



## PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 June - Queens Birthday - School closed
- **Each Whānau will be making a trip to the Wellington Zoo this Term - Please keep an eye out for Notices coming home.**
- 3 July - Last day of Term 2
- 20 July - First day of Term 3
- 25 September - Last day of Term 3
- 12 October - First day of Term 4
- 15 December - Last day of 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.

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Kia ora Whānau, Friends & Caregivers,

Thank you to everyone who has made the transition back to school run so smoothly. The first week has been fantastic and the pick up and drop off has been a great success. Thank you to all our community who has followed our new guidelines, your support has been fantastic. The children have been amazing and have gotten back into the swing of school extremely quickly and without much fuss!

Thank you for all your support with our return to school. The children have been well prepared and have settled really well back into the routines of the classroom and the health and safety protocols for Alert Level 2. The children have demonstrated our school value of resilience/kia manahau, as have you our parents. Thank you for your support at drop off and pick up times. It has been fantastic to see the growing independence of our junior school children coming into school each day by themselves. At the school gate (**or green line**), parents have commented to me and staff, about the 'positives' and new family routines that came from this experience. As we move into our new normal, I hope that all whānau can continue to hold onto these and continue to share quality time with one another.

During term 2, all outside sports and events have been cancelled. This will be reviewed by the relevant organisations and a decision regarding term 3 will be made in the coming weeks.

Our term dates stay the same with this term being a 12 week term instead of 10. Term 3 finishes Friday 3 July.

Finally, while this has been a very challenging time, I believe we will take many positive things from the experience. As a school community, we are now even stronger and everyone has played a part in that. Thank you.

He waka eke noa  
(We're all in this together)

Noho ora mai ra,  
Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

### Next steps after Level 2

We are all eager to return to “regular” school, but like all good things, it may take time! We await the Prime Minister’s announcement on Monday 25 May, and can assure you that we will be nimble in altering our operational changes to align with the Health & Safety requirements set out by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education when these are announced.

The ongoing measures of sanitising and contact tracing to keep everyone safe will remain in place until further notice and I appreciate your cooperation with these measures when entering and exiting the school. As we continue through this time of COVID Level 2, I will keep you informed of changes.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I have been humbled by the number of parents who have expressed their gratitude for our teachers work and engagement with students during lockdown.

## CURRICULUM CORNER -FROM FEED FORWARD SURVEY

‘Learning from Home’ has been an inspiring and creative process for our staff. Our aim was to connect, inspire and provide opportunities that our tamariki might enjoy. It is important for us all to consider what we value and recognise in all sorts of learning. The creativity of our children often surprises us-we want to continue to grow the best parts of the last 8 weeks so we continue to reflect. They are already creative, deep thinkers, inventors, playmakers, performers and active learners.

Parents at Newtown noticed the following during their bubble time:

Our children:

- thrived directing their time, having choice, managing time and projects,
- Having freedom to choose alone and quiet time
- Were energised by being in nature-their noticing and appreciation of our world increased.
- Loved practical projects like baking, building, constructing
- Felt better from lots of walking, biking and exercise

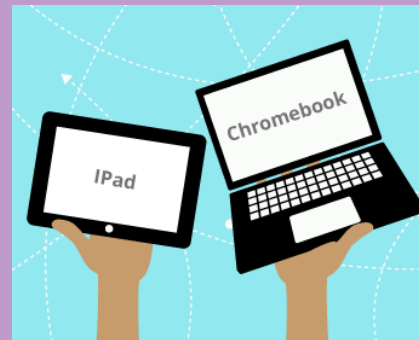
Please share ideas, inspirations and noticing that would enable our community to continue to thrive the best in our learning.

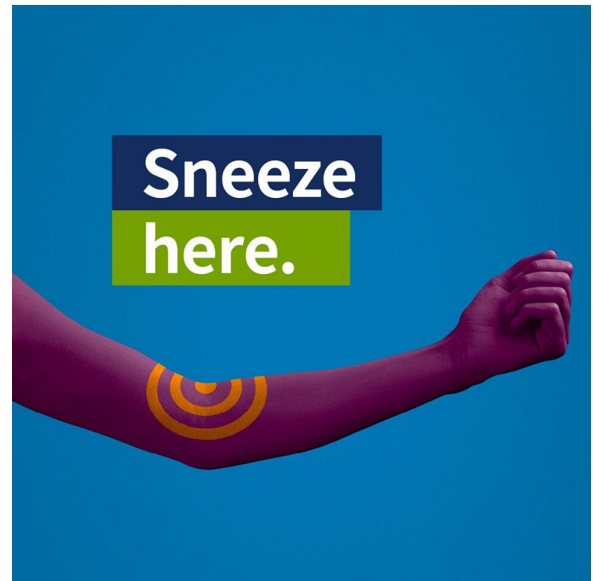
### School Device Returns - Monday 25 May

All school device, sent out during the lockdown period, need to be returned to school on Monday morning. We ask that the students bring the devices to Alice in Whānau o Waitangi, when they arrive at school.

Please ensure that:

- the charger is with the device
- your child has logged out of their accounts (Google drive, Mathletics, Seesaw etc)
- any photos that have been taken on the device have been deleted





## Whānau Appreciation

This week it has been great to see most of our students back at school and to hear the stories of how whānau coped with the lockdown. The effort you have put into keeping your children actively involved in the work sent home via 'Learning from Home', we applaud you for. I am sure you all learnt something about yourselves as well as our children.

Anyone keen to take up teaching now?

I want to say a big thank you to all parents for all your efforts during the lock down time for supporting your children with the home learning opportunities. I realise that this at times would not have been easy balancing home life, working from home and learning. I know it would have been a challenge. So well done.

## Tino pai/thank you to all our Staff

I believe all our staff have shown great leadership and support to our children throughout the distance learning and now while they are at school.

I also want to thank all the staff for the way you rallied to support the development of the home learning programmes and issuing of resources and devices - showing creativity and a willingness to adapt and be flexible teachers.

Our school has extremely capable senior leaders. I wish to acknowledge, both Nicki and Justine, our Deputy Principals, for their professional expertise and professionalism as our school was in lockdown and as we emerged from the alert levels to exciting opportunities that have been presented to our school to promote excellence of learning and teaching at Newtown.

