

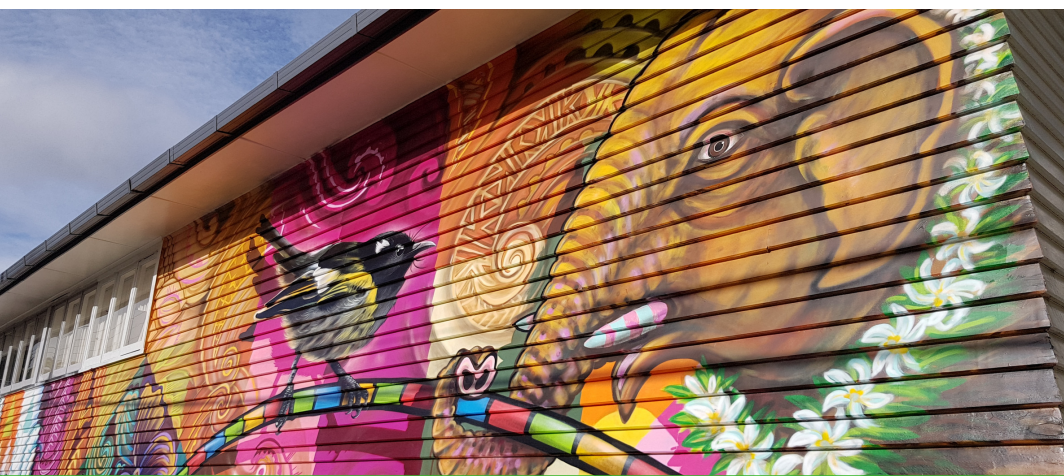


Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora **Newtown School** *Love learning, love life!*

WEEK 2 | TERM 3 | AUGUST 2019

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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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

It is great to have your lovely tamariki back at Newtown School for Term 3. We have an exciting term ahead and students have arrived back well rested and eager to learn. I have enjoyed listening to their Term 2 learning activities and holiday adventures as I move around the school. A special welcome to new families, who have started at Newtown School.

I would like to sincerely thank Nicki Read, who acted as Principal last term, while I was on sabbatical and all our wonderful staff here at Newtown for their continued professionalism and passion for our tamariki and whānau. All our staff come to us with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. We feel privileged they share this with our students and community. Even though my term of study and relaxation was awesome, it is great to be back. This is a wonderful place to work and I enjoy being part of an energized school learning community.

Thank you to the parents that supported the school working bee during the holidays. I wish to acknowledge this event as a parent community actively supporting the school is vital.

Congratulations to Alice Cooke and her husband Jay on the birth of their first child, Lilian. The family are all doing well. We also need to congratulate Janette (Whanau Tui) and her husband for being first time grandparents.

WHATS INSIDE

- Learning conversations
- Curriculum Corner
- Newtown School & the Community
- And more.....

IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

More great learning will be occurring which I'm sure your children will be captivated by. As well as focussing on the core areas of literacy (reading and writing,) maths and our school values, each whānau will continue their inquiry around 'Our Future/Wā heke mai nei'. Please read the 'Curriculum Corner' on page 4 to find out more.

Learning Conversations are scheduled for **Monday 19 August and Wednesday 21 August**. Learning Conversations offer an invaluable opportunity to share your child's progress. See page 3 for information about booking your time.

Please be aware that the Learning Conversations are twenty minutes long and your child is present. If you would like five minutes where your child isn't present, please let the teacher know at the start. They will then ensure that they allocate this time during the time slot.

I have written on several occasions that it is my firm belief that positive, open relationships between parents and teachers are paramount in achieving success for children. Your children's mid-year report (given out at the end of Term 2) will be the basis of the discussion at the conferences. By the end of each learning conversation we want whanau to have a clear understanding of the following:

- How children are in whānau from a wellbeing perspective.
- What progress children have made this year.
- How learning links to our school values
- Students sharing some of their school learning

I have attended two meetings with our new Board of Trustees. I am impressed with their enthusiasm, positivity and prior experience in educational governance or leading early childhood centres. I feel confident that governance at Newtown is in capable hands! I wish to sincerely acknowledge the sterling work our previous board undertook over the last 3 years. They achieved some remarkable milestones; new school built, rapidly growing school roll, enrolment zone to mention a few. You have all contributed to the building of a strong school learning community.

Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown
Principal - Tumuaiki

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

We encourage all parents to attend these formal learning conversations so that you are fully aware of your child's progress and achievements.

To book an interview:

- Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
- Use event code: **qqtdf**

If you need help to book your interview, please come to the school office.

Interview Days

- Monday 19 August, 3.10pm - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 21 August, 3.10pm - 6.50pm

Each learning conversation will be 20 minutes long.

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A big warm welcome our new students and their families.

- Adna Mohamed
- Louis Barrett
- Gurpartap Singh
- Ahmedamin Muridi
- Natnael Alfera-Bradlow
- Yasin Abdi

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou

The last meeting of the Board of Trustees met on 24 July.

At our meeting we were lucky to hear from Wanwan about the Garden to Table programme that is offered to year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. Students on the programme get experience planning and establishing the school's vegetable garden and harvesting and cooking the produce. It was exciting to see the great work being done by those involved and we all enjoyed sampling the radishes!

Nicki presented her acting principal's report and we were all able to thank her for the fantastic job she has done while Mark has been on sabbatical.

The long awaited swimming pool renovation is about to start! In the coming months Stage One of the project will see the structure upgraded with the old roof removed and replaced; new concrete flooring and timber walls.

Our aim is to renovate our pool so that it will be around for another 50 years, and we need your ideas and energy to reach this goal. If you would like to join our School Pool Renovation team, so that we can complete Stages 2 and 3 please get in touch! You don't need to be a builder or engineer to join - just enthusiastic and able to support this project to reach its target!

The minutes of our meetings, once finalised, are uploaded to the school website and you can find them here. <http://www.newtown.school.nz/our-school/bot/>

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 28 August at 6.30pm in the staffroom and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions about the Board's work please email us at bot@newtown.school.nz

Nga mihi
Jess Gorman
Board Chairperson

Te Ao Māori

We are excited for a new term - and looking forward to connecting with all our Māori Whānau next Wednesday - 4.30pm in Pohutakawa. At our last Hui Whaea Maraea shared a karakia for the food - and there were many requests for the words. Here they are below - enjoy using this when you are enjoying kai together.

He mihi ki ngā atua
Kia ora mō te kai
He mihi ki te whānau
Kia ora kei te pai
Ōtira ki aku reo
Kia ora tonu ai
Tahi, rua, toru whā
Timata kai.
Repeat twice.

Acknowledging the gods for our food today
Acknowledging our family
we give thanks today
To our language
Remain strong
One, two, three, four
Start eating

Respect Manaaki | We value the thoughts and feelings of others

CURRICULUM CORNER

Written By: Nicki Read | Deputy Principal

FANTASTIC FUTURE

This term has been launched exploring a new big concept...the future!

No doubt you have all heard the term 'future focused'. Schools are challenged to prepare our tamariki for what their future may hold. A challenging proposition when we see how quickly times change. Think back to how you phoned someone when you were younger, or what kind of car you used to drive or what your favourite games were?

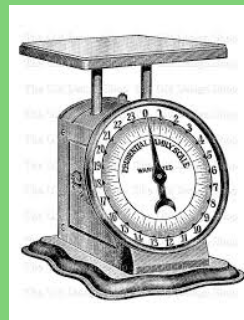
The big idea of what helps is our past in making the future is an interesting one to explore. What do we learn from what has gone before? All whānau have taken a slightly different aspect of this concept that suits the age and thinking of their learners.

You might hear about...

old toys #old technology #people who contributed to the future #Building for future #Protecting for future

We want our children to know they can have confidence in what lies ahead, that they have a voice that future and they have a contribution to make.

Talk to your children about what they are concerned for in the future, what they hope and how they could help to create the best future for us all.



**The past cannot be changed.
The future is yet in your
power.**
Unknown

Capital City Kāhui Ako -

Session for Trustees and Whānau

You are warmly invited to come along to find out more about our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) on Tuesday 6 August, 5.30 - 6.30pm (at the latest) at Newtown School.

There will be a brief presentation from the Kāhui Ako Lead, followed by an opportunity to ask questions, find out how you can be involved with our Kaitiaki (Stewardship) Group, and mingle with new and experienced trustees and whānau from our schools.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP below by 2 August using this form

Thank you!

Karen Spencer | Kāhui Ako Leader

NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

SWIS OPEN EVENING | YEAR 6 PARENTS

Open Evening next Tuesday 6th August, starting at 6pm in the school hall. St are welcome but the evening is pitched at parents.

Any questions, feel free to email me on rauru.walker@swis.school.nz



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MAKE SANDWICHES WITH US

Each week parents make sandwiches for children at school who need lunch. We would love your help! It takes only 25 minutes every two weeks, and it helps make sure all of our kids at Newtown School have something to eat at lunchtime. It's also a great way to meet other parents!

You can also help by donating fruit, vegetables, or sandwich ingredients.

Please contact Amelia if you would like to help out this term.

021 753 504 ameliaroselaing@gmail.com



SCHOOL CARPARK

Please do not use the Emmett street Staff carpark for pick up and drop off.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

If your child has any allergies we are asking if you could please supply a named box of musli bars or a similar substitute for our emergency supplies

INSPIRE PHOTOGRAPHY

We are having our school photos taken for 2019 this month. We have Inspire Photography coming in on Tuesday 13th August and Wednesday 14th August. More information will be sent home closer to the time regarding purchasing options.

KINDO | SUSHI LUNCHES

We are thrilled to hear that O'Sushi, our sushi provider for lunches on Fridays are no longer using plastic packaging. We think the new packaging looks great!



SEMINAR ON AIR QUALITY

You are invited to a public talk about indoor air quality, it's in town at the Art Gallery, Wednesday August 28th, 12pm. It will present results from air quality monitoring done at Newtown school and will also cover air quality in homes

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

We are missing a lot of our school sports uniforms. If you have a school t-shirt or a pair of shorts your child has been loaned for a school team and is no longer using them, please return them to the school office.

We also have the school sports t-shirts available for purchase. These are \$36.00 and payment can be made over kindo.co.nz or in the office.

dcM BOOKFAIR



**Saturday
17 August 2019**

**8am – 6pm
Shed 6, Queens Wharf**

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Together we can
end homelessness

