



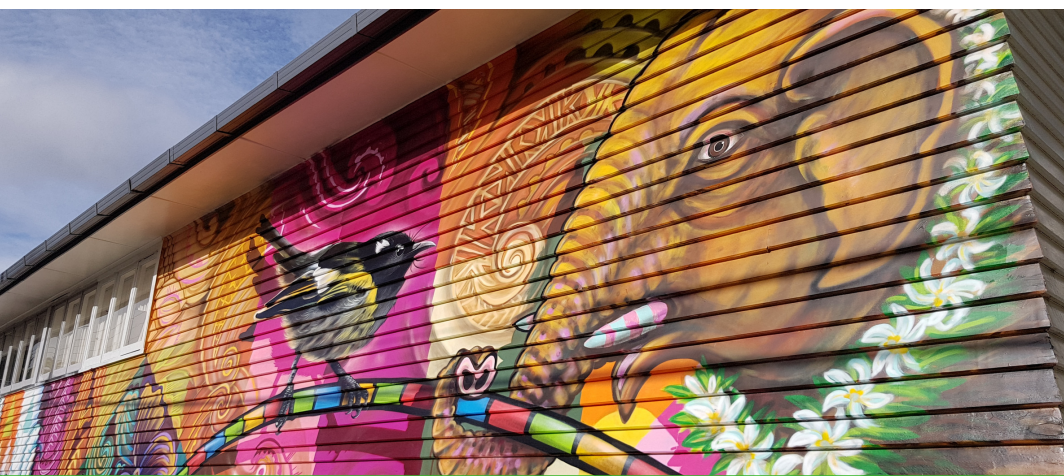
# Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

## WEEK 4 | 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

Mark's Kōrero

Congratulations go to Ngaio and Trixie Belle, for successfully competing in the recent Garden to Table 'Root to Tip' event (please see the article below in this newsletter)'. Newtown tamariki continue to display their talents in so many ways every day. Another excellent example of student participation was our school chess team who competed at the annual interschool chess tournament. This team is coached by enthusiastic parents every Tuesday morning before school.

Next Monday and Wednesday we have our student led Learning Conversations. The purpose of these conversations are to celebrate student learning and progress so far this year. Please make a booking through the School Interviews website <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>, using the code qqtdf. If you are unable to attend the learning conversations please make an alternative time with your child's teacher. You are still welcome to come in and celebrate your child's learning with them before or after school at any time.

**Safe travel to and from school is paramount for all our tamariki.** If your child is walking, scootering or biking to school by themselves please discuss safe travel with them regularly. A concerned parent spoke with me about children exiting walk-ways straight onto the roads without stopping for traffic. Please also ensure your child always uses the patrolled crossing as this is the safest place to cross and demonstrates safe travel behaviour. Finally, please ensure as a driver that you, or any whanau members you may have picking up children keep a

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 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](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

**Whānangatanga - Connected**

He iwi tahi tātou, he ako tāhi tātou. We belong and we learn together.

vigilant eye over our students.

**A friendly reminder!** Only cars with a disability permit can use our disability park in our school carpark, otherwise the school carpark is not a drop off space for parents.

We continue to appreciate the support of the school donations. We are aware this is optional and we cannot stress enough how important this donation is to keep our children supported through learning at our school, as government funding is still not as much as we would like. Donation tax credits can be claimed. Suggested donation amounts and payment can be made through **Kindo or Eftpos** here at school.

Attendance letters will be coming home next week for those children whose attendance or lateness is of concern. Those of particular concern are those where the absences are listed as truant which means no information has been provided as to the reason for the absence. Attendance at school is a legal requirement and if a pattern of non attendance continues as a school we must involve School Attendance Services.

**Pre-enrolments.** If you have a child or know of families who have children who are turning five in 2020, with the intention of coming to Newtown School, can you please encourage them to enrol. By enrolling earlier, it provides us with knowledge about how to support and better resource our youngest of learners.

*Noho ora mai ra, Mark Brown  
Principal – Tumuaiki*

## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

We encourage all parents to attend these 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 time, please come to the school office.**

**Dates:**

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

Each learning conversation will be 20 minutes long.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou,

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!

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](mailto:bot@newtown.school.nz)

Nga mihi  
Jess Gorman  
Board  
Chairperson

**Kia Manahau - Resilient**

E hia hingahinga, katū tonu, ka ako tonu. We keep trying and learn from what we do

## WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

*A big warm welcome our new student and his family.*

- Dashiell Gorman



## ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON

**Family Concert 2019**

Saturday 24 August, 2pm  
Michael Fowler Centre



TICKETS: [ticketmaster.co.nz](https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)  
[orchestrawellington.co.nz](https://www.orchestrawellington.co.nz)



# ROOT TO TIP

Root to Tip was a stressful time for both of us. Cooking two dishes in the time frame of two hours. I think that we both learnt a lesson that day **cooking must not be rushed**. I think that our favorite part of the cooking was being able to share the leftovers with everyone else. Altogether it was so fun to cook with each other!

Trixie and Ngaio



# BIG BUDDIES

We are so lucky to have "big buddies" from Wellington High School visiting Newtown School's First Language Hui. We have speakers of Hindi, Vietnamese, Burmese, Indonesian, Chinese Mandarin and Cantonese. The big buddies spent some quality time conversing in their first language while our little hosts were showing them around the school.

The purpose of the Newtown School First Language Hui is to promote and acknowledge linguistic diversity in the Newtown community. This means offering opportunities to our bilingual (and even some multilingual) children. It will also help our these students build confidence in who they are and transfer that into their whānau, school and the community. Our big buddies from Wellington High School will continue this connection with Newtown School into the future. Watch the space!



# TE AO MĀORI

Kia ora Whānau

Thanks for all those who attended our Hui in Week 2 - another fabulous time of engagement and conversation. It is encouraging to be able to partner together to strengthen Te Ao Māori here at Newtown School.

Here are the lyrics for a very popular Māori waiata that you will often hear at school, as well as at sports events and civic events.

## Tutira mai nga iwi

Tūtira mai ngā iwi,  
tātou tātou e  
Tūtira mai ngā iwi,  
tātou tātou e  
Whai-a te marama-tanga,  
me te aroha - e ngā iwi!  
Ki-a ko tapa tahi,  
Ki-a ko-tahi rā  
Tātou tātou e  
(Repeat)

Tā-tou tā-tou e E!!  
Hi aue hei !!!

## English Translation

Line up together people  
All of us, all of us  
Stand in rows people  
All of us, all of us  
Seek after knowledge  
and love of others - everyone  
Think as one  
Act as one  
All of us, all of us

All of us, All of us!!  
Hi aue hei !!!

**Kia Manaaki - Respectful**

**Ka whakamana tātou id ngā rongō o te katoa. We value the thoughts and feelings of each other.**



# CURRICULUM CORNER

Written By: Nicki Read | Deputy Principal

## PARENTS AND POSITIVE POWER

Over the years of teaching at Newtown School we've noticed that one of the most powerful influencers of your children's learning is you.

### ***Why do we get together, learner/parent and teacher to talk about learning?***

*When teachers and parents combine with learners, change occurs. This can be:*

- a sharing of strengths and needs which increases focus of learning purpose at home and school*
- a chance to acknowledge and celebrate your child's learning boosts self esteem*
- the combined insight of all brings out the best for each learner*
- the children recognise all those who care and believe in their learning*

### ***Our school values and why they matter***

*Newtown School values prepare our children to successfully navigate their way in a world that is changing rapidly. We believe in the importance of children who:*

- Have meaningful relationships with others (Whānaungatanga)*
- Delight in the world we are in (Kia Ngākau Hihiri)*
- Have a heart for challenge (Kia Manahau)*
- Enhance the esteem of others (Kia Manaaki)*
- Give their best in everything they do (Kia Whakapau Kaha)*

*These values matter because they support dispositions which enable our young people to learn well and to go on learning throughout their lives.*

### ***The impact of your child speaking about their own learning and what can happen next from these conversations?***

*When learners are able to make authentic contributions to their school, environment, or community through their learning, their voice finds expression leading to greater empowerment. These conversations provide time for sharing of what is working, look ahead to what is next and to affirm ways everyone contributes to the learning.*

### **Questions to choose from to ask at learning conversations...**

Tell me about how my child learns.

Tell me about their relationships with others.

What ways do you know best help my child learn?

Share what you have noticed from learning at home.

Can you show me examples of their learning and what this means?

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”  
- Jane D. Hull



**Kia Ngākau Hihiri - Curious**

Ka mīharo, ka tūpono, ka auaha tātou. We wonder, take risks and innovate.



# NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

## VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Thank you to all those families who have paid voluntary donations for 2019. These donations help to provide things such as:

- Sports equipment
- Library books
- Environment studies
- Playground equipment
- Musical instruments and lessons
- Kapa haka
- And more...

Your donation is much appreciated by the Board of Trustees.

If you would like to make a donation, you can pay by eftpos or cash at the office or on [kindo.co.nz](https://kindo.co.nz)

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

**With Father's Day coming you can get a great gift and support this Newtown School fundraiser!**

An Entertainment Book is more exciting than socks, can fit neatly in Dad's smartphone and has great offers for dining, movies, activities and travel - all the things he loves to do with you. For digital memberships you can buy at: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10p4934OR> pop into the office to pick up the book!



## CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Monday 12 August 2019, we (Leo, Jamie, Amos, Jahvis, Yuki, Theo, Patience and Dante) went to the Regional Chess Tournament at Island Bay School. Most of us won our first and second games, which were pretty easy. The third game most of us lost but on the fourth game pretty much all of us were tied on 2 points (8 points in total). By the fifth game Leo and Yuki had 2½ points and Jamie, Jahvis and Amos had 4 points and at least 3 of us needed to win to get a placing. Our seventh game was pretty tense because we really wanted to win and Berhampore almost passed us. Jamie was our team captain with 4 points and 8th overall then Jahvis with 12th place, Amos with 13th and Leo and Yuki came 14th. In conclusion, most of us got a bronze medal and a credit certificate. Our team came third overall which is pretty good.

By Jamie and Leo



## REMINDER

Please avoid coming down Emmett St and using St Annes to turn around. It is a private driveway and not safe for the children. Our school carpark is also not to be used for dropping off and picking up children please.

## WHAT NOW

Kia Ora

We know some of you missed out on attending the What Now audience on 17th March. Out of respect for the victims of the Christchurch shootings, the show for that weekend was cancelled.

We didn't want you to miss out, so we are returning to Wellington for one show only on 1st September. To be held at Mount Cook School, 160 Tory Street, Te Aro, Mount Cook, Wellington. All the family is invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience...& it's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach...so don't miss out!

To register as part of the What Now Audience go to [www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)  
Please feel free to add this link to your notices. We look forward to joining your community!  
From The what Now Team



**Kia whakapau kaha - Effort**

Ka whakapua i ō tātou kaha i ā tātou mahi katoa. We give our best in everything we do.