



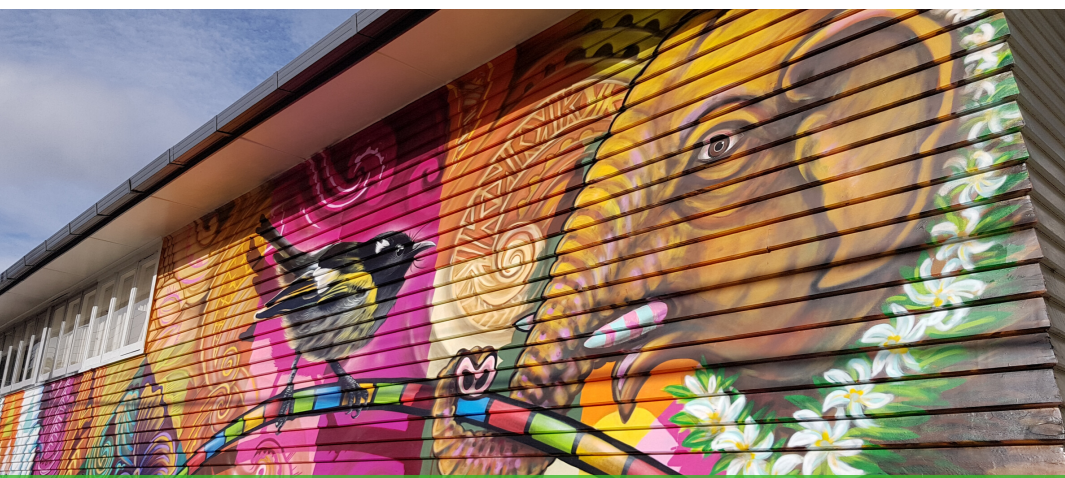
Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

WEEK 08 | TERM 4 | DECEMBER 2019

Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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Mr Brown's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou te whānau

Welcome to our last full newsletter for 2019. The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and it is important that our students are at school every day, on time, ready to start school. Despite the strong winds recently it is still vitally important that all students come to school prepared with sun hats and sunscreen, ready to enjoy the many learning experiences outside. As the days are warming up and the end of term is near our students show signs of tiredness. I would encourage some early nights, so that children are in good spirits ready for a great day at school.

Thank you!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children, staff and the Newtown community for what has been a successful year. The positive impact whānau involvement has on children should not be underestimated. Whether you are helping in whānau classrooms, coaching sports teams or coming along on trips, the children at Newtown School all benefit from this fantastic support. The number of people who have helped throughout the year never ceases to amaze me. These efforts add a real depth to our community spirit. A special morning tea to acknowledge those contributions will be held at **11 am on Tuesday 17 December** following the final assembly.

I wish to also acknowledge the awesome school staff. The Newtown community is extremely fortunate to have such skilled and hard working people in their school. The children receive quality teaching and learning programmes from caring and supportive teachers. The teachers in turn are supported by a fantastic group of support staff

Whānangatanga - Connected

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

WHATS INSIDE

- Newtown School Whānau structure 2020
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IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 12 December :
Newtown's Got Talent, 9.30am
- Friday 13 December :
Whole school Picnic at the Park
- Monday 16th December :
Leavers Dessert Evening
- Tuesday 17 December :
Leavers Final Assembly 9.30am
- Wednesday 18th December :
Last day of Term 4
- Monday 3 February:
First day back for 2020,
Powhiri at 9.15am

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

who go above and beyond their job in order to see that the children at Newtown get a wonderful learning experience. Our school is also supported by a proactive and passionate Board of Trustees who are focussed on creating and maintaining the best learning environment for all our students and whanau.

Reports & 2020 Classes

The end of year reports will be sent home on **Friday 13 December**. This report summarises your child's achievements and progress. Please celebrate their successes with them. Included in the report envelope will be the tentative notification of your child's 2020 class. Students have met with their 2020 home class teacher and new whānau classmates. We advise tentative student placements at this time to allow you to support your child's transition to their new learning environment over the summer break. Many hours of thought and reflection have gone into creating the most appropriate learning groups for 2020.

Final Assembly

Our Year 6 and 8 final assembly will be held **Tuesday 17 December, 9.30am** in our school hall. All parents are invited to this. This is a very special occasion where we recognise senior student achievement and make a small presentation to all our Year 6 students. I look forward to many of you being able to join us for this celebration.

Congratulations to our team of athletes who competed at the Wellington Regional sports tournament. Many sports teams are competing in end of year finals with destination.

The Touch Team Titans placed 1st in the year 3/4 mixed section this week. Thank you Zoey for coordinating all our sports teams over the last two years. Zoey moves to the Waikato next year to continue her sporting coordination interests



School will close for the year at **3.00pm, Wednesday 18th December**. Our new school year for 2020 will begin for all students at **9.00am, Monday 3rd February 2020**. Any new students can enrol in the week of 27 - 31 January or email admin@newtown.school.nz.

To all our Year 6 students and those families who will not be with us in the New Year, I wish you all the very best.
Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Noho ora mai ra Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

STAFFING

As the year draws to a close, there are some final staffing announcements. We farewell a number of staff at the end of the school year. Diana who has been on maternity leave for terms 3 & 4 has shifted to Hamilton. Nina will relocate to Brisbane, James and Juliana finish their fixed term teaching positions, while Gabrielle will go on parental leave and then full time motherhood. We wish to acknowledge all of their contributions they have made to our school learning community. Both Diana and Gabrielle are recognised for their passion of promoting of the 'arts'. Gabrielle has been active in organising such wonderful events as, 'Dancesplash' and our very popular performance assemblies.

We welcome three experienced teachers to our school next year. Keith Hutton from Clyde Quay School, Sarah Shore from Hāitaitai and MindPlus School, while Moira Ross transfers from Mt Cook School for two terms while Alice Cooke remains on parental leave.

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 students and their families.

- **Trystan Broadbent**
- **Johan Shiju**
- **Jewel Shiju**

REGIONAL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS

to Imeleta who came **first** in Year 6 Female Quoit Throw with a distance of 23.02m

Well done!



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 bag if they wish.

NO HAT... NO PLAY!

NEWTOWN SCHOOL WHĀNAU STRUCTURE 2020



As you will be aware we have been working on student placements as we plan for the whanau organisation for 2020. I am happy to let you know that we have finalised what whanau and at what level our teachers will teach in 2020. Please be aware that this can change for a variety of reasons, however next year's whanau organisation is currently as follows:

Te Whānau Tui - Year 0 & 1

Whānau Teachers: Julia Harris, Karen Fredrickson, Mitch Jordan/Janette Roberts and Debbie Purves (term 3 and 4 - roll growth)

Te Whānau Harakeke - Years 1 - 3

Whānau Teachers: Karen King, Sarah Shore, Amy Head and Moira Ross Term 1 and 2 (Alice Cooke returning from maternity leave term 3)

Te Whānau Pohutukawa - Years 3 & 4

Whānau Teachers: Hannah Gilmore, Annabel Burston, Keith Hutton and Sally Hunter

Whānau Waitangi - Years 5 & 6

Whānau Teachers: Louise Conwell, Matt Titcombe, Alice Van Der Merwe and Wanwan Liao

Te Whānau Ngati Kotahitanga - Years 0 - 8

Whānau Teacher: Whaea Maraia Pukeke-Pine and Whaea Susie Hohipa

Specialist Teachers

Debbie Purves (Time to Thrive) Linda Martelletti and Peter Holmstead (Release Teachers), Ann Mace and Frances Hudson (Reading Recovery) Hine Nopera

Support Staff

Sam Sun, Georgia Davis, Bev Teautama, Gregory Talivai, Shirin Sulaimani, Nicole Schotters, Dave Shallcrass, Ruth Thomas- Maxwell, Michael Watson, Kat Hall, Alysha Stephens, Ella Norrie-Dempsey, Divya Kamaraj, Sirisha Medarametla, Estelle Valent, Moreen Shamoel & Julie Bell

Administration Staff

Trish Tuthill and Melissa Kooiman

Deputy Principals

Nicki Read & Justine Henderson

Principal

Mark Brown

Don't forget to check your child's reports for information on the start of next year and who their home class teacher will be for 2020

THOMAS GEORGE MCCARTHY TRUST

Newtown School is the recipient of a Biennial Library Grant from Thomas George McCarthy Trust. The grant is worth \$4000 and will be used to purchase books for the school library. This significant support is appreciated very much by the school.



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CURRICULUM CORNER

Written by: Nicki Read - Deputy Principal

What to look for in your child's report?

As you read the school report about your child, here is what we are hoping you can see. Teachers get excited about all sorts of aspects of learning and this is one of our chances to share this with you. Please take time to read it with your child to help celebrate all they have achieved. Look for:

- words that uniquely describe their character
- ways they relate to others
- ways they shine, strengths and talents they share at school
- progress they have made and what they will learn next
- their attitude to learning
- our school values in action
- how they represented the school or leadership
- your child's comment on their learning

Every comment is based on what's been noticed, collected, analysed, discussed and celebrated. Please thank the teachers for their thought and care plus congratulate your child on their fantastic efforts this year.



Whāia te mātauranga kia mārama
Seek knowledge for understanding



"Poipoia te kakano
Kia puawai"
Nurture the seed and
it will blossom
He Whānau

NEWTOWN SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

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.

NEWTOWN SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS | PLEASE RETURN

Please return any sports t-shirts or shorts that your child may have been issued over the year.

These can be dropped in the school office or given to Hannah in Pohutukawa.

SCHOOL READING / LIBRARY BOOKS

Please have a look around at home for any Newtown School Reading or Library books that might have been forgotten.

These can be returned to the School Office / Library or posted into our school letterbox on Mein Street.

STOP PRESS

Government announced an additional \$236,000.00 to be spent on property upgrades in our school next year. This funding along with money (\$200,000.00) granted to us from the MoE will mean we will be able to finish off planned property projects that were forecasted to be completed over the next 3 to 4 years. This will finalise the complete 'makeover' of our school.

Kia Ngākau Hihiri - Curious

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



OPENING OF MUSIC ROOM

Ruth, along with a group of Pohutukawa students have designed and painted a mural in our new music performance room.

It looks amazing!



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the students that competed at the Inter-zone Athletics, the following students made it through to the Regional Athletics.

Shammah - Vortex

Aaliyah - Quoits

Imeleta - Quoits

Gus - sprints, vortex, long jump, high jump

Siope - sprints, vortex, long jump, high jump

Jamie - sprints, vortex, long jump, high jump



JUNIOR NETBALL

"Our Year 1 & 2 Motu Kairangi Future Ferns Netballers have been having a wonderful time each Saturday learning new netball skills and putting them into practice with games against other teams in our area. They have learnt so much this term and it has been awesome to see their growth as individuals and as a team. Many thanks to all of the parents who have helped out to make this happen - what a wonderful season!" Rebecca - Coach



BREAK & ENTER CHRISTMAS

Every year (for over 16 years now) Polly and Grant from MoreFM have run a Christmas campaign called Break and Enter Christmas. There are a lot of families who are struggling, and this becomes particularly compounded at Christmas time. Each year they try to give one of those families the BEST Christmas ever. We call on clients of the station, and friends of the show, to come forward with items (ranging from groceries, household goods to treats) to make it a memorable Christmas for a deserving family.

We're on the hunt for one such family, and we'd like to open it up to you to nominate anyone in your school or community who you think would benefit from having gifts, food and the pressure of providing Christmas being alleviated this Christmas.

For more info and how to nominate a deserving family please go to: <https://bit.ly/2DoTcX3>

Kia Manaaki - Respectful

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Swim Teacher (Part-Time) – Tawa, Johnsonville, Karori, Kilbirnie

SwimWell - Wellington City Council

- School Hours – 9.30am – 2.30pm
- School Holidays off
- Above Living wage – \$22.15 per hour
- Full training provided including St Johns First Aid Level 1
- Further opportunities for continued employment in your chosen field within Wellington City Council



Why become a swim teacher?

- Take pride in knowing you are teaching a core life skill that could save a life
- Flexible hours
- Ongoing professional training

If you looking for an opportunity to work in a fun environment where people come first, and want the chance to make a positive difference to children's lives then we would like to hear from you.

To chat about the role call Jayne on 021 247 8729 or email jayne.freeman@wcc.govt.nz.

Alternatively bring a friend and come along to one of our SwimWell information sessions:

- Wednesday 11 December 10am – Tawa Pool

Please apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/rfoe3le>.

Applications close Saturday 5pm, 14 December 2019.

Applicants must be prepared to undergo pre-employment health and drug screening if short-listed.



Kia whakapau kaha - Effort

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