



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM ONE: 3 February - 16 April 2021

- **13 April** - Hui & Poi Making
- **15 April** - Newtown's Got Talent
- **16 April** - Last day of term

TERM TWO: 3 May - 9 July

- **7 May** - Unveiling of Kahikatea Mural
- **8 June** - Teacher Only Day

TERM THREE: 26 July - 1 October

TERM FOUR: 18 October - 15 December

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

It amazes me that short weeks always seem much busier than others. I wish to thank all families for accommodating our school Teacher Only Day last Thursday. All staff found this professional development experience most rewarding and relevant for our school's teaching and learning.

I hope that you all enjoyed the extra time with your family over the long weekend. I am certainly thankful to live in a country that has the luxury to be able to do this and the weather wasn't bad either!

Our school Kapa haka group performed with pride at the opening of the recent Kahui Ako teacher only day. And this Sunday our school Kapa haka group will again perform at the opening of the Newtown Festival. A massive thank you to our tamariki, staff and whānau that have made their children available for these events, especially the early morning starts!

This week's school staff meeting involved a walk to the Mt Victoria bush reserve with a range of experiences that highlight the fantastic learning opportunities that exist in nature and in our neighbourhood. Many of our students regularly participate in an amazing programme called 'Bush Sprouts' and visit the reserve. This is an awesome place for you to take your children to; walk, discover and explore, make huts, roll, sit and read, picnic, climb trees or just relax. these are all free active family activities right at our community's doorstep - easy to walk to! Ask your child to take you up there soon while the weather is still warm.

Our incredible Ngāti Kotahitanga Mural, recently completed by artist Ariki, will have an official unveiling on Friday 7 May 9.30 am - Further Information in this newsletter.

Next Thursday 15 April at 9.15 am, we again look forward to our Newtown's Got Talent show. This event allows all our talented tamariki to showcase their individual uniqueness. All whānau are welcome to support their children or attend this most entertaining event in our school hall.

This is the last newsletter for this busy term. I wish you a safe and happy break over the holidays and look forward to an exciting second term starting on Monday 3 May.

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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Ko ia kāhore nei i rapu, tē kitea

Those who do not seek, will not find

Our school values guide us. They help us have an interest in the world around us.

Our curriculum reminds us that if we demonstrate

Kia Ngākau Hihiri (Curiosity) then we

- Wonder about possibilities
- Delight in discovering what is new
- Notice, think and reflect
- Ask questions and share ideas

School values at home...

We encourage our learners to be **curious**. How will you know this is happening?

Here are some great questions to ask your child today:

- What did you **discover** today?
- Tell me some things you **wonder** about
- Who helped you notice something today?
- When did someone share their ideas with you today?
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Challenge: which of these symbols is **Kia Ngākau Hihiri**?



Do you love the outdoors? Are you available on Thursday afternoons? We need you!

In order to run our much loved **Bush Sprouts Programme**, we are hunting for adults who can commit to Thursdays 12pm - 2:30pm in Term 2 (Thursday 6 May - Thursday 8 July). If we have more than one adult, they could share the days. It could be a parent, grandparent, aunty or uncle. If you would like to find out more about how you could support this initiative that helps our students get out in our local ngahere to learn and explore, please contact Juliette on julietted@newtown.school.nz



Ngāti Kotahitanga and Whole School presents

E tū Kahikatea

Official Unveiling



Friday 1 May 7th

9:30 - 11:00am

16 Mein St
Newtown
Wellington 6021

Day Ceremony

E ngā karangaranga maha,

He tono tēnei kia koutou te whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga me te Kura ki te tūwheratanga o te Papa Toi o "E TŪ KAHIKATEA" e whakatūria ki te akomanga o Ngāti Kotahitanga.

You and your whānau are invited to the blessing of our mural "E tū Kahikatea" painted on the face of our Immersion Classroom.

A special kōrero will be presented by our Artist Taupuruariki Brightwell behind this stunningly painted mural.

We will conclude the formalities with a Sausage sizzle and Fruit

Nau mai haere mai ki tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira!

We welcome you all to this exciting day!



ARIKI ARTS

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"REO RUA"

Whānau Hui and Making Poi Tuesday 13 April 3.30pm-4.30pm Reo Rua Classroom

We would love to connect with you, have some shared kai together and an opportunity to kōrero. We would also like to make Poi together (whānau, students and teachers). All poi made at this session will be for taking home so that you are able to enjoy doing poi together as a whānau.

We will have all the materials needed to create your very own poi.

PLEASE RSVP TO MITCH

TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.

This will help us to ensure we have enough poi making materials and kai for everyone.



TERM ONE SHARED KAI WITH TAMARIKI

We would like to share kai on our last week of Term 1. We will have a shared lunch on each of our Reo Rua days - Rāapa - 14 April (Wed), Rāpare 15 April (Thurs) and Rāmere 16 April (Fri).

Please send your tamariki with some healthy and yummy kai that they can share.