



Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

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WEEK 10 | TERM 4 | DECEMBER 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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Mr Brown's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou te whānau

I would like to wish our current Year 6/8 group of students all the best for the next step in their education and thank them for their contribution to Newtown School. Our school was able to farewell these students at two special events this week. I was impressed with the maturity and insights of the students in speeches that were delivered to an appreciative audience of students, parents and staff. We look forward to seeing the rest of our pupils refreshed and ready to go for 2020 on Monday 3 February. For those other students who may be moving to another region or country, I wish you all the best.

I would like to sincerely thank the Board of Trustees for their on-going support and encouragement of our school learning community. Our Board members make a significant commitment of time and energy and can be proud of their achievements and aspirations for our school.

Many of you will be aware that the government has announced changes being made as a result of the review of the Tomorrow's Schools system. This is the biggest overhaul of the education system in 30 years. These links provide more information on the reforms.
https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCEW_SCF_BILL_93294/education-and-training-bill
Written submissions for the bill close on 14 February 2019.

As this is the last newsletter for 2019. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Rest and relax! Look after each other over this special time of the year.

*Noho ora mai ra Mark Brown,
Principal - Tumuaki*

Whānangatanga - Connected

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 3 February:
First day back for 2020
Powhiri at 9.15am
- Thursday 9 April:
Last day for Term One

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 student and her family.

- **Sham Nahwali**

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD | POOL UPDATE

There has been a lot happening behind the scenes for our school pool. Since we received the WCC grant of \$500,000, the pool suffered additional damage in the Kaikoura earthquake. This has meant that the work needed on the pool has expanded and we have been figuring out how we can most effectively use the WCC grant.

Alongside the WCC and a project manager, we've been revising and detailing how the renovation will take place across three stages.

The first stage will be to make the pool building weather tight and structurally sound. The second stage is will be to renovate the changing rooms, office spaces and improve accessibility. The third stage will be to replace and upgrade machinery and ventilation.

We are optimistic that work will commence on the pool facility in the new year. If you are keen to be involved in planning how to raise funds for the additional pool renovations, or would like to know more about the project, please email bot@newtown.school.nz

EDUCATION WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

The Education and Workforce Committee is open for submissions on the Education and Training Bill.

The committee is keen to hear from as many people as possible.

You can make a submission here: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCEW_SCF_BILL_93294/education-and-training-bill

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Kia Manahau - Resilient

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

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR 2019

'Knowing yourself as a learner' Award

Presented to:

LILY MILLS-WIERZBICKI

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Being Connected to their learning'.

They have discovered who they are as a learner, developed confidence in their abilities and recognise the positive choices they can make.

'Excellence across the curriculum' Award

Presented to:

YUKI SCHOTTERS

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Kia kaha, giving their best'.

They demonstrate a personal commitment to achieving a high standard of work and excellence in all areas of the curriculum.

'Excellence across the curriculum' Award

Presented to:

JAMIE ZHUGE

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Kia kaha, giving their best'.

They demonstrate a personal commitment to achieving a high standard of work and excellence in all areas of the curriculum.

Relationship Award

Presented to:

FAIZAAN SAIYAD

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Being connected to others'. They establish and maintain relationships with integrity, generosity of spirit and peacefulness.

Resilience Award

Presented to:

VAASANA ANTHONY

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Resilience'.

They have a heart for the challenge and engage under pressure. They support and encourage others and are actively involved in every aspect of our school community.

Resilience Award

Presented to:

JAMIE IHIMAERA-PRITCHARD

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Resilience'.

They have a heart for the challenge and engage under pressure. They support and encourage others and are actively involved in every aspect of our school community.

Inquiry Award

Presented to:

CHLOE FUIMAONO

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Being Curious in their learning'.

They notice, think, reflect and share ideas. They wonder about possibilities and delight in discovering what is new.

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SPECIAL AWARDS FOR 2019 - Continued

Fair play Award

Presented to:

SHALOM LEOTA

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Being Positive' by participating in sports, playing fair and demonstrating a positive attitude and trying their best.

Cultural Award

Presented to:

SESILILI TAUFUU

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Culturally Connected'. They have a clear sense of personal identity, respectfully share and recognise that diversity is a gift in our school.

Contribution Award

Presented to:

ZAHRA SALEMI

The recipient demonstrates exceptional time management and has successfully been the Newtown School bell ringer for the year 2018

Jean Toft Award

Presented to:

ANIA CRAWFORD

The recipient demonstrates all of our school values and is recognised as an exemplary school citizen.



Aroha Award

Presented to:

WILLIAM BURGE

The recipient demonstrates the school value of 'Being Connected'.
They are caring, kind and helpful.

Te Tohu o ngā Tikanga

He mihi nui tēnei ki ā:

ERIE TAWHAI

The recipient demonstrates a model of leadership that reflects tikanga such as Marae practices, kaitataki tāne/wāhine and sustaining Māori performing arts in Māori Medium Education.

Te Tohu reo Māori

He mihi nui tēnei ki ā:

BROOKE BEACH-TAWHAI

This recipient demonstrates the promotion and encouragement in their use and understanding in te reo Māori me ōna tikanga. They have a clear sense of personal identity, Mana and recognise ngā tikanga in Māori Medium Education.

Kia Ngākau Hihiri - Curious

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