



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3 July - Last day of Term 2
- 20 July - First day of Term 3
- 11-12 August - School Photos, Inspire Photography
- 4 September - Onesie day, fundraiser for Wellington Free Ambulance. Wear your pjs or onesie to school
- 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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TEXT: 020 40175659

EMAIL:

AWAY@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ

Kia ora Whānau, Friends & Caregivers,

Congratulations 'team,' we are in level 1- what an amazing effort by our communities.

I would like to thank you all for the way you supported your children to adapt to the Level 2 protocols that were in place. It has been wonderful to hear about how they have settled into our new 'normal' and are coping with getting set up for the day's learning independently. It is also important that I recognise the trust you have placed in our staff to manage your child's health and welfare as we move forward. Current daily student attendance is now back to what we would expect at this time of year, which is an excellent indicator that we are back on the right track.

The last couple of weeks have been about reconnecting and re-establishing relationships with our students and with each other. We are also keen to get school based learning underway again. After this week, we still have three weeks left of the term and we want to make the most of this time. One of the positives that has come out of the lockdown is the advances in online technology. New knowledge, skills and applications have been learnt, by both children and adults. With improved access to digital tools throughout the lockdown period, we have been able to make rapid gains in the sharing of student learning and progress.

We have reviewed our planning and reporting timeline to allow for students to be reintroduced to face to face learning, as well as for assessments to be completed so we are able to plan meaningful learning and teaching activities. This will also allow us and our learners to report on their progress. The COVID19 pandemic 'learning from home' time has meant we need to alter when we provide the first written report and learning conversations. Mid-year student progress reports will now be sent home in Term 3 on Friday 21st August, with Learning Conferences held the following week.

Noho ora mai ra,
Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Updating your whānau information

Please ensure our school office has the most up to date contact details for your whānau.

You can update this information by emailing admin@newtown.school.nz or phoning us on 04 389 6667

Parking - St Annes

Please refrain from driving down Emmett Street to drop off or collect your children. St Annes is private property, you cannot park or turn around in their school grounds.

This is to protect the safety of the children.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Term Dates

We have received some queries as to the school term dates for the remainder of the year. Unless changed by the Ministry of Education our term dates for the rest of the year will be:

- Term 2 ends Friday 3rd July.
- Term 3 starts Monday 20th July, ends Friday 25th September.
- Term 4 starts Monday 12th October, ends Friday 18th December.

EXCITING NEWTOWN SCHOOL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

We have been fortunate to be able to successfully coordinate a number of proposed property redevelopment projects for our school - all of these projects are planned to get underway this school year!

Wellington City Council has approved the release of their funds **(\$500,000)** to renovate our school swimming Pool to a stage 1 level (a fully functional pool). Our school will contribute other allocated funding over the coming years to finish the total upgrade.

The Ministry of Education has approved and funded the redevelopment of **Old Tui**. This large space will now become a new administration area, school library, staffroom and meeting spaces.

The Ministry of Education have also confirmed the redevelopment of our **Old staffroom and Moana learning spaces** into new modern learning spaces.

Initial plans are underway for the construction of a new '**school sandpit**' to be located on the Emmett Street area beside the deck and prefabs.

Other projects being scoped out at the moment, include the upgrade of parts of our school hall and kitchen for future redevelopment.

Paul Forest

Paul Forrest, our artist in residence is continuing to inspire our tamariki! Faces light up as he walks in and the business of being an artist gets underway.

This term Paul is continuing to teach across the school; ask your child to show you their work, it is inspiring.

Paul is also running an opt in class for Curiosity Monday and has begun a targeted small group to work on a project that will adorn our school. More on this later!

Check out our exhibition space.



Week 9 | Term 2 | June 2020

Support Staff Week - Newtown School has amazing Support Staff

At Newtown we have the most amazing support staff, this includes teacher aides/assistants, office administration staff, caretaker and cleaner, sport coordinator, ESOL tutors, librarians, Kaiarahi i te Reo - We really appreciate you! This week is Support Staff week and we would like to thank all our support staff for the fantastic job they do each and every day to ensure:

- our school runs smoothly
- parent queries are answered efficiently
- school financial systems are sound
- our school grounds and buildings are well maintained and safe
- that sport opportunities are well organised and accessible
- children are supported with learning challenges in their whānau and the playground
- teachers and school leadership are supported to do their jobs well
- that Newtown is a happy and safe place for us all to learn and grow

Do you remember playing in the great outdoors when you were a child?

We are excited to be running a new programme.

Groups of children go into the forest with a teacher and a Nature School NZ Trust teacher.

They are loving their Fridays.

Rain or shine they put on their provided raincoats and trousers and stomp into Mt Victoria to:

- Explore and discover
- Notice
- Investigate
- Design and make

They have built huts, drawn trees, inspected insects,

rolled down the hill and made a swing.

So much learning fun happening on the hill.



CURRICULUM CORNER-WHY SHARE LEARNING?

We know parents are the first teachers and there is power in our conversations together about our tamariki.

We are a team that care and contribute to making learning as valued and meaningful as it can be for each child.

We believe it is important children know, understand and can share their understanding of what and how they learn.

We want to share and celebrate this progress in a way that is honest and makes sense.

We have a foundation in our school values.

Together we grow children who:

- Have meaningful relationships with others-Whānaungatanga:.
- Delight in the world we are in-Kia Ngākau Hihiri
- Have a heart for challenge-Kia Manahau
- Enhance the esteem of others-Kia Manaaki
- Give their best in everything they do-Kia Whakapau Kaha



These values matter because they enable our young people to learn well and to go on learning throughout their lives.

Staff are currently thinking and preparing for how we can share this learning best with you. We are talking with students, each other and with you to gather ideas. We are preparing this for mid term three.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Newtown Fruit & Vege Market - Back at Newtown School Tomorrow | June 13th

NEWTOWN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME | JULY 6-17TH

We're now opening enrolments for the Newtown Holiday Programme for July 2020. It's running July 6th - 17th.

We look forward to having a fun time hanging out with your kids! Enrolments are online at <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.

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

South Wellington Intermediate School
is hosting Open Days for our
contributing schools.



This year we have organised this over two different days so that YOU get to experience what the school is like with our students present and WE get to know you a little bit better.

Newtown School will be visiting us on Wednesday 12th August.

When you come along you'll get to have hands-on experiences in our Food and Hard Tech rooms, Textiles and our Art room while getting to meet the teachers.

Holiday Programme

Full Day	07:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$55.00
Trip Day	07:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$70.00
Short Day	08:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$42.00
Half Day - AM	07:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$37.00
Half Day - PM	12:30 p.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$37.00

Row with Skiddy

Mon 06 Jul

Build and decorate your skids rowing boat to get ready for a race like no other!

sKIDS Active

Tue 07 Jul

Exclusive to sKIDS, bring all your energy for a day of sKIDS Active fun! Including the final Row with Skiddy Race!

Get Craft Crazy

Wed 08 Jul

You're the artist today. We'll provide you with resources and some ideas to get you started, the rest is up to you!

Trip - NZ Police

Thu 09 Jul

Join us for a fun adventure to the New Zealand Police Museum! Learn about NZ's history, take a fingerprinting workshop and more!

Harry Potter

Fri 10 Jul

Join us for all things Potter today! Wands, magic and fun!

FoodStorm

Mon 13 Jul

Cook up a storm with one of sKIDS' specialty programmes! Learn, Cook and (most importantly) EAT amazing, delicious food made by you!

Sports Galore

Tue 14 Jul

We're bringing sKIDS Active BACK this week! Which sports or recreational activities do you think you'll be doing today?

Pokemon

Wed 15 Jul

Gotta catch 'em all! We'll have games, make 3D pokemon and more. Come along and see what kind of trainer you are.

Challenge Accepted

Thu 16 Jul

Challenge your friends and sKIDS staff today in a series of challenges. Who will come out on top?

Pyjama Day

Fri 17 Jul

Come in your pyjamas or comfiest clothes and get ready to chill!

Breakfast Bonanza! Don't forget if you book a sKIDS July Holiday Programme session before 15th July, you'll go into the draw to win a month's supply of Nestle cereal to feed your whanau!

For more information, call 0800 274 172 Or 021 244 8020
or email newtown@skids.co.nz

Register now at www.skids.co.nz click on **Parent Login**

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