



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM THREE:

26 July - 1 October 2021

- **29 September** Waitangi Market Day
- 30 September School Photos
- 1 October Last day of term

TERM FOUR:

18 October - 15 December 2021

• 26 October - Teacher Only Day



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

PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

Welcome back to school. What a fantastic first full week our children have had. The sun has been shining, mostly, and our children are fully engaged and settled in their learning.

Congratulations to all whānau and caregivers for your brilliant support of your children during the busy time of lockdown. Your resilience, effort, and care of your children while still upholding your work commitments has been brilliant. This has led to the settled nature of our tamariki getting straight back into their mahi/learning.

All whānau have been awarded a 'Principal's Award' to acknowledge your sterling mahi during this time.

I wish to congratulate Nicki Read, our existing Deputy Principal, on her successful appointment as the new Newtown School Principal for 2022. I sincerely believe that Nicki has the right professional attributes and personal qualities to fulfill this role admiringly. To our school's amazing BoT, led by chairperson Jessica Gorman, I know that you have undertaken a thoroughly professional process for this appointment, that has required a significant amount of whānau time recently. We all appreciate your dedication and commitment as governors of our school. The future is bright for Newtown School

While we are still under lockdown level 2 criteria, to keep things manageable and create certainty we have cancelled our School concert this term. We will however proceed with the Te Whānau Waitangi market day held in the last week of this term. Unfortunately due to level 2 restrictions this will be for students only and we won'tbe able to invite whānau to join us. This school fundraiser is a 'pay forward' event organised and run by our students, that helps pay for 2022 year 6 tamariki school camp adventure.

Take care and stay safe Noho ora mai ra | Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki



Our whole school joined this weeks event. We proudly participated along with 1,133,833 other Kiwi's. You can view our waiata on our school Facebook.

Message from our Maori Language Commission: Kia kaha te reo Māori

'Kia kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength, and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia kaha te reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Learn Te Reo Māori-the wero is for us all

This week we celebrated te wiki o te reo Māori. Hopefully everyone has spoken more, sung more, listened more and tried to use some new Te Reo Māori kupu (words).

At Newtown school we have so many tamariki with the superpower of additional languages. They are SO clever. In more than one language they can: sing, wonder, share ideas, make up games, express emotions and teach others.

In my third year of learning Te Reo Māori I have been experiencing the joy and challenge of trying to master something new.

- Māori whānau, friends and colleagues have graciously and generously shared their reo and culture.
- Mātauranga, Māori wisdom and knowledge has expanded my understanding of connection with whenua (land), the past and people.
- Learning Te Reo has given me a glimpse of the taonga it is and a window into identity.
- New learning takes courage, perseverance, a need to journey with others, understanding that mistakes create greater learning. In fact all our school values have been reflected in my journey.

Be inspired to learn Te Reo and take up the challenge. Share with others what you have learnt about yourself and the taonga of Te ao Māori.



E koekoe te tūī E ketekete te kākā E kūkū te kererū

The tūī squawks The kākā chatters The wood pigeon coos (We are all UNIQUE!)

BILINGUAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2022

Kia ora Whānau

We are seeking expressions of interest in your tamariki being part of bilingual Te Reo Maori/English education in 2022. If you have already filled out the survey online, thank you. If not you can tap the link below.

Fe Reo Māori is an official language of Aotearoa. There is an awakening of the desire to learn and promote Te Reo Māori in our community. As a school, we have intentionally increased the level of Te Reo Māori learning in all whānau spaces.

Reo Rua, our bilingual classroom, launched at the start of the year and has been a great success. We have also strengthened our level of Te Reo Māori in each of our whānau spaces with intentional language learning taking place. Our school is also fortunate to have a well established full Te Reo Māori immersion class (Ngati Kotahitanga).

This is your opportunity to be part of our Te Reo Māori journey in 2022. We want to hear from you.

If you haven't filled in the form already, please <u>click here</u>

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HELP!

Our library shelves look a little empty. Please have look at home for any books that belong on our school library shelves. They like to hide under beds and in the bottom of wardrobes and even behind the couch!

Pop them into the library, school office or your child's class.

NO fines and NO questions asked!

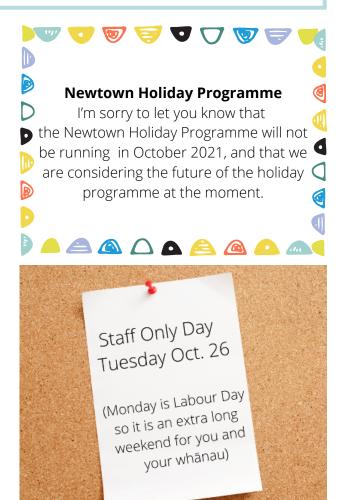
School Whānau Planting Day: Sun 26 September, 1-3pm

Please join us to plant out native trees and fruit trees to bring biodiversity and more joy to our school. Bring your kids, gloves, mask, rake, spade, wheelbarrow if you have them. We would usually share some kai afterwards, but with Level 2 restrictions let's share a karakia and time instead.

If you're available on Saturday 25th instead, we could use help to collect mulch from the townbelt (trailers welcome!). Please contact Tania (021 464 893) or Craig (021 998 780).



Wednesday 29 September - 11:30am - 12:45pm
Lots of fun things to buy, yummy things to eat and games to play
Bring some spending money along to school Fundraising for Year 6 School Camp 2022
Due to Covid restrictions, this is only for students, parents please stay at home





Help me l have lost my whānau!

I will be waiting for you to come and pick me up in the school office

Kia Ngākau Hihiri - Curious Ka mīharo, ka tūpono, ka auaha tātou. We wonder, take risks and innovate.



Put your used tissue in a lined rubbish bin or in a plastic bag

Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing - use soap or hand gel

Stay away from others if you're sick

Protect your family/whānau from in FLUenza

HEALTH

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Whānaungatanga - Connected He iwi tahi tātou, he ako tahi tātou. We belong and we learn together.