



## PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM FOUR:

**18 October - 15 December 2021**

- **6 November** - Volunteer Day
- **3 December** - Learning Records come home
- **15 December** - Last day of Term 4

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

Welcome back everyone to Term 4, we are loving seeing all our happy tamariki back at school this term.

A big thank you to all our whānau for your support as we continue to navigate Level 2. We certainly are very grateful to be living in Wellington and are thinking of our extended families and whānau that are still in level 3 in Auckland and surrounding areas.

Thanks to those parents that supported the running of our athletics sports day held on a sunny wind-free day last Friday. We appreciate your commitment to our tamariki and staff, to ensure this event was the success it was. Unfortunately our amazing athletes selected for the Southern Zones won't be able to compete this year, due to the event being cancelled (covid related).

I am sure you have watched with interest when the new Public Health Order was announced on Monday. The Order mandates that all school staff are to be fully (Covid) vaccinated by the 1st of January 2022. This will also have implications for any person on the school site who will work with or could come into contact with students e.g. volunteers, camp parents, contractors. Our first step at this stage is to create a register of all Newtown School staff and their vaccination status. We will keep you informed as further directions and guidelines are received from the Ministry of Education.

**It is not the easiest of reads but here is a [link to the Health Order](#); COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order (No 3) 2021 (LI 2021/325) - New Zealand Legislation.**

As the fencing comes down around the swimming pool renovation, we are about to proceed with major renovations of the "Old Tūi" block, followed by the Old Staffroom and Reo Rua learning spaces. This will create a slight disruption to school operations for about 2 terms. This project could potentially start this November.

Have a great school term.

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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TEXT: 020 40175659

EMAIL:

AWAY@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ

## Term Four Growth-Check out Tūi thinking!

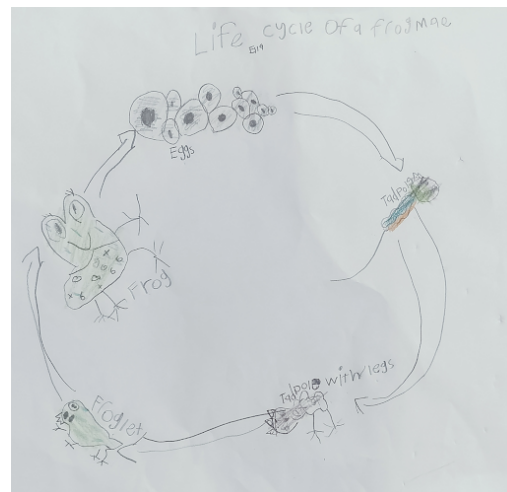
This term our whānau are exploring the concept of growth.

In Tūi they are exploring life cycles and the growth that happens with ourselves as babies and animals.

The students have noticed that life cycles show how animals and plants grow and change during their lives.

The teachers have noticed how insightful the tamariki are at noticing what is happening at each stage.

They are stunned by their amazing pictures, complete with labels to show what they understand.



- Lots of talking
- Lots of thinking
- Lots of connecting what they know to new learning
- Lots of connecting between different life cycles

All in a day's learning in Tūi!

Check out this fantastic drawing from Tūi showing the growth and life cycle of a frog.

### LEARNING RECORDS:

Learning Records will go home on the Friday of Week 7 (November 3rd).

If you would like to have a conversation following this with your child's teacher in week 8 please contact them to set a time.

**The Workshop**

Conversations with friends & whānau about COVID-19 vaccination:  
**Connecting, not correcting**

**COLLECTIVE IMMUNITY  
PROTECTS OUR COMMUNITY**



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Giving people access to good information about vaccination in ways that work for them is an important determinant of their health and wellbeing.

So how can we talk about COVID-19 vaccinations in ways that deepen understanding and encourage those who may not be quite ready to get vaccinated?

You can find the link to this informative and educational brochure [\*\*here\*\*](#)

## Transition Survey:

**Parents, whānau and caregivers of year 0,1 and 6**

Our school is part of the Capital City Kāhui Ako, a community of seven local primary, intermediate and secondary schools and ten ECE centres.

An important focus is on ensuring children move smoothly between schools.

We would like your feedback on how well we do this at the moment. We invite you to share your experiences about what we do well, and what we could strengthen, as our ākonga / learners join and leave our schools/centres, by completing this Transition Survey [here](#)

**We ask that you complete this by 4 November 2021.**

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

*inspire*  
PHOTOGRAPHY

Don't forget to order your school photos by **Wednesday 3rd November!**

You can order them [here](#)

Enter this access code in the box: **rongo3773**



**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**

## 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

## VOLUNTEER DAY

**Saturday 6 November 9:30am - 2pm**

Gather the family and come down to our Volunteer Day to do some odd jobs around the school, we have the extra trees to plant and a few other things to do. Let's show kaitiaki to our environment. All equipment is provided.

Bring a hat and sunscreen and some kai if you want to have a picnic lunch.

### LANCE WILLIAMS' \$250 PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Ray White

Lance Williams  
Real Estate Team

#### 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](mailto:L.williams@raywhite.com) by Monday **15th November** at **5:00pm** - Easy!

