



Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

WEEK 04 | TERM 4 | NOVEMBER 2019

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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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 over the last fortnight, especially if you are new to New Zealand. Newtown School, I believe, has recently undergone positive transformations in the way we deliver exciting programmes that enhance tamariki learning and achievement. New and modernised buildings have allowed us to improve our learning and teaching environments. We are recognised as one of the most modern and innovative schools in our region.

To continue our school future focussed improvement, our Board of Trustees are currently reviewing our school's Strategic Plan. They would like to know from our whanau and community what is important to you. Please have your say. It's easy! All you need to do is use the link below, complete two simple sentences and answer the question, "What are your hopes for Newtown School?" <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6FK8WHF>

Thanks - we appreciate your feedback.

Congratulations to our four senior tamariki (Aydin, Jamie, Portia, and Zahra) who represented Newtown School and were the winning primary school team at the Wellington Schools regional EPro8 challenge. The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem solving race. Our team now will participate in the next stage.

Whānangatanga - Connected

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 8 November - School Disco
- 20 November - Health Consultation Breakfast
- 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



WELCOME TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

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

- Tyson Vuong
- Emily Qin



Last week saw the annual athletics sports at Newtown Park. We were very fortunate to have ideal sporting day weather, allowing everyone to strive to do their best. We have more than 60 tamariki participating at the Wellington School Southern Zone sports this week. This is double the number who reached the qualifying mark than last year. Thank you for the many parents that supported their children or helped run the athletic activities.

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

EPRO8 CHALLENGE

Year 6 students Aydin, Jamie, Portia, and Zahra represented Newtown School in the EPro8 challenge at Island Bay School on 1 November and were the winning team.

Taking on the challenge of building a motorised supermarket trolley, they supported each other to complete the build and earn valuable competition points. "EPro8 is tech building. It's really fun and super awesome" said Portia.



Teams compete to:

- build large sized structures
- solve practical problems
- engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles
- invent machines that can complete simple tasks
- undertake unusual and fun experiments.
- construct basic electronic circuits.
- solve interesting problems using practical maths

Each team of four is based at a workstation for three hours, and are given a container with an impressive assortment of easy to use parts and equipment. Teams will then be given a booklet containing a number of challenges. All the challenges are of an entertaining physical nature.

Teams choose which challenges they wish to undertake. The harder the challenge, the more points it is worth. There is not enough time to finish all the challenges - so strategy is required to know which ones to go for.

The Newtown team has advanced to the next round of the competition.

Kia Manahau - Resilient

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

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!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Kia ora e te whānau,

Have your say!

The Board of Trustees is reviewing the school's Strategic Plan and would like to know what's important to you.

Newtown School is great because.....

Newtown School would be even better if.....

What are your hopes for Newtown School?

We will have posters at the school disco this Friday for you to add your thoughts to. You can also email us at bot@newtown.school.nz or use this survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6FK8WHF>

Nga mihi nui
Jess Gorman
Board of Trustees Chairperson

STAY-IN-PLACE (LOCKDOWN) UPDATE

Today we ran the first of our stay in place (lockdown) drills. The new buildings performed how we expected, giving us a very safe place for the children to be in a situation that requires lockdown. The children also did exactly what was expected of them.

This successful first stage means we can move onto step two with confidence. The next drill will involve children who may be outside their classroom at the time of the drill. Please remember if your child needs regular medication, we do need a small supply to keep with lockdown packs should an event happen that sees us in the school for a period of time. We have muesli bars supplied for all children but if your child has a food allergy, please bring something small and non-perishable to the office for the lockdown pack.

SCHOOL DISCO

SCHOOL DISCO | FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER



WHEN : Friday 8th November
WHERE : School Hall
TIME : Juniors - 5.30pm-6.30pm
Seniors - 6.45pm-7.45pm
THEME : Spring
FREE - Celebration of awesome cards reaching 20,000

Pizza will be available for \$1 per slice

Please note:


Children need to be collected by an adult at the end.

Junior Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm (Tui, Harakeke, Ngati Kotahitanga Years 1-3)

Senior Disco 6.45pm-7.45pm (Pohutukawa, Waitangi and Ngati Kotahitanga Years

4-8) Kia Manahau - Resilient

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NEWTOWN SCHOOL PRESENTS

Kids Write

A journal publishing awesome authors and artists

Term 4 Writing Submissions
Due by 8th November

EMAIL TO
LINDA - LINDAM@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ
SAM - SAMS@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ

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.



Look out for the “Superheroes” at Newtown School.

Support Staff Appreciation Week
November 11th to Sunday 17th November

The “**Newtown School Superheroes**” will be hanging around the main entrance before and after school.

Come and meet us. . . and write a message to show your support, appreciation, or just say “thanks”.
See you there!

CURRICULUM CORNER

Written By: Nicki Read | Deputy Principal

In the face of challenge

What happens in the face of challenge for you? How do we help ourselves and our children to face challenges with resilience and positivity.

Life challenges are not necessarily designed for us to succeed on our first attempt. Athletics day was a perfect opportunity to practice facing challenge in all all sorts of ways...

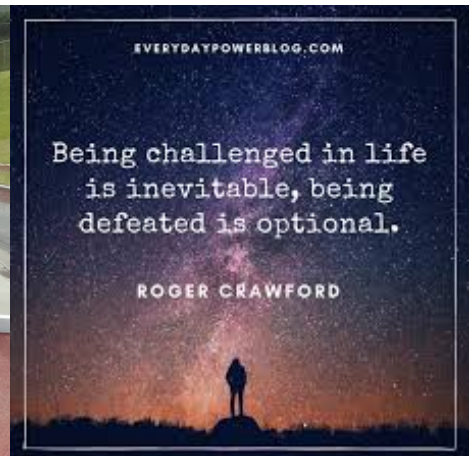
- we watched tamariki attempt physical challenges all day, even when disappointed
- we heard encouragement, advice and inspiration for others to go beyond their limits
- we saw them perseverance and have a heart for challenge

Advice suggestions were proud when they celebrated each other's successes

- Be Flexible - a change of approach can help when you're facing challenge.
- Bounce Back - We can't avoid setbacks but we can learn how to bounce back each time you face challenges.

Here is some messaging your child can use, based on our school values and cards of awesome that may help:

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| I'll figure this out | I can do this | I handled that well |
| I solve problems | I help others continue | I take positive risks |
| I make positive choices when challenged | I learn from mistakes | I use words to support others |



Kia Manaaki - Respectful

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

TE AO MĀORI

Kia ora Whānau

As part of our school inquiry focus on survival for this term, we are learning about the importance of breath for life - tihei mauri ora! We are also exploring ideas about our environment and being kaitiaki (guardians) of our natural resources. Here are the lyrics for a new song that the Tui children have been learning that go with this theme - you may like to check out the youtube clip so that you can sing along.

The link is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HKE8f8_wGU

Ko te ngahere te kaiako me te kaiwhakaora

The forest teaches us and gives us life

Ka tītakataka te pīwaiwaka

The fantail flits

Ko mātou ngā kaitiaki o Tāne Mahuta

Together we will care for your domain

Tāne Ko te ngahere te kaiako me te kaiwhakaora

The forest teaches us and gives us life

Ka raranga te pūngāwerewere

The spider weaves

Ka ngaweki te noke

The earthworm creeps

Ko mātou ngā kaitiaki o Tāne Mahuta

Together we will care for your domain Tāne

Ngā Kiana - Māori Phrases

We have been using a number of phrases in Te Reo Māori in our classrooms over the last few terms - here are a few that you may also like to use:

Horoia ō ringaringa - Wash your hands

Whakarongo Mai - Listen to me

Titiro Mai - Look at me

Tau kē / Tūmeke - Awesome!

NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

TERRACYCLE

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>
Last day for 2019 is Friday 6 December

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

SPORTS PAYMENTS

If your child has signed up for a sport this term please pop into the office or make the payment on kindo. If you have any queries about payments or would like to split payments over a few weeks, please contact the office at admin@newtown.school.nz or 04 389 6667 to arrange something.

Kia whakapau kaha - Effort

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

ACCESSIBILITY PARK

Please do not double park / block access to the accessibility park in our staff carpark. We are aware of a couple people in our community that require this and have been prevented from being able to use it by others.

Please also note the staff carpark is not to be used at drop off or pick up.

