



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of week four already. We have only four and half weeks left of this term! The last day of the school year is Wednesday 15 December.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM FOUR:

18 October - 15 December 2021

- **3 December** - Learning Records come home
- **15 December** - Last day of Term 4

Vaccination mandate for the education sector. As you will be aware, the Government has mandated the COVID-19 vaccination for people who work within education. All those working with our tamariki throughout the school must be fully vaccinated by the 1st of January 2022 and have had their first vaccine by the 15th of November. This order includes parents who (generously) volunteer their time at school.

This means that any parent who accompanies a class on a school trip or is involved in helping to run a programme (e.g., school camps, beach visits, Garden to Table, Bush Sprouts, or running a sausage sizzle) will need to provide proof of vaccination to be involved.

The mandate does not exclude whānau who are not vaccinated, when they are not working in the school e.g Whānau or caregivers dropping off, picking up, watching sports events, attending learning conversations, or settling children at school. In these situations you are not required to provide proof of vaccination.

The order only applies to workers or volunteers, not people visiting the school. The information required are personal contact details and the dates of vaccination (first and second dose). This information will be protected by the Privacy Act and held in high confidence within the school office. Only vaccinated professionals 'help agencies staff' will be permitted onsite. Proof of your vaccination status can be obtained through the [My Covid Record](#) website. As you will appreciate, the COVID-19 landscape is very changeable. I will be providing a more detailed description of how the order will affect our school over the coming weeks.

The important thing is that all whānau entering school continue to follow our health and safety procedures, including wearing a mask, social distancing, sanitising, and signing in/QR codes. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

The public health advice is clear: Vaccinations are the most effective tool to reduce the risk of serious illness in our communities. If most of us are vaccinated, we can reduce the risk of outbreaks, leading to lockdowns and putting our health system under pressure.

I am delighted to indicate to you that as of the 15th of November, we will ensure that all of our staff and regular parent volunteers will comply with the vaccination mandate for the education sector.

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.

PHONE: 04 389 6667

TEXT: 020 40175659

EMAIL:

AWAY@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ

Change and our children

Transitions and change are an important part of life. At this time of term our tamariki begin to discuss the end of the year and what will happen next. They may discuss how they feel about these changes coming up. We may notice behaviours can be a little different; a few more tears, a bit of grumpyness, friendship niggles or going quiet are some of these.

Our role is to reassure and provide tools for making any change healthy and happy.

Some ways we can reassure and inspire our children around change:

- Reassure and make sure they know and understand what is coming next and give them something to look forward to!
- Help them to put how they feel into words.
- Give them room to explore and imagine - don't rush them, give them time to think, talk and wonder about the next step.
- Preview positive possibilities for what is next.
- State the positive - there are always things to look forward to...make a list!



Help us make the most of change!



Dynamite Music offer group piano lessons during the school day. Complete beginners start with either a 'Pirate Adventure' or a 'Trip to meet the Animals' and will learn to read music from their very first lesson. Lessons cost \$15/week - there's a discount for families with a community services card.

For more information and to sign up for a free trial lesson, visit:
<https://enrolmy.com/dynamitemusic/book-now/50-Newtown>



Please remember to bring a hat to school everyday in Term 4!

These are available to purchase in the office for \$12

You can wear any hat that has a full brim which covers your ears and the back of the neck

NO HAT, you PLAY in the SHADE

PARENTS please refrain from riding your bikes through the school grounds.

They are crowded with people especially around pick up and drop off times.



With Christmas just around the corner why not look for gifts at The School Fundraising Shop NZ.

With every purchase they will donate 10% of the purchase price to our school.

To start shopping click [here](#)

Please **NO PARKING** in the school carpark, on the yellow lines or the private car parks on Emmett St while picking up or dropping off your children to school

School Term Dates for 2022



Term 1: Thursday 3 February - Thursday 14 April

Term 2: Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September

Term 4: Monday 17 October - Friday 15 December

A note from

Newtown Community & Cultural Centre

Kia ora tātou,

It is with sadness that I need to let you all know that both the Newtown Youth Programme and Newtown Holiday Programme is closing down. This is following a time of consideration and discussion with the community centre's Board of Trustees.

Unfortunately the pressures of Covid-19, and the fact that we haven't had a consistent Kaimahi Taiohi / Youth Worker over the last couple of years, have meant that the programme is no longer sustainable.

Speaking for Eryn and I, who have both managed the programme - and I'm sure our former Youth Workers would feel the same - it has been an absolute honour to spend time with the tamariki of Newtown - we have been lucky to see many of your kids growing up. We're so happy that we were able to be a part of your journeys.

We are still looking out for other quality providers who may be able to use Newtown Hall to offer a different holiday programme at an affordable rate - if we manage to find an organisation to do so, we'll be in touch.

In the meantime, here are a few other holiday programmes in the area:

- sKids Newtown: <https://www.skids.co.nz/locations/newtown/>
- Everyone Out (Island Bay): <https://www.everyoneout.co.nz/holiday-programme/>
- The Y (Mount Cook School): <https://ycentral.nz/schoolholidayprogrammes/>
- Wellington City Council holiday programme stuff: <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/activities-for-kids/school-holidays>
- Brooklyn Community Centre holiday programme: <https://brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz/new-page-3/>

Thanks to everyone who replied to the last email with kind words and happy memories of the programme!

We wish you, your whānau and tamariki well in the future.

Ngā mihi,

Ellie, Eryn & the rest of the Newtown Community & Cultural Centre team



**IT'S TIME
TO TRY!**



2022 Weetbix Kids TRYathlon

Sunday, 27 March 2022

Kilbirnie Park, Kilbirnie

Entries are open now!

- The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child.
- Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.
- Participants need to be aged 6 years old on event day to complete the Splash&Dash
- Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for Newtown School when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes.
- If someone you know requires financial assistance to enter the TRYathlon, should it be subsidised entry fees or funding for necessary equipment, then you can apply to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation for assistance. Visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundationfor details.

Come and give this a go!

To enter the TRYathlon visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/

If you would like to join the Newtown School Group, please click here



Ray White.

Lance Williams
Real Estate Team

LANCE WILLIAMS' \$250 PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

And so it continues...

Lance Williams, your local Real Estate Agent will be celebrating the season of giving by continuing his initiative of gifting a \$250 sports scholarship for every house he has sold during 2021.

This year...

Lance and his team have sold **17** houses so far this year and counting. This means that at least 17 lucky kids will be gifted **\$250 each** to go towards the sport that they love.

How to apply:

Parents all you need to do is tell us how a scholarship would help your child.

Send Lance an email at - L.williams@raywhite.com by

Monday **15th November** at **5:00pm** - Easy!

