



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

WEEK 10 | TERM 2 | JULY 2019

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

Kia ora | خوش آمدید | Hola buenos días | malo e lelei | Goedemorgen | ようこそ | Talofa Lava | Bula |
Hallo zusammen | Mingalaba | Sua's dei | Ciao | Kia Orana | Namaste | Chao mung | أهلا بك |
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you all for a fantastic term. Many people help to keep a school humming and this has been very apparent in Term Two. Our community thrives due to the hands of many, some of this appears unseen. Thanks to the following:

- Teachers - they notice, nurture, organise and encourage your children - they give heaps
- Whānau - supporting, sharing concerns and delights, loving our kids - we are glad you are in our kura
- Melissa and Trish - positive, helpful, hard working, constantly but cheerfully interrupted - we couldn't do without you!
- Cleaners-it's a big school to clean and David, Josephine, Mia and Lock are responsive to our needs - thank you!
- Kids who pick up rubbish and promote plastic free days - you make a difference!
- Music/technology/sport/nutrition experts - you inspire us all
- Board of Trustees - energy for a future school that builds on our best - capture the vision!
- Learners who ask questions, strive to discover, create, help others and gather the team - you transform!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 5 July - Last day of Term 2
- 22 July - First day of Term 3 - Powhiri
- 13 / 14 August - School Photos
- 6 September - Onesie day
- 13 September - Culture Day Celebration
- 18 September- Dance Splash
- 27 September-Last day of Term 3
- Monday 14th October - First day of term 4
- Wednesday 18th December - Last day of Term 4

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

Next term we welcome Mark (or Mr Brown or Principal Brown) back from his sabbatical, refreshed and relaxed. Thank you to all those who have enabled a smooth transition and continued well being for our school while he has been away. Have a restful break, enjoy being with whānau and we look forward to you back in two weeks.

*Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read
Acting Principal – Tumuaiki*

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tēnā koutou

The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees took place on 26 June. At that meeting the current Board members were able to thank the outgoing Board for the significant contribution they have made to our school over the past three years.

The new members will lead different portfolios of responsibility but will also support each other's work and form subcommittees for particular projects. The Board members' portfolios are: Yadana Saw (property), Amelia Handscomb (policy), Haidee Westwater (health and safety), Nick Booth (community engagement) and Jess Gorman (chair).

We are all looking forward to getting up to speed with these areas and are keen to involve the school community in the exciting projects ahead. Please feel free to approach any member of the Board with a question or to send an email to our joint email address: bot@newtown.school.nz

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 24 July at 6.30pm in the staffroom and everyone is welcome to attend. In the meantime we hope everyone has a happy school holiday break.

Hei konā mai
Jess Gorman
Board of Trustees Chairperson

TERM 3 STAFF CHANGES

It's the middle of the year and there are some changes happening in our classrooms. Some are due to more tamariki joining Newtown School and others are due to teachers having life changing events.

Tui:

In whanau Tui we have one new teacher – James – joining the team. Teacher volunteer Juliet will also be working in Tui in Term 3. Due to the number of new entrants starting with us, Tui is expanding into the classroom called Kahurangi for portions of the day.

Harakeke:

In week 10, we said farewell to Ann Kendon. Ann has been part of Harakeke this year and has worked in whanau Tui previously. We thank Ann for her contribution to Newtown School and we wish her all the very best.

Pohutukawa:

Diana has welcomed the early and safe arrival of the beautiful Pippa Jade. Congratulations to her and TJ! Debbie will be taking Diana's homeclass from Term 3. Alice has also gone on maternity leave with Juliana taking her homeclass.

Ngati Kotahitanga:

Matua Jamie has finished his time with Ngati Kotahitanga. We thank him for his contribution to the whanau.

Teacher Aides:

Jordyn Shuen has been with us for Term 1 and Term 2 in a fixed term role. She has been a valuable addition to the team and we wish her all the best.

Senior Leadership:

Mark will be back in Term 3 after his term long sabbatical. Huge thanks go to Nicki for holding the fort as Acting Principal for Term 2.

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

Kia ora koutou

My name is James. Before I lived in New Zealand, I lived in England, before deciding to move to this lovely country and join in with the amazing teachers of New Zealand! I'm very excited to move to a big city after living in lovely and quiet Timaru for a while. In Timaru, I worked at Bluestone Primary School as a year 5 and 6 teacher, so I'm very excited to get to know you all!

Kia ora koutou

I will be joining Te Whānau Tui as a volunteer for term 3. I was a teacher for many years, then an educational researcher, then a chef but now I would love to return to teaching, and I'm spending time at Newtown School to help me get up to speed with how things are done these days. I feel very privileged to be able to be part of your school community for the term, and can't wait to meet you all.

Nga mihi

Juliet

Te Ao Māori

Kia pai tou tatou Matariki - Happy Māori new year! We hope you have had a chance to spot the Matariki stars in our skies this week. We had a fabulous Matariki breakfast celebration at school too - check out the photos on our school facebook page.

We would like to invite you to our Term 3 Powhiri (welcome assembly) which is scheduled for our first Monday back in Term 3 - Monday 22 July at 9.15am. Our school waiata is E Tu Kahikatea - we will be singing this in our Powhiri - here are the words and their meanings - enjoy singing this with your tamariki.

E tū kahikatea

Hei whakapae ururoa

Awhi mai awhi atu

Tātou tātou e

Stand like the kahikatea tree
To brave the storms
Embrace and receive each other
We are one together



SCHOOL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Last Friday we had a whole school sports tournament. It was awesome and we had a lot of fun participating in the games and activities the seniors were running for us. A huge thank you to the seniors who worked hard planning and practising their activities they lead. We saw some real leadership and tuakana teina relationships throughout the tournament. We celebrated after with a sausage sizzle and all ate together. It was a lot of fun and we look to running similar events in future terms.



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

CURRICULUM CORNER

Values are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. Every decision relating to curriculum reflects the values of the individuals involved and the collective values of our school.

At Newtown school our values based curriculum, is one in which the conditions for powerful learning occur. **Powerful Learning** at Newtown School. . .

- happens when learners **connect** personal experiences, culture, knowledge to the wider world, and curriculum areas in a **meaningful** and **relevant** way.
- happens when learners are **actively engaged** in developing learning that is fun, inspiring, passionate, purposeful and creative.
- Happens when learners understand the impact of learning and are empowered to take action

We had a fantastic display of powerful learning this week in our Discovery afternoon. Other examples include movies made about birds in our school, designing equipment for the playground, upcycling furniture, creating proposals for national competitions. Our tamariki have been busy! We are very proud of them all.

Here are some suggestions to continue powerful learning together over the holidays

Sign up to **Curiosity Machine** <https://www.curiositymachine.org> and take on the challenges.

Wild Eyes <https://www.wildeyes.co.nz> have fun outdoor challenges.

Visit our museums and art galleries. Explore the Past, Present and contemplate the Future.



NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

READY TO GET
STUCK IN?

WORKING BEE
FRIDAY 19TH JULY 9.00AM

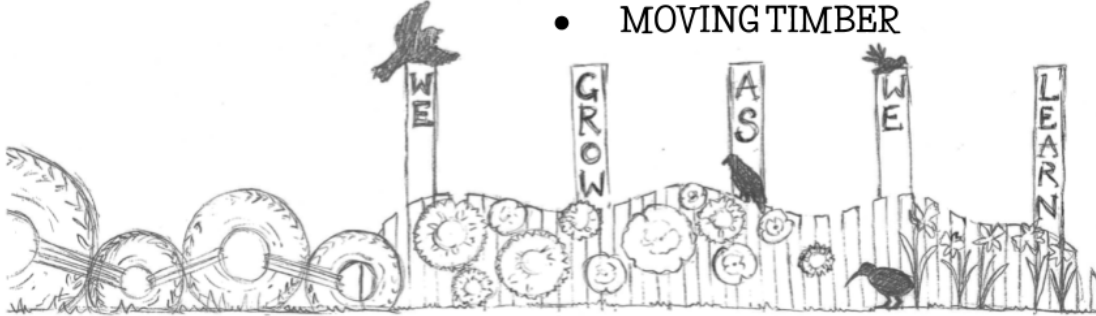
RSVP:

debbiep@newtown.school.nz

Need to know numbers for project
manager and catering

WE NEED HELP

- BUILDING THIS WONDERFUL FENCE
- DIGGING AND PLANTING GARDENS
- MOVING TIMBER



SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

The end of Term 2 is here and we have lots of books still missing.

Please check your child/ren's bags and around home over the
holidays for any school library books.

These can be returned to the school office at the beginning of term 3.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a volunteer to sort the Lucky Book Club orders. This job takes about an hour and a half twice a term. You will have plenty of notice for when the books will be arriving and the timing of the job is very flexible.

As a school we receive a lot of books from Scholastic as a reward when families place orders. We would like that to continue!!

Please contact Melissa on melissak@newtown.school.nz if you are interested

YOUR PARENTING ACT

Parenting can be both a joy and very hard work.

And things get in the way of us being the parents we want to be. Sometimes they are things outside us, but more often they are our own thoughts and feelings. They might be thoughts about ourselves, about our children, about our parenting, or about what others think about our parenting.

Your Parenting ACT is a 5 week course that helps you parent in line with your own values. It uses principles from ACT — Acceptance and Commitment Therapy — to help you make room for all your thoughts and feelings, so you can respond flexibly as a parent. ACT uses acceptance, mindfulness and behavioural strategies to help people pursue what matters most to them, including being the parent they want to be.

Berhampore Centennial Community Centre, 493 Adelaide Rd, Wellington.

Mondays, from the 19th of August between 7:00pm and 9:00pm.

For more information and registrations:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/your-parenting-act-evening-august-2019-registration-60031599129>

Giselle is a clinical psychologist in Wellington. She works in private practice with children, teenagers and their families. Before that she spent 15 years working in Wellington's public health system and teaching in a university clinical training programme.

Respectful Manaaki | We value the thoughts and feelings of others

A large collage of 18 photographs capturing various moments from a school's cultural festival. The images show children in traditional Maori attire (haka skirts, headbands) performing haka, singing, and dancing. Other photos depict children in modern clothing, some with face paint, and others in traditional dress. The festival includes outdoor games, a large group photo, and a display of traditional Maori artifacts. The background of the collage is a vibrant, abstract pattern.

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