



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

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
- **15 April** - Newtown's Got Talent
- **16 April** - Last day of term

TERM TWO: 3 May- 9 July

TERM THREE: 26 July - 1 October

TERM FOUR: 18 October - 15 December

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

A number of our students took part in the Wellington Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon recently at Kilbirnie Park. It was great to see so many proudly wearing their Tryathlon tee-shirts and medals at school on Monday. A big thanks to the many Newtown parents, Dave and staff who were down there early on Sunday morning supporting our students and setting up.

Easter is coming next week, which means we have two short weeks. School is closed Thursday 1 April and Friday 2 April next week, while in the following week, school is closed, Monday 5th April and Tuesday 6th April. The Education Act, states that schools are not allowed to open on this day.

As the school term progresses, we get back into the routine of the school year and we collect our children after their big day of learning, how often do we revert to that standard question "How was school?" The answer we have already heard many times before - "Fine" or "Good". I have found an excellent article that includes 20 different question starters, the standard answers don't really fit with these questions. My suggestion is to try a different one each day. You will enjoy the new answers you receive. Please read this article included in the newsletter titled 'Going Beyond "How was your day" - Questions to ask your child after school to get a conversation started'.

Noho ora mai ra | Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

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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Going Beyond "How was your day?" Questions to ask your child after school to get a conversation started.

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. What was the worst thing that happened at school today?
3. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
4. Tell me something that made you laugh today?
5. Tell me about what you read in class today. What did your teacher read to you today?
6. If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? Who would you not want to sit by in class? Why?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. Who did you sit by at lunch today? What did you talk about?
9. Can you show me something you learned today?
10. What part of school is your favourite?
11. Tell me the name of three kids you sat next to today.
12. What was the most interesting / funny thing your teacher said today?
13. What class rules does your teacher say are important?
14. Tell me one interesting fact about your teacher.
15. What is your favourite time of day at school?
16. What are you looking forward to at school tomorrow?
17. Did you get frustrated with anything at school today?
18. Were you able to finish all of your work today?
19. Tell me about a new word you heard at school today?
20. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she/he tell me about you?



CURRICULUM CORNER

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitini.
My successes are not mine alone but the work of many.

All our school values guide us. They help us have a heart for challenge and remain calm and engaged under pressure. Learning means we experience this many times throughout the day.

Our curriculum reminds us that if we demonstrate **Kia Manahau (Resilience)** then we

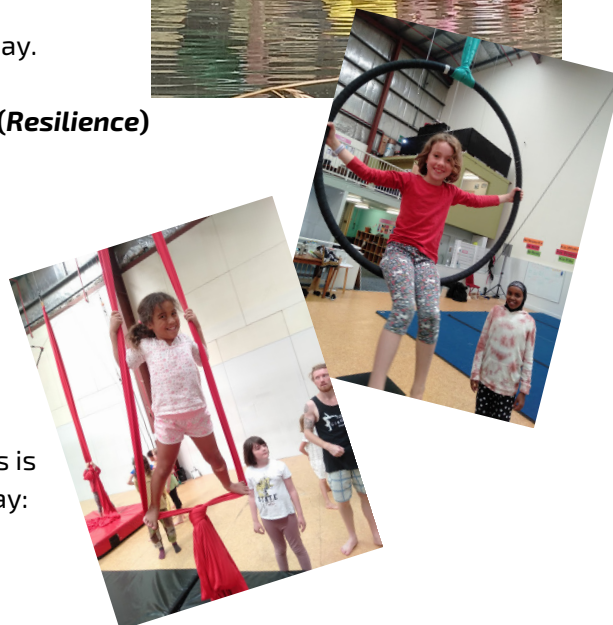
- Keep trying and learn from what we do
- Take positive risks
- Solve problems constructively
- Learn from challenges with the help of others
- Make positive choices when challenged

School values at home...

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

- How did you **keep trying and learn from something** today?
- When did you **feel brave** today?
- Tell us about a challenge you worked on with your **friends**?
- Tell me who **supported** you to keep trying today?

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



sKIDS Newtown Teacher Only Day

It's April Fools day! So, get ready to get silly, have some fun, and lots of laughs!

Thursday 1st April

8am – 3pm \$42

7am – 6pm \$50

Book now at skids.co.nz/book
Or contact our Programme Manager for more information.

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sKIDS Newtown Easter Tuesday

Join us this Easter Tuesday at sKIDS Newtown for a fun filled day!

Tuesday 6th April

8am – 3pm \$42

7am – 6pm \$55

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Holiday Programme

Term 1 2021

Mon 19 th April	Tue 20 th April	Wed 21 st April	Thu 22 nd April	Fri 23 rd April
Geology Day Create quicksand, agate art and more today! As we explore all things Geology!	TRIP: Ice Skating Today we're off to Daytona Raceway for some Ice-Skating Fun! Remember to wear socks, bring a jumper and have your shoe size written on the back of your hand	Sensational Senses Put your senses to the test today with blindfolded drawing, slime, putty and playdough creations, DIY harmonicas and challenges to test your knowledge of taste and smell!	TRIP: Tom & Jerry: The Movie Everyone's favourite cat and mouse team bring their classic rivalry to the big screen in the animated comedy adventure, TOM & JERRY – only in cinemas.	Man's Best Friend! It's all things puppy dogs here today! Learn how to draw cartoon dogs and create toys for the SPCA. Special guest: Bonnie and her guide dog from the blind and low vision foundation!
Mon 26th April Closed Sorry, we're closed for ANZAC Day. Take care and we'll see you tomorrow!	Tue 27th April TRIP: Awesome Bounce Bounce, Jump and Hop on over to Awesome Bounce today! Remember to bring your socks!	Wed 28th April Superb Sushi Mmmh sushi! Create your very own superb, tasty sushi today and enjoy some fun sushi arts and crafts too!	Thu 29th April TRIP: Theatre We're off to Hutt City Musical Theatre for the live production of Annie the musical, junior version! Bring a comfy pillow to sit on and enjoy the show!	Fri 30th April Spies & Detectives Could you crack the code and uncover who stole the missing diamonds? How about write secret messages in invisible ink...? Find out today, as we do all that and more!

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Newtown Kindergarten

Spaces Available now!

At our Kindergarten you will find:

- Up to 20hrs free education and care each week
- All of our teachers are fully qualified
- We make sure learning is fun!
- We focus on children developing social skills, strategies and empathy
- Shared decision making
- We provide a multicultural learning environment
- Support with transition to school

8:30am to 2:30pm
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Come and have a look
at our notice board in
the office for other
holiday programmes and
after school activities
on offer