your children to school by 8:50am everyday so they can put their things away and be ready to start the day at 9am.

If your child is going to be absent please contact the office by emailing away@newtown.school.nz, phoning 04 389 6667 and leaving a message on the attendance line or you can text through to 020 40175659

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Voting for our new Board of Trustees has now closed.

Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward and for all those who voted. Watch the space for the announcement of our new Board of Trustees.

WELCOME

We are excited to share that Juliana has been appointed and will be starting in Pōhutukawa on Monday 17th June and for the rest of the year. We are excited to welcome her to the team! She has written a brief blurb below about herself.

Kia ora koutou!

I'm very excited to be taking over from Alice in Pōhutukawa. Before this I was teaching at Wainuiomata Intermediate School and while I fully enjoyed it - it will be great to not have to commute. I am thrilled to begin teaching at Newtown School within my own community and look forward to getting to know all of the learners and their whanau.

Nga Mihi, Juliana



EID CELEBRATION

Next Friday 14th June we will be having a whole school shared afternoon tea to celebrate Eid.

Come along and join us at 2.15pm

Please bring a plate of food, from your culture, to share It will be a great afernoon with yummy food, henna and music

More information to come next week

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big warm welcome our new students and their families.

- Kade Tocher
- Zeeya Adhikara
- Imeleta Tautiaga

CURRICULUM CORNER

This term the Inquiry concept explored across the school as been '**Discovery**.' In every whanau this has involved the skill of uncovering new information.

Tui have learned what it is like to be scientists! They have explored different liquids and solids and made things like potions and oobleck.

Harakeke have looked beyond earth to find out about Space. They have made wonderings and discovered new facts about what is out in the starry skies.

Pōhutukawa have opted into five different discovery groups based on interest. These were Animal Habitats and Environments, Chemical Reactions, Eco Warriors, Ancient Fossils, and the World of Space.

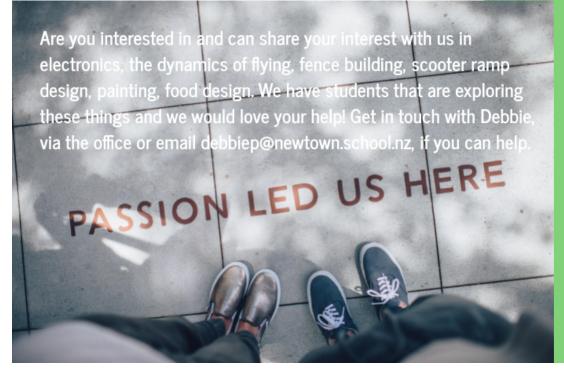
Waitangi have been making discoveries about people's past and present journeys to Aotearoa. They will be making a museum to show their learning.

In the last week of term you will have the chance to come in and see for yourself what we have all learned when we have our open 'Discovery Afternoon.' In the meantime, try asking your child "what new discovery did you make today?".









NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

ENVIRO CREW FUNDRAISER

The Newtown School Enviro Crew is still selling these produce bags on Saturdays.

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. You can get prescription treatment free from your GP.Please treat 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

