



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4-6 March - Year 6 Camp
- 9 March - Bee Healthy Dental Van onsite
- 12 March - Andy Wright Storyteller, whole school performance
- 17 & 19 March - Learning conversations
- 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

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

Thank you to everyone who came to our family fun night and meet the teacher evening held last week. Our teachers really value the opportunity to share plans for the year ahead with parents and whānau as it sets up expectations and is an opportunity to answer any questions you may have. If you weren't able to attend and haven't met your child's home class or whānau teachers yet, please don't hesitate to contact them and make time to discuss class expectations and how your child is settling in. You are free to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at any time. We invite all parents to attend, with your child, Learning Conversations : Parent-Teacher-Student on Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 March. Details of this school event are included in this newsletter. (on page 3)

Thank you to all the parents who gave their time on Friday morning for our school working bee. We had a big clean up on the decks beside our prefabs which had been storing recycled wood. Plans are being developed to build a sandpit beside this deck.

We value school sports teams and believe that participating in them is important for developing cooperation, collaboration, fair play and sportsmanship. I wish to sincerely pass on my massive thank you to all of our parents who have offered to coach or manage teams this year. We will endeavour to support you as much as we can in your role.

At Newtown School, we value the opportunity to experience learning outside the classroom. We provide many exciting and interesting trips. Next week, Year 6 students will attend school camp at Camp Wainui. These activities provide a great opportunity for our students to develop resilience, confidence and a sense of achievement. Thank you to the many parents that are giving their time to support this fantastic adventure.

With the wonderful 'Newtown Festival' only a week or so away, our school Kapa Haka group have been very busy practicing their performance that will help formally open this year's festival. We all feel very proud of our tamariki celebrating their culture with pride. We encourage you to go along to the Newtown Festival with your family as they are putting on a number of free activities for the kids to enjoy.

Noho ora mai ra,

Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

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

Kia whakapau kaha - Effort

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS: PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT

Learning conversations build relationships and collaboration between us: school, whānau and children. They are important. Your child will talk about their learning and together we will create a goal that everyone thinks is important for them.

We would love to know:

- What are your aspirations/ hopes for your child in 2020?
- What would you like us to know about your child?
- What are their Interests and things they are great at?

These conversations are on **Tuesday 17th March** 3:15pm-8.00pm and **Thursday 19th March** 3:15pm -6.45pm. Each learning conversation will be 15 minutes long.

To book an interview:

- Click the booking button at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
- Use event code: 5ggz4

If you need help to book your interview, please come to the school office.

Stationery and Sports payments

Thank you to all the families who have paid for school stationery and sport this year. If you haven't yet paid for your child's stationery/sport please pop into the school office to make payment. We accept eftpos and cash in the office or you can pay by direct credit. Details are:

Account Name: Newtown Board of Trustees

Bank: BNZ

Account Number: 02 0576 0022421 00

Reference: Child's Name

Code: 2020 Stationery or Name of sport

Sunhats

It is school policy that all students wear a sunhat with a brim (not a cap) during Term 1 & 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!

NEWTOWN FESTIVAL 8 MARCH - HELPERS NEEDED

The Newtown Festival will take place on Sunday 8 March and like other years there is an opportunity for our school community to support the festival operation and to raise money for our school at the same time.

We need volunteers for one hour between 7 and 9am on Sunday morning and volunteers later in the day, at a time to be confirmed (probably between 5pm and 6pm).

We will be managing early bird parking for stall holders on the school grounds and providing tables and chairs from inside the hall for the casual eating areas across the festival area.

If you can help at either time or would like to know more please email Jess Gorman at jessicakgorman@gmail.com

A huge thanks to all those that de-nailed and organised wood last Friday.

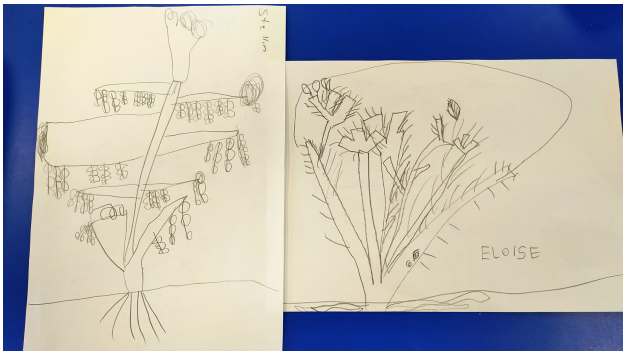
Your help was invaluable! The deck is nearly cleared!! If anyone has time and energy to help us out with what's left let me know debbie@newtown.school.nz.



Paul Forest - Update

In the last two weeks Paul Forrest has continued working across our kura showing us how to draw people in motion and trees. Tamariki are enjoying working with Paul and we are seeing amazing artworks!

Look out for some of these wonderful artworks on our display board. Continue to encourage your child to practice at home.



We need you!

Volunteers are wanted for our kitchen and garden programme.

Our school is running the Garden to Table programme again this year. It's a unique and inspiring programme teaching children how to grow and harvest produce from the school garden, to then be prepared and shared in the school kitchen.

For this to be successful, we need you! This project relies on the support of volunteers to work with children in the garden and kitchen, sharing their experience, enthusiasm and knowledge.

You don't have to be an expert! Our Garden and Kitchen Specialists are always on hand to provide expert advice and oversee the sessions. You just need to be interested in helping children learn about growing food, cooking and sharing food, and enjoy working with children.

Have we talked you into it? We'd love to hear from you!

Email Louise – louisec@newtown.school.nz – for more information or to arrange to see a session in action.

FUNDRAISER

Movies on the Green #2 & #3 - Tommy's Real Estate

Summer Series proudly sponsored by Nicki

Cruickshank and Sam Newble.

Fundraising for the redevelopment of the Hataitai Centre and Village Green

(157 Hataitai Road)

Gates open 6pm, movies start at sunset \$5 per person (adult or child) Under 2 yo free

Food and drinks for purchase or bring a picnic

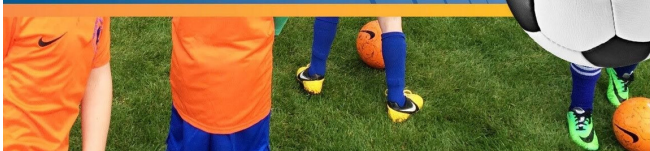
For tickets and more information check

out www.trybooking.co.nz/DKL,

Facebook@movieonthegreen or www.hataitai.org.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wellington United Junior Football Club



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Boys and girls aged 5-14

FUN FOOTBALL (born 2012 and 2013)

Games on Saturdays

1 weekly indoor training with qualified coaches

For more information please visit -

<http://www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/funfootball.html>

FIRST KICKS (born 2014 and 2015)

Saturday mornings with qualified coaches

KICK-AROUND DATES

Monday 30th March 4:30-5:30pm at Newtown 2

MATES CAN PLAY WITH MATES

Let us know if you have a friend(s) you want to be in a team with



Suzanne Aubert Scout Group

We meet every Monday during school term
St Anne's Hall 6:30-8:00pm
We are accepting youth age 8-14
suzanneaubert@group.scouts.nz
scouts.org.nz

ADVENTURE PLUS!

SCOUTS
New Zealand

TRY SHAOLIN KUNG FU

*First Three Classes Free!**

Shaolin Nam Pai Chuan Kung Fu is a broad martial art that teaches the authentic forms, animal styles, weapons training, and techniques of traditional kung fu. We apply modern exercise and movement science, self-defense application, and martial arts training to provide well rounded classes taught in a fun learning environment.

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

🌐 Shaolin Kung Fu Association

✉ newtown@shaolinNPC.co.nz

🌐 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.

Register Now!

JUNIORS
MARIST ST PATS RUGBY



GRADES FOR ALL AGES, WEIGHTS AND EXPERIENCE

Little Rippas Non Contact Fun Skills - indoors every Saturday Under 5	Rip Rugby Non Contact 7 a side - no weight limits Under 6, 7, 8/9, 10/11	Tackle Rugby Reduced Contact 10 a side Weight limited Under 8, 9, 10, 11	Tackle Rugby Contact 15 a side Weight limited Under 12, 13
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Registration events at Marist St Pats Gym

- Sunday March 8th 12pm-2pm
- Wednesday March 25th 5pm-6:30pm (doubles as Canes in Clubs event - meet some Hurricanes!)
- Sunday March 29th 11am-2pm
- Or register online anytime at www.msprugby.co.nz/ Site/Juniors/
- Enquiries to: mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com