



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

IMPORTANT DATES

- 17 & 19 March - Learning Conversations
- 26 March - Race Relations Day
- 6 April - School Cross Country
- 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

Kia ora Whānau, Friends & Caregivers,

Year 6 camp was a great success. Our students were challenged, showed perseverance, had fun and will have positive memories to cherish. To all our wonderful whānau who attended and supported the camp, we are sincerely grateful for your generosity of time and care for our young people. I'm sure that our students will value their relationships and connections with you forever!

What a wonderful performance from our school Kapa Haka \ at the formal opening of the 2020 Newtown Festival. Our tamariki celebrated their culture with pride.

Many of you will have noted that we have not asked for a school donation or requested funding support for some of the activities students have been involved in this year. This is because we have opted into the Ministry of Education 'donations scheme'. This means that we will not ask you to support us financially for any activity (beyond a school camp), unless it is extra curricula and participation is optional. We have an international storyteller at school this week who paid for by our school.

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 (page 2). If you are unable to attend the Learning Conversations, you are free to make an appointment time to meet with your child's teacher at another time to discuss their school.

Plans are underway for the development of a new school sandpit. This project has had a boost with a number of very generous donations from within the community. Our school wishes to acknowledge the W F Anderson Educational Trust for a donation of \$6000. The late Dale Coveny, who taught at Newtown School, left \$2000 to the school. A group of Newtown School parents fundraised by parking cars on Newtown Festival morning and afternoon and collected \$1580.

Noho ora mai ra,
Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Acknowledging Generous Donations - For our new sandpit.

W F Anderson Educational Trust for a donation of \$6000. The trust donates to schools as a result of the historical 'Licensing Trust' in South Wellington.

Dale Coveny was a teacher at Newtown School in the 1980s and 90s. On her passing away she has bequeathed \$2000 towards. We thank her family for enacting her wishes. The kind donation will go towards the new sandpit.

A group of parents who spent their time on Newtown Festival morning and evening, parking cars and helping set up chairs and tables stalls for the market - \$1580

Our school is appreciative of any donations from our community that helps support Newtown School students educational wellbeing.

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.

The following 'think piece' framework explains why we hold our Learning Conversations. They provide a formal opportunity to develop 'Relationships for Learning'.

Child well-being at the heart:

Information sharing and building partnerships is about developing three-way genuine relationships that focus on learning and progress. They're where you know you are working together on something that is really important.

Why are three-way partnerships important?

- **Students want to learn and progress** – and need support to take risks, make changes, and share their thinking.
- **Parents and whānau know their child best.** Their strengths, weaknesses, interests and are the most important 'out-of-school' influences.
- **Teachers make a difference** – they know and understand pedagogy and the curriculum. Research shows they are the strongest in-school influence on learning.

Ākonga are more likely to succeed when parents, whānau and their teachers:

- Work together in a way that is focused on learning
- Sharing information and knowledge expertise
- Understanding and celebrating similarities



Hand Washing- Guide from Ministry of Health

Wash hands for 20 seconds. Dry hands for 20 seconds

1. Wet your hands under clean running water. Use warm water if available.
2. Put soap on your hands and wash for 20 seconds. Liquid soap is best.
3. Rub hands together until the soap makes bubbles.
4. Rub on both sides of both hands ...
5. and in between fingers and thumbs ...
6. and round and round both hands.
7. Rinse all the soap off under clean running water. Use warm water if available.
8. Dry your hands all over for 20 seconds. Using a paper towel is best (or, if at home, a clean dry towel).

Always wash and dry your hands

Before:

- Eating or preparing food.

After:

- Sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose (or wiping children's noses)
- Gardening (or playing outside for children)
- Having contact with animals
- Going to the toilet or changing nappies
- Looking after sick people.

Bee Healthy Dental Van Onsite

The dental van will be here until the end of Term 1. They will be examining all students enrolled in the service. The van is not equipped to do treatment after the check-up so your child will be given a form to take home to arrange any further treatment, if needed.

Any questions or concerns regarding your child's teeth, feel free to come to the van to chat. They don't bite!

If your child is in pain - please phone 0800 825583 to arrange for immediate assessment at Selby House Clinic, 175 Adelaide Road.

If your child is not enrolled, please come to the van and get a form to fill out.



**KEEP
BEING
KIND**



**COUGH
& SNEEZE
HANDS
FREE**

**WASH
& DRY
THEM
OFTEN**



**STAY AT
HOME IF
YOU'RE
SICK**



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Newtown Holiday programme April 2020

We're now opening enrolments for the Newtown Holiday Programme for April 2020. It's running April 14th – 24th. We look forward to having a fun time hanging out with your kids!

<http://www.newtowncommunity.org.nz/holiday-programme.html>

You do need to fill in a different enrolment form for each child, or fill it in for one child and then email me the name, age, DOB, school, medical and other needs of any other kids.

I need enrolment forms back by the 5th April latest, but enrolments will probably fill up quicker than that, so get them back to me as soon as possible.

Please note your child/ren's enrolment is not confirmed until you've had a confirmation from me.

To return the form (if you don't fill in the online version!) you can:

scan / take photos and email the form to me ellie@newtowncommunity.org.nz or return it to the Community Centre between 9-4.30 Monday to Friday.

Post it to us PO Box 7021, Newtown, Wellington

Ngā mihi, Ellie



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Boys and girls aged 5-14

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL

Teams for Under 7 through to Under 16

Games on Sundays

Skill sessions with qualified coaches

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

MATES CAN PLAY WITH MATES

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

