



IMPORTANT DATES

- **9-13 November** - Book Week
- **16 November** - Teacher Only Day
- **10 December** - Picnic in the Park
- **11 December** - Music Performance Assembly
- **14 December** - Newtown's Got Talent
- **14 December** - Leavers Dinner
- **15 December** - Last day of 2020
- **3 February** - First day of 2021

Bilingual Information Sessions
12th November
5:30 - 6:30pm in Waitangi

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

PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

Kia ora Whānau, Friends & Caregivers,

School is an extremely busy place at the moment as whanau classes and groups of students explore our community, compete in sporting events and continue to be active learners.

Our school community has patiently waited up to 9 years for our school swimming pool to be upgraded. The coordinating of the ever increasing financial demands and building requirements have been finally overcome! By the end of November, a construction company will move on site to complete stage 1 of our upgrade. This will take approximately 16 weeks to complete and then we will be able to use our new swimming pool facilities again.

On Monday November 16 we are having a Teacher Only Day. Staff will be working hard on some professional development and then also starting to write your child's end of year reports. **SKiDS will be operating a child care service for working parents. See flyer in notices below**

On Friday 31st of October our students were treated to an amazing 'Glow Theme' school disco. Thank you Amelia and your wonderful team of parent helpers for the fantastic atmosphere and fun time.

Our school entrance off Emmett Street (beside the shops) will be closed from Monday 9 November as we reposition the fence to the school boundary. This will allow us to extend our school playground and secure our school fencing. While the builders are on site they will be completing other small jobs around our school.

A large contingent of our school athletes competed with success at the southern zone. A number of these students will now compete at the Wellington Interzone competitions held later this year.

A reminder that for any parents who know that their children, who are currently in Year 0-5 and are not going to be attending Newtown in 2021, it would be most helpful to know this information. Please contact the office (admin@newtown.school.nz) as soon as possible if this is the case.

Have a great week.

Noho ora mai ra,
Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki



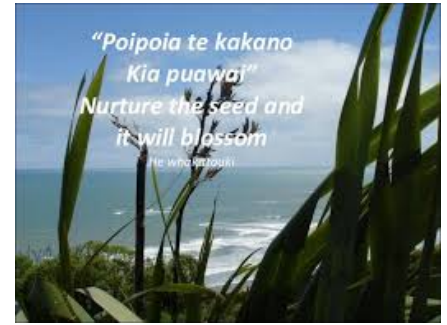
Kia whakapau kaha - Effort

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

CURRICULUM CORNER

Our hope and dream for further bilingual education at Newtown School

- Imagine:** ★ Across the school we hear children speaking Te Reo in the playground.
★ Our teachers feeling confident to teach in English and Te Reo in all whānau.
★ Māori culture and language is celebrated and used in all aspects of our learning.
★ Tamariki valuing the gift of Te Ao Māori through learning the language.
★ The part we can take in transforming generational change of our tamariki. They will grow up knowing Te Ao Māori is part of who they are as a New Zealander.
★ We give mana to Te Tiriti o Waitangi through ensuring that Te Reo Māori is being actively revitalised.
★ All of us learning together and supporting each other.



This idea has begun from some **wondering** of what could be possible. It has been **nurtured** by conversations with others who have been inspired. It has been **enriched** by great questions and extra thoughts along the way.

It will be made possible when we work together to create the best we can for our tamariki and whānau who are excited to support, help shape and contribute to this dream.

We believe it is crucial to have meaningful relationships with ALL children. We want to see their greatness, notice their strengths, value their gifts and believe in their worth in order to enhance their mana.

Parents have commented: 'A benefit is we will be raising kids who grow up to work and hopefully use their knowledge and positively influence all NZers especially tangata whenua'

'What can be achieved when tautoko and aroha is given to a tamaiti...My..... is very lucky to be attending your school and to be in a community where the status of Te Reo Rangatira has been elevated and it is understood as a benefit for all tamariki and their whānau.'

IMPORTANT NOTICES



Book Week 9 - 13 November

Wed 11th Story Telling Evening: 6:15 - 7pm Come to school (in your pyjamas if you like!) for story reading and a book swap. Bring in your old books to swap

Friday 13th: Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character



sKids Newtown will be OPEN for
Teacher Only day
Monday 16th November 2020

7am - 6pm \$55
8:30-3pm \$42

Book now at skids.aimy.co.nz and click on 'Special Day'
or contact our Programme Manager for more information.



Alessia, Programme Manager
M. 021 244 8020
E. newtown@skids.co.nz



Newtown School Dates 2021

Term 1, 3 February - 16 April

Term 2, 3 May - 9 July

Term 3, 26 July - 1 October

Term 4, 18 October - 15 December

Public Holidays (School Closed)

8 February - Waitangi Day (observed)

2 April - Good Friday

5 April - Easter Monday

6 April - Easter Tuesday

7 June - Queens Birthday

25 October - Labour Day



Thanks to everyone who helped! We sold out of seedlings and made \$100 which we'll discuss with the students what to spend it on for the garden programme. Great result particularly with the enthusiasm shown by all!

The students this year have grown seedlings from seed to plant in our school garden, and the resulting vegetables are turned into meals in our school kitchen.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Trustee vacancy on the Board

One of our Board of Trustees elected representatives, Amelia Handscomb, was recently appointed to a position at the Ministry of Education. We are very excited for Amelia and wish her all the best in her new role, but will greatly miss her immense contributions on the Board.

Amelia's resignation means that we have a casual vacancy for a parent representative on our Board of Trustees. Given that we are only half way through our Board term and there is only one position to be filled, the Board would prefer to fill this position by selecting a candidate rather than holding a by-election.

We welcome any member of our school community who is interested in becoming a Board of Trustees representative, or has any questions about the role, to let us know. Please contact our Board of Trustees Chairperson, Jessica Gorman, at jessicag@newtown.school.nz.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent by 5 December 2020 to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Newtown School
jessicag@newtown.school.nz
16 Mein Street, Newtown,
Wellington 6021

Ngāti Kotahitanga representative on the Board

The Board is very happy to welcome Joseph (Joe) Winkels, a new coopted member of the Board, as a representative for Ngāti Kotahitanga. We are looking forward to having Joe's perspective and contributions to Board discussions and decisions.

Minute taker vacancy on the Board

We also farewell our wonderful volunteer Joanna Gould at the end of this year, we cannot thank Jo enough for her contribution to the efficient recording of our Board of Trustees meetings and her accurate minute taking.

We are also seeking a volunteer to take the minutes of the Board meetings. This is a great opportunity for a parent or caregiver to see firsthand how a Board of Trustees operates, and find out more about what is happening around the school. No experience is required - you'll just need to capture the essence of the Board discussions, and accurately record decisions and actions. There are usually eleven meetings a year, held in the evenings.

Please contact Jess Gorman on jessicag@newtown.school.nz if you are interested.

Grants funding at Newtown School

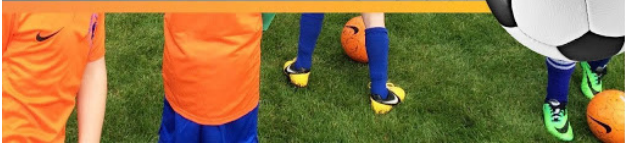
The Board wishes to acknowledge the fantastic work of Lucy Kebbell in securing grants funding for Newtown School. Lucy's work can be seen in School assets such as the two professional basketball hoops which are enjoyed by the school and wider community.

We are looking for another school community member to make applications for grants funding for the school. No previous experience is necessary. Please contact Jess Gorman on jessicag@newtown.school.nz if you are interested.

Swimming pool update

A tender process has been conducted for the work required to make the school pool operational again. The Board is happy to advise that a successful tender has been selected and work on the school pool is due to commence early in 2021.

Wellington United Junior Football Club



Mixed and Girls Only Football Skill Sessions Term 4
Come along for some footballing fun and learn and practice new football skills during the off season. New players welcome!!

All sessions are led by qualified coaches.

Mixed Skill Sessions

Mondays 19th October – 14th December

Ages 5-8 (Born 2012-2015) 4-5pm Newtown Park 2

Ages 9-10 (Born 2010-2011) 5-6pm Newtown Park 2

Girls Only Skill Sessions

Fridays 16th October – 18th December

These sessions will be run together with Island Bay AFC and Brooklyn Northern United Juniors.

Ages 5-8 (Born 2012-2015) 4-5pm Wakefield Park

Ages 9-12 (Born 2010-2008) 5-6pm Wakefield Park

For more info and to register please visit:

<http://www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/term-4-2020.html>

THIRTY YEARS OF WELLINGTON DIVING CLUB

SHOW & DISPLAY
NOVEMBER 14th, 11am
WELLINGTON REGIONAL
AQUATIC CENTRE



Newtown

share

Abundance. Bring surplus goods from your garden/kitchen, plants, produce, foraged or homemade goods, music, stories, or just your presence!

connect

With community. Bring your friends, whānau, neighbours, or just yourself and share a cuppa and a conversation. Everyone is welcome.



10.15am

Free kai & people's coffee

Join us every second Saturday of the Month

Location: kaicycle urban farm, 5 Hospital Rd, Newtown (during Spring/Summer)

check facebook for weather cancellations

cropswapnewtown@gmail.com | [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cropswapnewtown) | 0220859745

Weetbix Kids TRYathlon

Kilbirnie Park, Kilbirnie

Sunday 21st March 2021

Earlybird Price \$45

enter by 18th December

Online Discount \$50

enter by 19th March

If you enter before Monday 31st October you'll also go in the draw to WIN 1 of two amazing family holiday packages to the Bay of Islands or Rotorua valued at over \$1620 each!

To get in touch with us email tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or phone 0800 9338 249.

REMINDER!



Please have a big look around at home for any school library books and return them to school.

Suzanne Aubert Scout Group

Located at: St Anne's Hall, 22 Emmett St
Newtown



Do you like having Fun?
Would you like to give a wide range of outdoor activities a

Go?

Like Camping, MTB, Kayaking.

So give Scouting a go! Come and join us on Monday nights:

□ Keas (5 to 8 year olds) 6.30 – 7.30pm

□ Cubs (8 to 11 year olds) 6.30 – 8pm

□ Scouts (11 to 14 year olds) 6.30 – 8pm

For more details either email

SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz or contact

Rob McCullough on 0221771007.

Follow us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/aubertscouts/

THE INSPIRATION GARDEN

An extraordinary art event
and makers market

November 28th 10AM - 4PM
Petone Baptist Church

Handmade goods
Live art demonstrations
Delicious food and coffee
Free for all ages

