



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

IMPORTANT DATES

- 20 February - Family fun Night
- 4-6 March - Year 6 Camp
- 9 March - Bee Healthy Dental Van onsite
- 9 April - Kāhui Ako - Teacher only day - School closed
- 9 April - Last day of Term 1
- 27 April - Anzac Day
- 28 April - Term 2 Starts
- 3 July - Last day of Term 2
- 20 July - Term 3 Starts
- 25 September - Last day of Term 3
- 12 October - Term 4 Starts
- 15 December - Last day for 2020

SCHOOL TIMES

SCHOOL STARTS 9.00AM
INTERVAL 11.00-11.20AM
LUNCH 12.45-1.45PM
SCHOOL FINISHES 3.00PM

ABSENCES

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING TO BE AT SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PHONE: 04 389 6667

TEXT: 020 40175659

EMAIL:

AWAY@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ.

Welcome back everyone, and thank you for assisting your children and their teachers in having an extremely positive start to the 2020 school year.

It's my pleasure also to welcome back students and families who are returning to Newtown, and to extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining the school community. Staff are extremely excited about this year and the fascinating learning journey of discovery and growth that lies ahead for you the parents, but more importantly for your/our children.

This year we welcomed at our pōwhiri, three new teaching staff. Sarah Shore and Moira Ross will be working in Whānau Harakeke, while Keith Hudson teaches in Whānau Pohutukawa. All these teachers have qualities and attributes that will enhance our school. We are thrilled that they have joined our school community and know that they have much to offer us in the months to come.

All families are invited along to the Family Fun Night & Meet the Whānau on Thursday 20 February, 5pm - 7pm. This is a great chance for you to be introduced to our new staff and meet your children's whānau teachers while hearing about active learning that will be happening within each whānau.

The staff and I look forward to providing wonderful learning opportunities for your child and hope you will be able to support us in this endeavour, or to share in some of the activities we organise.

On behalf of the entire staff, may I wish you all a great schooling year at Newtown.

Noho ora mai ra,

Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

TEACHER ONLY DAY | APRIL 9th

NEWTOWN SCHOOL WILL BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE FULL DAY ON THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

Newtown School will be closed for instruction on Thursday 9th April. Our Teaching staff will be attending a combined Capital City, Kāhui Ako meeting. We ask that you keep your children home and make appropriate arrangements to ensure they are supervised.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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!

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.

Contact / Medical details

Please contact the school office and update any personal details that may have changed since last year. A lot of people move over the holidays or have changed contact numbers. It is extremely important that we can get in touch with you in the case of an emergency or your child being unwell. If your child has developed any medical conditions please let us know.

Calling for help!

We would like to sort through, de-nail and stack timber we have on site in preparation for construction programmes we will be running with Menzshed. We also need help to paint fence palings! Email debbiep@newtown.school.nz with your available day and we will choose the most popular day.

Either:

Friday 21st February 9.00am - 11.00am OR

Saturday 22nd February 9.00-11.00am

LOVE OF LEARNING AT NEWTOWN SCHOOL

This year I would encourage you to not only keep your own love of learning alive, but that of your children. You can find joy in new challenges, overcoming obstacles and mastering new knowledge. Encourage your children to make it a point of personal pride to do their best, striving to try their hardest and refuse to be beaten or give up easily. At Newtown School we are very fortunate to have incredibly talented staff. They have each spent an inordinate amount of time preparing an array of learning experiences for the year. Our teachers will strive to positively encourage each student to stretch not only their physical self but also the limits of their thinking and creativity. Our commitment to academic excellence, coupled with our determination to address the children's physical and emotional intelligence will mean that Newtown School is a great place to foster your children's love of learning and life. As we endeavour to provide the best possible learning opportunities, we are grounded through the mastery of our School Values; Curiosity, Resilience, Effort, Connection and Respect. We trust you will support us to provide the innovative learning and teaching opportunities that will accelerate your child's attainment in these areas.

KIA MANAAKI - RESPECTFUL

YOU ARE INVITED TO

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND MEET THE WHĀNAU



**Thursday February 20th
5 - 7pm**

All parents, whānau and caregivers are invited to attend our Family Fun Night

- Meet your child's whānau teachers
- Find out what learning their whānau is planning for 2020
- Have fun in the playground

Free sausage sizzle for everyone
(Halal & Vegetarian sausages)
Bring your own picnic dinner

Paul Forest

This week Paul Forrest has been working across our kura on how to draw birds in flight. Discussions were had on how birds fly and tamariki played some drawing games to sharpen their eye. Look out for the wonderful artwork being produced and encourage your child to continue practicing at home

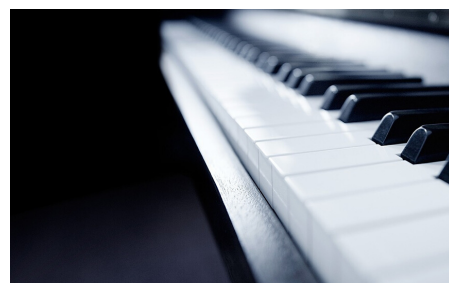


MUSIC LESSONS 2020

Newtown School offers different opportunities to learn an instrument with qualified instructors. Please contact the providers directly. Spaces available.

Piano lessons

Sophie Wooles offers piano lessons this term at Newtown School on a Tuesday and /or Thursday afternoon. She provides fun-filled piano sessions and aims to centre lessons around her student's creative passions and interests to help engage and excite her learners! Lessons are \$18 for 20 minute sessions. If you require any further information and are interested in booking your child in for lessons, please contact Sophie directly.



Email sophiewooles@hotmail.com or ph: 0273799753.

Guitar lessons



Guitar lessons available from qualified, experienced tutor. All styles and levels, acoustic and electric. Lessons are organised during the school day. Trinity Guildhall exam options. \$23 per half hour one on one lesson. Group lessons also offered.

Julian Taylor (BMus) 021 126 8497 crown.julz.24@gmail.com

"The Ukulele Institute' (T.U.I)

"The Ukulele Institute' (T.U.I) You can learn some fancy strumming, finger picking and even some cool moves. Every Monday after school (3:15-4:00pm) The Ukulele Institute (T.U.I) will arrive with a van load of Ukes and other cool percussive instruments. We'll learn some tunes, belt out some songs and prepare our group for some school and community concerts. The cost will be \$50 for a 10 week term, (regardless of when you sign up in the term.) Lessons are also available to all ages...even mum or dad can join Uke Club! Ukes are supplied...but you'll want your own for the homework. * Please note that Single lessons are no longer available. Shane will see you at Uke Club. Please contact the school office to sign up.



Piano and Drum lessons

Dynamite Music offer piano and drum lessons during the school day. The lessons are taught in groups and there are discounts for community services card holders. For more information and to sign up for a free trial lesson, visit <https://enrolmy.com/dynamitemusic/book-now/50-Newtown> or text/call Simon on 027 380 0239. Guitar lessons may also be available if there is any interest.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHERS

Kia ora.



I am Sarah Shore and I am teaching in Harakeke this year. I have two daughters here at Newtown, Dora in Harakeke and Edith has just started in Tui. I have lived in Newtown since 2010. For the past 9 years I have taught at Hataitai School. I have also taught overseas in London and also in Budapest. It is exciting to be teaching here, at our local school.
Sarah

Kia ora, I am excited to be part of Newtown School and Pōhutukawa. I live in Newtown and it is great to teach within my own community. When I am not at school I enjoy getting into the outdoors through hiking, camping and cycling.
Keith.



Kia ora,

After 14 years of teaching overseas I headed back home to Wellington. After five years at Mount Cook seeking a challenge I started here at Newtown School. My passions are teaching Ecology and Literacy. My travels have allowed me to take photos and this has become another passion of mine.
Ngā mihi, Moira



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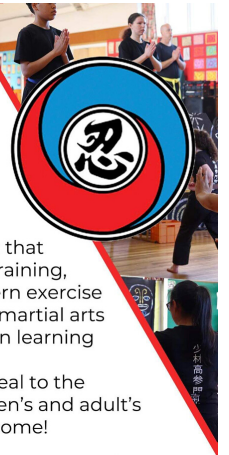
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I would like to offer an exciting 'Three Classes Free!*' deal to the students and families of Newtown School. Both children's and adult's classes are available, and all skill and ability levels welcome!

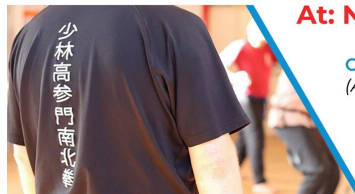
At: NEWTOWN SCHOOL HALL

Childrens Classes
(Ages 7 - 12)

Monday & Friday
6pm - 7pm

Adults Classes
(All ages 13+)

Monday & Friday
7pm - 8.30pm



Contact - Harrison Smith (Instructor)

☎ (027) 3545 882

✉ newtown@shaolinNPC.co.nz

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🌐 www.shaolinnpc.co.nz

*Three classes free offer exclusive to Newtown School newsletter recipients. Applicable to Newtown training centre only. Must be redeemed across 3 consecutive visits. One offer redemption per person.