



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

Thank you for your patience as we navigate between COVID Alert Levels. It is pleasing to see most parents scanning the QR Code as they enter our school grounds.

Recently I attended a workshop with the Ministry of Education that focused on emergency preparedness. As we all know, unexpected events can strike at any time in New Zealand (earthquakes and tsunami events) that require our attention, as we experienced last week. Being prepared and knowing what to do in an emergency is our greatest asset.

A key part of our planning is how and when we communicate with parents. At Newtown School we use the following ways of communicating with parents and caregivers during an emergency (in priority order):

1. Parent Mobile Phone (SMS) - Text system
2. Parent Email
3. Newtown School Website: www.newtown.school.nz
4. Newtown School Facebook Page: @NewtownSchool

Thank you to all whānau that attended our 'conversations - whakamōhio hui' - these were well attended. Feedback from both parents and teaching staff have been very positive in relation to parents sharing who the children are, as learners, and expectations for the school year, while staff feel a closer connection to your whānau and child. If you were unavailable to meet your child's homeclass teacher, please feel free to make an appointment with them. Your child's schooling requires an active partnership between home and school to enhance their opportunities for learning.

You may have seen that our school swimming pool is being upgraded in conjunction with our school and Wellington City Council funding. There has been a hold up as the contractors are awaiting special roofing from Australia to make its way through busy shipping congestion. Hopefully this project will be completed in May.

Our school's last two buildings to be upgraded (Old Tui and the staffroom and Moana) go out to tender this month. We look forward to having our school 'makeover' that's lasted over four years, being completed this year! Old Tui will become the Administration, library and staffroom, while the old staffroom will be converted to a learning space, Moana will be brought up to the standards required of modern learning spaces.

Reminder - Teacher Only Day Thursday 1st April (this is the day before Easter Friday) - Our school teaching staff will combine with our 7 local schools that make up our Kahui Ako, for a professional development day. Please mark this date in your calendar. Have a great weekend,

Noho ora mai ra | Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM ONE: 3 February - 16 April 2021

- **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.

PHONE: 04 389 6667

TEXT: 020 40175659

EMAIL:

AWAY@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ



Thank you **Pedal Ready** for generously lending us bikes so Newtown School Year 6's could experience the awesome bike track at Avalon Park on the last day of camp. We had a blast!



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

World Beneath the Land

Land of colours
Sea of green
Coral and fish that lie beneath
Fish surviving in the blue
Wondering, looking
For something new

By Eva (Waitangi)



Autumn Fun Holiday Adventures

(Open: 7am and Close 6pm)

STANDARD FEES
\$324.16 per cub/wk or \$551.07 for two siblings/wk
\$81.04 per cub/day or \$137.77 for two siblings/day

WHEN
19th – 30th April 2021
Enrol by 5th April 2021

WHERE
Western Suburbs (Wilton/Otari School)
Southern Suburbs (South Wellington Intermediate School - SWIS)

EARLY BIRD ENROLMENT DISCOUNT
Only \$275.54 per cub/wk or \$468.41 for two siblings/wk
Only \$68.88 per cub/day or \$117.10 for two siblings/day if enrolled and paid by 15th March 2021

WHAT TO BRING
Jacket, spare clothes, sun hat and water bottle

Payment Deadline: 12th April 2021
Additional siblings will incur further charges, please see website for further pricing.

Teaching Confidence & Respect

Limited spaces, enrol now at www.pridelands.co.nz
T's & C's applies

NEWTOWN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

APRIL 2021

ENROLMENTS OPEN

Apply online: bit.ly/april21nhp
or contact the Newtown Community Centre:
ellie@newtowncommunity.org.nz
04 389 4786



Arise Breakfast Club

- We provide a nutritious breakfast for children and families who would like to share breakfast together.
- The Breakfast Club is open to anyone.
- We bring a team of police vetted volunteers to setup, serve and clean up the Breakfast Club.
- We provide; brown bread, eggs, spaghetti, yogurt, fruit, Milo, spreads, etc.
- Breakfast is served from 8am-8:45am.

Challenges at the Year Sixes Camp Wainuiomata - by Sylvie

We did all sorts of things- the challenges and activities we did!

Trust falls with Nick really helped **build our trust in each other**. We really needed to trust each other to know that there's someone one that would catch you when you fell. The Spider web challenge - Leon, helped with **teamwork and confidence**. In the Spider web challenge we really had to use teamwork to get each other through and out the web. Getting everyone through was **hard work**.

The pond challenge - Langi and Fua we had two kayaks and we put big bottles that could float to tie the kayaks together. The challenge was to get to the other side and back but it was hard because we had 8 people in two kayaks. Lots of teams got there and then sunk, about 2 teams got there and back. The water was only up to our knees but lots of people came out drenched-there was



lots of splashing and squeals of joy. We also built a bivvyack and camouflage challenge-these helped with **survival in the bush**. In bivvyack we made a shelter for hurt and lost people. We pitched tents with no instructions and did a gutter challenge where we made a gutter and tested if a golf ball or water would roll through the gutter. We also did a race called the amazing race, we had clues like a scavenger hunt but in your teams we needed perseverance and teamwork, two of the clues remembering pi and making a human pyramid. I think every challenge helped us in a different way. Camp is a **thrilling, fun and exciting adventure** in Newtown school's learning journey.



"To work as a team we need to listen to each other's ideas, help each other and not leave anyone out."

"I now feel more confident talking to more people than before. Others were kind to me. If I don't talk to others they won't know what I am thinking or going to do. Kindness makes people comfortable."

"When working as a team we each contributed different ideas which meant no arguments and better strategic decisions."

"Being out in nature makes me more calm and being active does too."

"Face your fears by challenging yourself!"

"Encouraging words make others keep on going, feel braver and do more than before."

"When we spend more time with others we get to know how they can be trusted."

"I wonder if we could bring more surprise and action to our learning back to school because then everyone would participate more. It's worth it!"



Camp - by Eloise

The Bush around Camp Wainui is full of important plants that make our world today. On the first day we ventured into the lush bush, we had to cross streams and land to make it to our destination,..The Waterfall. When we first entered the Forests we found a huge Dragonfly, it was black and white with a tinge of blue. I was very surprised by this because I had only ever seen a dragonfly as big as my little finger and it was in perfect shape. We passed it around and we each got to have a really good look at it."It was huge and metallic" said a fellow student. Next we **saw the river for the first time**. We had to cross the river on slippery stones but it was worth it when we finally arrived at the Waterfall. Some people climbed up the hill to the top of the Waterfall, it must have been at least 4 meters high! Then we spotted some Bushmans toilet paper and someone used it to clean their cut. Being out in nature makes us feel more **healthy, fit and refreshed**. I was really tired but it was such fun . Here are some photos of our adventure.

Interviews Questions - by Franka

What was your favourite part of camp and why?

Kiera - The challenges. I especially liked the spider web, amazing race and pond challenge.
Annie - The food.
Olive - High ropes.
Wai - Cabin time.

Do you have a story you would like to share with us from camp?

K - When we were doing the pond challenge and the kayak was nearly under and someone was crying, We kept going even though the kayak was fully underwater. Me and Sylvie didn't realise we could just push the boat back.

A - When we were doing the spider web challenge, It was really good because we were all helping each other and even though some people were a bit scared we encouraged them.

O - When we were doing the pond challenge, Me and Franka were on the front of the kayak. We nearly made it halfway, but then the other kayak started to go under, So Franka jumped onto our one and they both went under.

I - With spotlight ,I had a really good hiding place but Someone was gonna hide with me, But there wasn't enough room, so he yelled "Spoter! Isaac is over here!" And then ran off.

What made your activity group work well together?

K - Our teamwork and we trusted each other.
I - Team work.
A - Our skills.
O - We were all friends, kinda, sorta, not really.
W - Build trust.
I - Communication
N - Trust.

Was there anything that you had to push yourself to achieve? What built your confidence?

O - First on trust fall.
W - High ropes.
I - The flying kiwi.
N - The high ropes- 2 wires with no handles.

Most popular

1st - High ropes with 13 votes.

2nd - Challenges with 11 votes.

3rd - Food with 10 votes.

4th - Bush walk and after dinner games tied with 3 votes each.

5th - The performance, the morning run, blind fold trail and amazing race with 2 votes each.

Camp - by Rita

One of the best, but also quite freaky activities at Camp Wainui was none other than The High Ropes! The High Ropes were challenging, fun and scary and also high, Very high, **10 METERS** high. If you can Imagine walking along a beam with nothing at all to hold on to - pretty scary right, - But going down! That's a whole other story, walking your legs down and leaning back and then BAM let go and **you go flyin**. High Ropes really helped us **all gain confidence** and gave lots of people a boost of pride when you got to the other side.it was exciting and scary for lots of people including me lots of people were quite scared but **everybody encouraged them** and they did it. Here are some photos from our adventure. We did all sorts of things- the challenges and activities we did!

