



Updates for the Friends and Whānau of Newtown School

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM ONE: 3 February - 16 April 2021

- **16 February** - Picnic Evening
- **24-26 February** - Yr 6 Camp
- **2 & 4 March** - Parent Interview -
Whakamōhio Hui
- **1 April** - Teacher Only Day
- **2 April** - Good Friday
- **5 April** - Easter Monday
- **6 April** - Easter Tuesday
- **16 April** - Last day of term

TERM TWO: 3 May - 9 July

TERM THREE: 26 July - 1 October

TERM FOUR: 18 October - 15 December

**DON'T FORGET
YOUR
SUN HAT**

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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PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

Happy New Year to all tamariki, whānau, caregivers and supporters of the school. On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2021 school year, particularly to our new pupils and their whānau. Our staff are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you all. I hope everyone has enjoyed what has been a fantastic summer break, feels well rested and ready for what promises to be an exciting, busy and productive year.

A very warm welcome to our 3 new teaching staff. They bring to our school positive professional and personal attributes that I feel confident will enhance our learning for our tamariki - Please read Colette, Lauren and Trent's bio below.

It was awesome to see the beginning of our Bilingual classes start this week. There has been an overwhelming support (90 tamariki plus) from you, our school community, to establish these classes - we have now formed a waiting list to meet this demand.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Newtown School Family Picnic and Meet the whānau teacher's evening on Tuesday the 16th February 5:00-7:00pm. This is a very important community building and information sharing event and we would like at least one person from all families to attend. Specific details are below.

I am pleased to share with our Newtown whānau that Wanwan, Keith and Brooke welcomed a little girl, Min-Erh Hutton, to their family on Wednesday 27th January, weighing 2.9kgs. Min-Erh and Wanwan are both doing well. For our new families, who may not know, both Wanwan and Keith are permanent teachers at our school and are sharing maternity leave this year. For those who are interested in Min-Erh's name, it comes from a Confucius proverb (221 BC). He used this proverb to describe a person: 敏mǐn 而érh 好hǎo 學xué, 不bù 耻chǐ 下xià 問wèn. He/she was of an active nature and yet fond of learning, and he/she was not ashamed to ask and learn of his/her inferiors.

Please remember that it is compulsory for the children to wear their sunhat every school day in terms one and four. This is to protect all our tamariki from the effect of sunburn.

Our school newsletters are emailed fortnightly on a Friday. Whānau newsletters are sent out on alternate weeks when necessary. Please make sure you look/check your emails each week as it may contain useful information and exciting activities that are happening at school. Have a great weekend.

Noho ora mai ra Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Ko Colette toku ingoa and I'm very pleased to be part of the Pōhutukawa team this year. I have been teaching in Wellington over the last 14 years and it's exciting to be back at Newtown, which was my first school in Aotearoa. Things have changed a bit since then! I am passionate about learning alongside our tamariki and encouraging them to be the best they can be. I know it's going to be a busy and exciting year and we have lots of cool activities planned. My interests include reading, swimming, zumba and discovering new places and people in our wonderful Aotearoa. I feel very lucky to be teaching at Newtown School and I look forward to what the rest of the year brings. coletted@newtown.school.nz



'Kia ora koutou, my name is Trent Taylor and it is a privilege to be a first year teacher at Newtown School. I grew up on the Kapiti Coast and enjoy anything to do with the beach. Last year I completed my masters in teaching and learning, and I'm very excited to put my new knowledge into practise. I also have a degree in musical theatre and love to perform in general. I have a passion for Barbershop harmony and have competed all over the world with my chorus and quartet. I love to work with humans. Having colossal amounts of experience doing caregiving and being a support worker has opened my mind. It has enhanced my interest to learn about how different and unique we all are. I'm really looking forward to working with all students and staff at Newtown School.'

Kia ora koutou, Ko Lauren Peatfield ahau. Nō Ingarangi ahau. Ko Paraha, ki Te Whenua Tieke tōku turangawaewae. Ināianeī, e noho ana au ki Te Whanganui-a-Tara. I began teaching in the UK and after a few years, was able to combine my love for education, culture, languages and travel with a move to Prague in the Czech Republic for 5 years, where I taught in an international school. I have been teaching in Wellington since 2019. I love being in my new home of Aotearoa and have a passion of fostering a love of learning in children and encouraging them to see their own strengths. Outside of school you will either find me in the gym, learning to surf, tramping in the bush, fishing at the family bach or walking my dog Teak, with my partner, Dion. I am very much looking forward to being a part of the wonderful Newtown School community; please do come and say "hello" - you will find me in Pohutukawa!



He waka eke noa - We're all in this together.

It is exciting to be learning together again! As we begin a new year we know that every one of us at Newtown School play a vital role in building our positive culture. Our values are evident; in our learning, in our relationships and how we feel about ourselves. We use our school values to guide us. A new year reminds us how important growing connections is by building new friends, and being thankful for the old.

Our curriculum reminds us that if we demonstrate **Whanaungatanga (connected)** then we;

- know we belong.
- know our identity and origins and understand the value of family in our learning
- work positively with others
- contribute to making a positive difference in our school and world.



School values at the dinner table...

We encourage our learners to be **connected** to each other. How will you know this is happening? Here are some great questions to ask your child today:

- How were you kind today?
- Tell us what made you proud today?
- Tell me who encouraged you with your learning?

Challenge: which of these symbols is **Whanaungatanga**?



YOU ARE INVITED TO SCHOOL PICNIC EVENING AND MEET THE WHĀNAU TEACHERS

Tuesday February 16th
5pm - 7pm

Free sausage sizzle for everyone
(Halal & Vegetarian sausages)
Please bring your own picnic dinner

All parents, whānau and caregivers are invited to attend our
school picnic evening

- Meet your child's whānau teachers
- Find out what learning their whānau is planning for 2021
- Have fun in the playground



GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW,
HARVEST,
PREPARE,
SHARE

"Our Garden to Table" programme is thrilled to welcome Colette de vere Green from Pōhutakawa, who will be working alongside Tania Austin to provide opportunities for students to enjoy time in the garden and kitchen as part of Curiosity Mondays.

Volunteers are always welcome on a Monday between 11.20am and 12.45pm and/or for one-off projects at a time that suits you (ie. building, painting, crafting, planting, cooking...).

We'd love to hear from you.

Contact Tania on 021 464 893 or
austin.tania@gmail.com.

All skills and experience levels welcome!



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Term 1

Activities

February 3rd 2021 – April 16th 2021

Before School Care | 7:00am to 8:30am

After School Care | 3:00pm to 6:00pm

<p>Week 1 Dinosaurs</p>  <p>sKIDS is back with a Roar and a Stomp! Create fossil prints, a new Dino species and more this week!</p>	<p>Week 2 Cows</p>  <p>There's a lot to celebrate this year! Cows for Chinese New year, Valentines and the Treaty of Waitangi!</p>	<p>Week 3 Challenge Week</p>  <p>Push your limits and see what you're capable in this week full of challenges!</p>	<p>Week 4 Sheep</p>  <p>It's all things Sheep this week as we do woolly drawings and learn different knitting techniques!</p>	<p>Week 5 Leprechauns</p>  <p>Will you find the pot of gold in the treasure hunt? Try your luck at rainbow painting and leprechaun hat crafts this week!</p>
<p>Week 6 Moa</p>  <p>Learn all about the great Moa, create a fact filled poster, compete in quizzes, egg hunts and more!</p>	<p>Week 7 Kodama</p>  <p>Draw your own Kodama, then create one out of stone before playing a game to save them all!</p>	<p>Week 8 Mermaids</p>  <p>Compete in a backwards quiz before creating your own mermaid puppet and joining in on the grand mermaid race!</p>	<p>Week 9 What's that Creature?</p>  <p>Kids choose this week! What creatures would you like to learn about, create and explore?</p>	<p>Week 10 & 11 ENTS & Kids Choice</p>  <p>Create a European Easter Tree, and test your Ent knowledge on week 10 before kids' choice to end the term!</p>

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