



PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM ONE: 3 February - 14 April 2022

- **3 February** - First day of school
- **7 February** - Waitangi Day
- **14 April** - Staff Only Day
- **14 April** - Last day of term
- **15 April** - Good Friday

TERM TWO: 2 May - 8 July

TERM THREE: 25 July - 30 September

TERM FOUR: 17 October - 15 December

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

I would like to wish our current Year 6 group of students all the best for the next step in their education journey and thank them for contributing to Newtown School. Our school was able to farewell these students at two special events this week. I was impressed with the students' maturity and insights in the speeches delivered to an appreciative audience of tamariki, whānau and staff. To the whānau who will leave us this year, we sincerely thank you for the fantastic ongoing support you have given in partnership with our school and your many valuable contributions/participation/energy/time of your child's attendance at our school. Thank you.

Congratulations to all the students recognised for their talents and personal qualities. We include a list of all students awarded special certificates.

Nicki, our new tumuaki and the staff, look forward to seeing the rest of our tamariki refreshed and ready to go for 2022 on **Wednesday, 3 February at 9 am**.

I would like to sincerely thank the Board of Trustees for their ongoing support and positive encouragement of our school learning community. Our Board members make a significant commitment of time and energy and we can be proud of their achievements and aspirations for our school.

I am retiring from the school principalship and can reflect on more than 45 years in the education profession, 38 years as a school tumuaki or principal. This fantastic time has allowed me to have a career of rich positive experiences and fond memories. What a wonderful place to spend a professional career. I've had the privilege of working with professional energised staff who show a tremendous commitment to their tamariki and whānau. Newtown is a culturally diverse and awesome community. When I first arrived here many parents spoke of Newtown as being 'funky' I now understand this endearing description and fully embrace this description. In the eight years I've been at Newtown School we've doubled our pupil roll, we have transformed into a modern creative learning environment with a substantially higher student achievement rate and a school curriculum that recognises students' successes. We have also navigated our way through a massive building makeover!

I feel incredibly excited about my next stage of life beyond principalship - a mixture of principal coaching, part-time work with MoE, beekeeping, cooking, gardening, flyfishing, and mountain biking (I have plans for an active next stage of my life!). I look forward to coming back to Newtown to catch up with whānau, staff, and your tamariki (maybe to teach them beekeeping!)

I wish you all safe and happy holidays. Rest and relax! Look after each other over this special time of the year and our Kura will welcome your children back again for another busy year. Love life, love learning.

Noho ora mai ra Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

Fruit & Vege

Market

Christmas Dates

Open: Thursday 23rd Dec

Closed: Sat 25th Dec and Sat 1st Jan

Open from: Sat 8th Jan 2022

Farewelling Staff

At our final assembly tamariki, staff and community were able to farewell and acknowledge the contributions of staff leaving to teach in other schools, continue their studies, or are off on adventures. Both Sarah and Sanja will be teaching at Clyde Quay School. Sarah will teach Y3 and be their school Learner Support teacher while Sanja who has qualified as a Reading Recovery teacher this year will continue to teach Reading Recovery. Colette will be off on travel adventures but I'm confident we will see her back teaching at Newtown at some stage. We all recognise these three teachers have added much to our school with their professional attributes and talents.



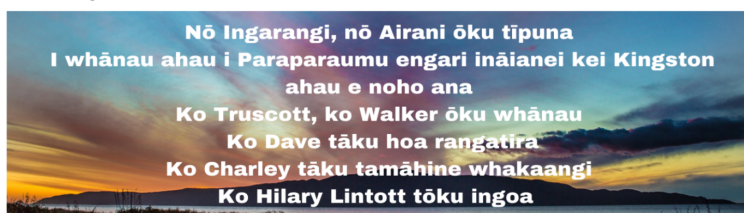
Four support staff are on new journeys. Dave our school sports coordinator and teacher's aide has been a tower of support facilitating the smooth organisation of many sporting teams over three years.

Ebba, Rosie and Loren have very ably supported some of our tamariki for a short period of time. All three continue their university studies in 2022.

We wish all these amazing staff, all the best in their future endeavors.

Welcoming Staff

Hilary Lintott



I was born and raised on the Kāpiti Coast and have spent time overseas. Kingston is now my home where I live with my husband Dave, a photographer, and step daughter Charley who is 12.



I am feeling so happy to be coming to join the community at Newtown School next year. But also a bit apprehensive of course! I have been at Brooklyn School for the past 5 years and have really enjoyed my time there. It has been a time of change which I have loved being a part of but am now looking forward to a new challenge. A focus of mine over the last few years has been how we can create more opportunities for tamariki to bring their identity to their learning. I believe our learners should play an active role in their education so I work hard to support our students to be agentic in their learning. I am excited to join the team at Newtown School to continue this learning in a new environment.

Looking forward to meeting you all very soon!



I love spending time hiking out in the hills, camping, going to the beach, cooking, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Leanne Whitfield

Kia ora koutou! Ko Leanne Whitfield tōku ingoa. I'm excited about joining the Newtown School whānau in 2022. I came to Wellington with my Kiwi husband in 2001 from Australia. We have three grown up daughters. I've taught at a number of Wellington schools, at all primary levels, but for the past 9 years I've been at Khandallah School, where I've led both junior and senior teaching teams. I have been a teacher for over 30 years and still love the challenge, variety and joy of working with students, their families and colleagues. I can't wait to meet everyone when Term 1 2022 begins in February!



Hannah Powell

Kia ora, Bula, Talofa. Ko Hannah Powell tōku ingoa. I was lucky enough to be the student teacher in Harakeke this year and will be back next year as a kaiako! Outside of kura, I will most likely be on a netball court or touch field, swimming at the beach, out for a run or tucked up with a book. I have been studying in Wellington for the last four years at Victoria University and grew up in Leigh, a small coastal town north of Auckland. I am looking forward to teaching and learning alongside the tamariki and staff at Newtown School in 2022!



Sarah Ramsay

Kia ora koutou, ko Sarah Ramsay tōku ingoa. I am so excited to be joining the Waitangi whānau in 2022. I have just finished my studies down at Otago University after four years and have decided to come back to Whanganui-a-Tara to begin my first year teaching. I am passionate about sparking an interest in my students in their learning and growing curious lifelong learners. I was born and bred in Whanganui-a-Tara and absolutely love the culture here which is why I had to come back. I love reading, sewing, walking my dog at the beach, and playing hockey. I feel so lucky to join your community and look forward to meeting you in the new year.

Happy holidays Meri Kirihimete



Chris Mulholland

"Kia ora, whānau. I'm Chris Mulholland. I'm 28, grew up in the Hutt, and whakapapa back to Ngāti Porou and Te Āti Awa. I enjoy cooking good spicy kai and reading and I play in a few bands, jamming lots of types of music from around the world, including from Brazil, India, Japan and from here. My partner's name is Mads O'Connor and we have a kōtiro whose name is Hana Paiea Tess O'Connor and together we love smashing the tendrils of colonialism in the present world. Ngā mihi! Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi."



'Connected to Learning' Award

Presented to:

RAQIYA ABDI

This student demonstrates the school value of Whanaungatanga.

They have discovered who they are as a learner, developed confidence in their abilities and recognise the positive choices they can make to support their learning.

'Excellence across the curriculum' Award

Presented to:

FRANKA MOLETA

This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Whakapau Kaha.

They demonstrate a personal commitment to achieving a high standard of work and excellence in all areas of the curriculum.

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Presented to:

ELOISE WATERWORTH

This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Whakapau Kaha.

They demonstrate a personal commitment to achieving a high standard of work and excellence in all areas of the curriculum.

'Connected to Others' Award

Presented to:

JAMES MALLET

This student demonstrates the school value of Whanaungatanga.

They establish and maintain relationships with integrity, generosity of spirit and peacefulness.

Resilience Award

Presented to:

SIMA ALMUALLEM

This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Manahau.

They adapt, thrive and learn from challenges with the help of others.

Inquiry Award

Presented to:

ISAAC MARSHALL

This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Ngākau Hihiri.

They notice, think, reflect and share ideas. They wonder about possibilities and delight in discovering what is new.

Fair play Award

Presented to:

BAWI THANG

This student demonstrates the school value of Manaaki by participating in sports, playing fair and trying their best.

They demonstrate a positive attitude by including and encouraging others.

Cultural Award

Presented to:

DANTE MISCHESKI

This student demonstrates the school value of Manaaki through enhancing the mana of others. They have a clear sense of personal identity. They respectfully share their own culture and recognise that diversity is a gift in our school.

Bell Ringer Award

Presented to:

RITA TREADGOLD

This student demonstrates our school values everyday. Through their year long commitment they have managed their own time and helped us all to manage ours.

'Connected to the Environment' Award

Presented to:

SYLVIE WARD

This student demonstrates the school value Whanaungatanga. They help create a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world.

'Connected to the School' Award

Presented to:

SHAMMAH LEOTA

This student demonstrates the school value of Whanaungatanga. They are caring, kind and helpful in their relationships across the school. They are actively involved in our school community.

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He Mahi Toi Award

Presented to:

SIOELI ME'AFO'OU

This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Ngākau Hihiri. They are open to possibilities and innovation. They express their ideas with artistic creativity.

Jean Toft Award

Presented to:

ANOUK GORMAN

This student brings alive all of our school values. Their journey has enriched the life of our school and the person they are. They have a strong sense of identity and belonging at Newtown School and are lifelong learners.

