



Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

WEEK 02 | TERM 4 | SEPTEMBER 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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Mr Brown's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou te whānau

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families who have joined us this term. Term 4 is action packed as we immerse ourselves in learning and prepare for the year ahead. The school term ends on Wednesday 18th December.

It is timely to remind you all that hats must be worn this term. Your children should now have a sun hat at school. We will be policing the 'no hat no play' policy accordingly. Sun hats can be purchased at the school office, if you do not have one. While the weather has not yet convinced us that summer is almost here, it is warming up and it is important that we all wear hats and 'slip, slop, slap on the sunscreen' to minimise the chance of skin damage.

Congratulations go to all our tamariki. They have amassed a total of over 20,000 Cards of Awesome this year. As a whole school reward a school disco has been arranged for Friday 8th November (a note with more information will come home soon). There will be no cost for students to attend this celebration. Cards of Awesome are awarded, when our children demonstrate, show or practice one or more of our school values. Certificates are awarded after collecting 20, 50 and 100. Please celebrate with your child when they bring their certificates home - they are very proud of their achievements. Our school values are interwoven into much of our daily school life.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 28th October - Labour Day - School is closed.
- Friday 1 November - Whole School Athletics
- Friday 8 November - School Disco
- Monday 16th December - Leavers Dessert Evening
- Tuesday 17 December - Leavers Final Assembly
- 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



Whānangatanga - Connected

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

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN
SCHOOL

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

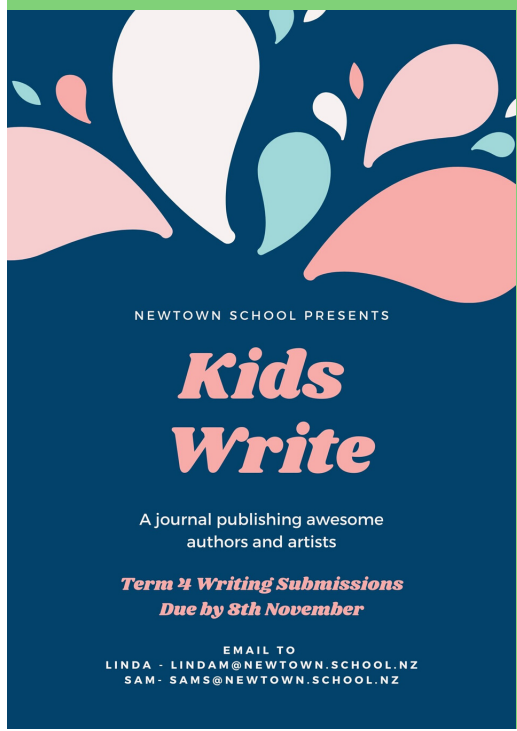
- Maxwell Joyce
- Moira Schneider
- Lyrik Maraku
- Vihaan Sidana
- Oscar George
- Eloise Crockford-Andrew
- Millaray Robertson
- Jayda Johnson

KIDS WRITE |
NEWTOWN SCHOOL
MAGAZINE

*A journal publishing awesome writers
and artists at Newtown School...*

Hard copies from Term 3 are still
available from the school office for a gold
coin donation.

Email lindam@newtown.school.nz or
sams@newtown.school.nz if you would
like a pdf version.



At the end of term, our school celebrates at two events: the leaving of our Year 8 tamariki along with the Year 6 students. The leavers' Dessert and Celebration Evening is planned for **Monday 16th December 6.30 - 8pm**. Whānau please note that our leavers' final assembly is **Tuesday 17th December at 9.15 -10.15**. Parents and whānau are most welcome to attend both of these events.

Finally, please note that we are now actively planning for 2020 and it is imperative that we have accurate and up-to-date information. If your child/ren will not be attending in the new year, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have a preschooler who is not enrolled or not identified as a future enrolment, please contact us immediately. We want to ensure a wonderful start to the New Year and the advanced information you supply us will help enormously.

*Ngā mihi nui - Mark Brown,
Principal - Tumuaiki*

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Kia ora e te whānau

I hope that all of our school families were able to enjoy a break in routine over the school holidays.

The Board of Trustees met on 25 September and again on 23 October this week. Our next and final meeting for 2019 is on 27 November. You can find board minutes at <http://www.newtown.school.nz/our-school/bot/>

No school donations in 2020

The Board has opted into the new government donation scheme and will not ask for donations from families in 2020, with the exception of contributions towards Year 6 camp and stationery. As always, students are able to attend camp and are provided with stationery whether or not contributions are made.

The Board wishes to thank all of the families who have made voluntary donations to the school this year and in the past. These donations have enabled the school to offer our students a wide range of learning experiences within and outside the classroom - including visiting artists, music, drama and swimming extracurricular activities, education outside the class trips and activities, additional learning resources, sports and science equipment.

You can read more about what the donation scheme means at:
<http://education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info.pdf>

FANS

A decision has been made to bring FANS to a close. FANS is a group that was set up by parents and caregivers a number of years ago, with the goal of supporting the interaction of the school with parents and caregivers and enriching school life. Over the past few years, FANS has organised many events such as the school disco, book week, music week and the ethnic food fair and has coordinated fundraising efforts such as the provision of car parking at the Newtown Fair. FANS members held regular meetings which all parents and caregivers were able to attend, and operated an email group that was used to call for assistance with events and other activities.

Many of the original FANS members have now left the school or are contributing to school life in other ways.

A focus for the Board is improving engagement between the community and the school. To start this process, the Board has held a workshop to gather ideas about what is working well and what could be improved. There will be future opportunities to share your thoughts, too.

Ngā mihi nui
Jess Gorman

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

STAY-IN-PLACE (LOCKDOWN)

As part of our emergency planning, Newtown School will begin doing “Stay-in-Place” (lockdown) drills. We are going to be doing this in stages so as not to overwhelm children and to ensure that all stages are workable.

A notice about this should have come home with your child today, if they have not given it to you please check their school bag,

QUIET HOUR

From Wednesday 23 October, Countdown stores across New Zealand will offer customers a low-sensory Quiet Hour every Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Quiet Hour offers customers a time to shop in Countdown’s stores that is easy on the eyes and ears by reducing noise, lighting and other distractions in-store. Lighting throughout the store is reduced, in-store radio is turned off, checkout volumes are lowered, trolley collection and shelf-stocking is kept to a bare minimum, and there are no PA announcements except in emergencies.

Countdown’s Quiet Hours have been developed with the support of Autism New Zealand, who have provided advice to Countdown’s team on how they can best support customers with sensory needs in their stores.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Written By: Nicki Read | Deputy Principal

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY



Each whānau at Newtown School allows time in the school day that as adults we call ‘play’.

Why does this have emphasis



in our learning day?

Learning through **play** is gaining momentum in New Zealand schools as teachers recognise the opportunity for students to develop key competencies, values, and knowledge through **play**-based learning. Ask your children to name what they learn from their **play** inside their whānau, in the playground and at home.

Take time to **play** over the long weekend and reflect on what you all learn. Have fun!

Check out the TKI link below to read more about learning through play throughout New Zealand schools.

SUNHATS

It is school policy that all students wear a sunhat with a brim (not a cap) during Term 4.

Please support your child to have an appropriate hat. This can be kept at school in their tote tray if they wish.

NO HAT NO PLAY!

Enjoy a Quiet Hour



Playtime is precious. Play builds brain pathways for thinking, creativity, flexibility, empathy and many other lifelong skills.

NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

SCHOOL DISCO | FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2019

WHEN : Friday 8 November

WHERE : School Hall

TIME : Juniors - 5.30-6.30 (Tui, Harakeke, Ngati Kotahitanga Years 1-3)

: Seniors - 6.45-7.45 (Pohutukawa, Waitangi and Ngati Kotahitanga Years 4-8).

THEME : Spring!

FREE - Celebration of awesome cards reaching 20, 000



COME & MAKE SANDWICHES WITH US!



Each week parents make sandwiches for children at school who need lunch. We would love for you to join our super sandwich-making team! It's a great way help our kids and meet other parents at the same time.

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

Please contact Nicole or talk to a teacher to find out more:

Nicole Lew: Nicole@iq.co.nz Phone number: 021 250 9498

NEWTOWN KINDERGARTEN 75TH ANNIVERSARY



Newtown

KINDERGARTEN

We are excited to say that Newtown Kindergarten turns 75 years old in November! To celebrate this we are holding an **Open Day on Saturday 16 November 11am-2pm.**

We warmly welcome everyone to our event, we would love to greet past parents, children, teachers and friends of Newtown.

There will be a bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, refreshments, bubble machine, face painting, birthday cake and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque for our olive tree.

04 389 8245; 9 Hospital Road, Newtown; newtown@wmkindergartens.org.nz

URBAN HABITAT COLLECTIVE

Kia ora neighbours!

We are the Urban Habitat Collective, a group of households working together to build a family-friendly cohousing apartment building in at 136 Adelaide Road. Our community will include shared green spaces, a workshop, shared living and kitchen space, a shared guest room, in addition to fully-self-contained apartments - we're not asking residents to give up their privacy - just giving them much more space for neighbourliness.

In April this year we acquired our land, and are currently in the design phase, aiming to start building mid next year.

We are an intergenerational group of currently 16 households, and are looking for four more families, plus two retiree households to join us.

I'm getting in touch as we will be situated just down the road from you, and are actively recruiting families with children to our project, if there are any families looking to buy in the area.

You can find out more about our project at urbanhabitatcollective.nz, or this article which was recently on stuff: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/property/114808426/wellingtonians-bringing-village-living-to-the-city-through-cohousing-initiative>



SWIS | ENROLMENTS

This is a friendly reminder to our families of year 6 students to please complete and return your SWIS enrolments to the SWIS school office if your child plans on attending next year. SWIS will be holding a draw for 3 vouchers each valuing \$50 which can be used towards uniform purchase for next year.

To be eligible to go into the draw you need to have completed and returned the enrolment forms for your child to the SWIS office by 3 p.m. on Friday 1 November.

Kia whakapau kaha - Effort

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



South Wellington
Intermediate School

FAMILY FUN DAY AT BUNNINGS | TORY STREET

Bunnings Wellington Central in Tory St is launching our garden nursery extension over Labour Weekend.

Come along to enjoy the free fun from 10am – 2pm on Saturday 26 October.

We'll have face painting, bouncy castle, kids DIY, potting station, popcorn and candy floss and live music.

And on Sunday 27 October from 11am - 1pm we'll have kids DIY and a potting station.



WEETBIX TRYATHALON | SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020

Here is the link to register for the Newtown School weetbix tryathlon team to enter and fill out the details.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35582&G=100781>

The Wellington Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is located at Kilbirnie Park. The TRYathlon will begin with the swim leg in the heated indoor pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre where the pool is 50m in length. The Transition area is located a short distance from the pool in Kilbirnie Park. The bike leg is around the streets surrounding Kilbirnie Park, and the run leg is around Kilbirnie Park itself.

Entry is open for children age 6-16 years.

Entry options: Splash&Dash 6 & 7 years

Individual TRYathlon 7 – 15 years

Junior Team 7 – 10 years Senior Team 11- 15 years

For more information follow go to this link.

<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/wellingtonmorning/>



**We are excited to announce our
NEW "Splash & Dash"
event exclusively for 6 and 7 year
old Kiwi kids!**



16th FEBRUARY 2020

REGISTRATIONS OPEN 1ST NOVEMBER
Go to wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz to register

Kia Manaaki - Respectful

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