



## PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **18 August** - Interzone Cross Country
- **25-27 August** - Learning Conversations
- **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,

I feel a sense of relief that a decision has been made in relation to our regions and school Covid 2 level. The Prime Minister last evening announced we will stay at alert level 2 for the next 12 days. (this will be reviewed on 21 August)

*The Prime Minister said, "In keeping with our precautionary approach, and New Zealand's philosophy of going hard and going early, today Cabinet has agreed to maintain our current settings for an additional 12 days, bringing us to a full two weeks in total."*

*"Our current expectation is that by this time, the perimeter of the cluster will be identified, will be isolated and we can move to Level 2 in Auckland with confidence."*

I know you and our community are all doing everything possible to support our children and young people during this unsettling time. Thank you for your ongoing respectful support of our school. Working together to minimise community transmission is a goal that unites us all.

Thank you to the large group of parents that attended our 'How do we share your child's learning with you', afternoon and evening workshops this week. If you missed these informative events and would like to know more about how our school 'reports to you about your child' learning' feel free to contact me or our whānau teachers about the key messages we shared.

You will receive home this week your child's Learning Record (report) that will inform you about your child's learning - Learning Conversations will be held the following week. A link to the Learning Conversation (booking schedule) will be sent home next week. Both the Learning Record and Learning Conversations are an excellent way to celebrate your child's learning and to talk with our staff about their learning achievement and progress.

We invite all whānau to attend the completion of our "Butterflies Together" project. Friday 21 August 2pm at school. 13 large student painted butterflies celebrating their cultural diversity are to be installed on the eastern side of whānau Tui. This will create a huge kaleidoscope of butterflies that creatively celebrates the cultural diversity of Newtown School and community.

I know you and our community are all doing everything possible to support our children and young people during this unsettling time. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Please look after yourself and your whānau - Stay safe. Enjoy the sunny weekend!

Noho ora mai ra,  
Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki



## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

### COVID -19 LEVEL 2

The Alert Level for our Greater Wellington Region is Level 2. At this stage Alert Level 2 will be in place until it is reviewed on 21 August.

Newtown School will be open as normal, under Covid level 2 conditions.

We as a school and a community are very familiar with level 2 having successfully navigated our way through it in May.

Some of our school key Level 2 messages are:

- It is safe to send your child to school under level 2. We are reassuring children that we and you are keeping them safe.
- Stay home if you or your child are sick - seek advice from the Health line or your GP.
- Stay home if you are waiting for covid test results.
- Wash hands thoroughly - hand sanitizer and soap is throughout the school
- Cough and Sneeze into your arm or a tissue
- We record who is on site - Use the Government Covid Tracker App to record your own personal movements - these are placed around our school
- All visitors must come to our office and sign in
- Drop off your child after 8:30am from behind the 'green line' .
- Pick up your child at 3pm from behind the 'green line' .
- Please have your child bring a water bottle to school - the water fountains around the school are closed.
- No parents are to enter school buildings unless invited by a school teacher.
- The Emmett Street entrance is closed.
- Social distancing requirements are in place for adults in our playground.
- Covid 19 Health Link for all the latest updates <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

### Waitangi Parliament Visit



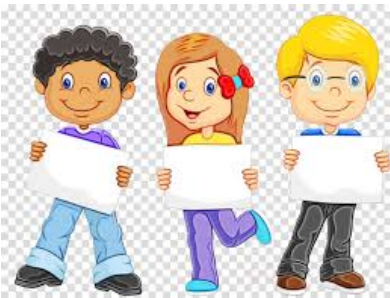
## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Sharing information about your child's learning... **WARNING-action required.**



Next week your children will be sharing their **mid year learning record** with you.

These are written by them, about their learning and discussed with their teachers. They are knowledgeable, insightful and a reflection of what they know about some of their learning. They are proud of what they have shared and it matters to them. On the back their teachers have commented on additional aspects of learning.



Don't miss out on reading this together!

Take time to listen and notice.

Ask more questions about why this matters.

#### **THEN**

Get ready for the invitation to book a **Learning Conversation** where there is time to share more information about progress and achievement.

*"Pupils' learning is more productive if it is reflective, intentional, and collaborative, practices which may not come naturally but can be taught and can lead to pupils taking responsibility for their own learning."*

*Black et al., 2006, page 126*

## Butterflies Together

### Cultural art experience



**When: 2.00-2.45pm Friday August 21st**

**Where: Newtown School**  
(Riddiford Street, Newtown, Wellington)

**You are warmly invited to attend the completion celebration of 'Butterflies together'. This is the grand reveal of a 22 week project at Newtown School.**

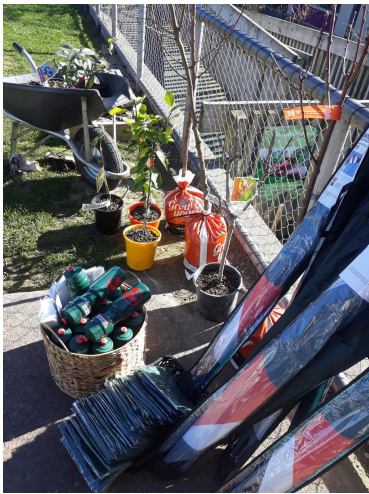
**13 large painted butterflies installed in the form of a huge kaleidoscope of butterflies celebrate the creative cultural diversity that is Newtown School.**

*Part of the 'Creatives in schools program' in association with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, Ministry of Education and Creative New Zealand.*

**We hope you will be able to come and celebrate with us.**







A massive thank you to Bunnings Lyall Bay for their donation of 10 fruit trees, 8 punnets of seedlings, kites, water bottles, aprons and rulers.



A huge thank you to the Newtown  
Flight Centre for their generous  
donation of office supplies



## Circus classes for all ages!

The Circus Hub in Wellington offer circus classes that are fun, exciting and challenging! Skills taught include aerial silks, trapeze, acrobatics, juggling and more! A great activity to develop coordination, perseverance, creativity and confidence. Available for all ages from 3yrs. We also have a school holiday programme and offer birthday parties. Enrol today at **[www.circus.org.nz](http://www.circus.org.nz)**