



## PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

### IMPORTANT DATES

**TERM ONE: 3 February - 16 April 2021**

#### CHANGE OF DATES

- **9 & 11 March** - Parent Interviews - Whakamōhio Hui
- **2 March** - School Picnic Evening
- **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**

### 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 koutou te whānau,

It has certainly been a busy yet settled start to our new school term. Our year 6 students have spent three days at Camp Wainui challenging themselves and collaboratively working with their peers. Amazing activities like this are dependent on parents giving of their time and skills to ensure that camps are highly successful. Thanks to all parents that willingly support our school and make it a great place to learn.

One of the greatest gifts we possess is a life-long enthusiasm for learning new things. As babies we discovered a world full of wonder. Every day we found new things to touch, smell and taste. It is part of being human to love learning – be it mastering your basketball shot, gaining new skills in cricket or rugby, discovering a new word in the latest book you're reading, or conquering a new waiata or guitar chord. Whatever the achievement we experience great joy with new learning.

This year I would encourage you to not only keep your own love of learning alive, but that too of your children. Find the joy in new challenges, overcoming obstacles, mastering new knowledge. Encourage your children to make it a point of personal pride to do their best, try their hardest and keep preserving.

I believe one of the keys to the success of a child's education is the community and school working in partnership. The active interest you take in your child's educational journey will make a difference. I invite you to our **"School picnic and meet the whānau teachers" Tuesday 2 March from 5 - 7 pm**. For all the details, please see the flyer below. This will be your first opportunity to gain a valuable insight into the vibrancy of your child's whānau, and a chance to gain an overview of the year through the eyes of your child's teachers. The school picnic is of high importance, regardless of how many years you have been at Newtown School. A new year, new teachers and perhaps a new whānau within the school, may present new routines and expectations.

I thank you again for your support and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2 March.

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.

## Poipoia te kakano kia puawai- Nurture the seed and it will blossom

Our school values guide us. They help us learn together in ways that build others up.

Our curriculum reminds us that if we demonstrate **Kia Manaaki (Respectful)** then we

- Value the thoughts and feelings of others
- Enhance the mana or self esteem of others
- Help others when needed
- Listen respectfully and are open to the ideas of others make a positive difference in our school and world.

### School values at home...

We encourage our learners to be **respectful** of each other.

How will you know this is happening?

Here are some great questions to ask your child today:

- How did you **help someone** today?
- How did you **celebrate someone else's talent** today?
- Tell us what you like to do with your **friends**?
- Tell me who **encouraged and cared** for you today?



Challenge: which of these symbols is **Kia Manaaki**?



Thank you Newtown New World for generously providing our food for Year 6 Camp this week. They have given us all the food we need for bountiful breakfasts, lavish lunches and delicious dinners!

**New World Newtown, you are awesome! Thank you for supporting our Newtown School community.**





**NEW DATE CONFIRMED  
TUESDAY 2ND MARCH**

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**SCHOOL PICNIC EVENING  
AND MEET THE WHĀNAU TEACHERS**

Tuesday March 2nd

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



**WE WILL GO AHEAD AS LONG AS WE CAN COMPLY  
WITH CURRENT COVID LEVEL REQUIREMENTS**



Please remind your child to bring a **named hat to school each day**. If they don't have a hat, they will need to stay in the shade at morning tea and lunch

order online, delivered fresh to school  
**ezlunch.co.nz**

**Pita Pit** **SUBWAY**

You can order School lunches through the ezlunch email address on the day before 9am;  
Monday - Pit Pit  
Wednesday - Subway  
Friday - O'Sushi

## **Music Lessons in School**

If you are interested in your child learning piano, keyboard, guitar or drums during the school day then please contact;

**Dynamite Music** teach keyboard and drum lessons - for a free trial  
[www.dynamitemusic.co.nz/newtown](http://www.dynamitemusic.co.nz/newtown)

**Sophie Wooles** teaches piano - Call 027 3799753

**Julian Taylor** teaches guitar and the school band - Call 021 1268497

