



PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM ONE: 3 February - 14 April 2022

- **15 & 16 March** - Whakamohio teacher & whānau hui
- **14 April** - Staff Only Day /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 whānau,

Over the last few weeks I have been reminded about what makes a healthy community. As positive COVID cases and families isolating have increased, we have seen and heard evidence of the way Newtown School cares for each other.

These are unprecedented times and we have choices we make in the face of challenge and concern. As a staff we have been encouraged, thanked and supported. We've answered questions, created tracking systems and increased our noticing of each other and our families.

Our Board of Trustees have checked in with the staff and even provided a little coffee treat at our local. Thank you-it's appreciated.

Our tamariki have continued to laugh, learn and make new friends as their whānau has different people present than usual. That's the kind of school we want.

Our staff have created learning that makes the most of the moment. Thank you for energy, care and creativity, we couldn't ask for more.

Our office crew continue to cheerfully respond to all sorts of questions about all sorts of topics. Thank you for being calm, responsive and organised.

Our community have provided food for each other, phone calls and messages. Thank you-that's how we know we belong and are connected.

When I googled a healthy community there were five named aspects: growth, engagement, positive culture, shared content/purpose and responsiveness. Be thankful that at Newtown School we see these. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing many of you return on Monday.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai.

Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read - Tumuaki

"QUOTE OF THE DAY"

"I'm so excited to have my friends back!"

What to do when someone is Positive

The Positive Case

If you test positive with Covid-19 contact the school with the date of the test

Self isolate for 7 days

Focus on your rest and recovery

If you have **NO** new or worsening symptoms you can finish self-isolating after Day 7

The whānau of a positive case

The people who live in the same house as someone who has tested positive

Self isolate for 7 days

Get a test on Days 3 and Day 7

If you test **NEGATIVE** and you have **NO** new or worsening symptoms, you can finish self-isolating after Day 7

Contact the School

email: nickir@newtown.school.nz
away@newtown.school.nz
phone: 389 6667
mobile: 020 401 75659

If you test **POSITIVE** you are now the **POSITIVE CASE**

From 11:59pm Friday 11 March the isolation period changes from 10 days to 7 days for positive cases and their household contacts.

Positive cases already in isolation at the time this comes into effect will be able to **leave after completing 7 days of isolation, as long as they have no new or worsening symptoms.**

Household contacts already in isolation at the time this comes into effect will be able to **leave after completing 7 days of isolation, as long as they have a negative Day 7 test and no new or worsening symptoms**

How to Request a RAT test

For our whānau who have a positive case in their household, here is the link to get free RAT's test.

All you need to do is call 0800 222 478 (option 3) or click on this [**link**](#).

Requesting RAT's test on the web site is an easy step-by-step process, just follow the instruction.

If you are eligible for a home Rapid Antigen Test kit you will be issued with an order number. You can pick up your RAT order from a collection site or have someone collect the order for you.

Justine Henderson



What a start to the year we are having!! We have seen some amazing resilience and positive outlook from whānau adjusting to the changes that we are seeing in our community due to Covid. A big change is not being able to meet our whānau kanohi te kanohi (face to face) - making it harder to know who everyone is and what they do.

So ... who am I? I have been working at Newtown School for 3 years as Deputy Principal. The main part of this role for me is supporting our tamariki and their whānau who may need targeted learning to meet their needs. You may have heard the 'word' SENCO or LiSCO - this is me!

I love working with the tamariki and their whānau to find out what is important for learning and getting creative with teachers so everyone can access the exciting programs we have here.

Leanne Whitfield



Kia ora e to whānau. I've joined the Newtown School community this year as Deputy Principal, with responsibility for leading curriculum design. I have received a warm welcome from the team here and have loved meeting your children and getting to know them. I have been privileged to have a career teaching at all levels of primary in Australia and New Zealand over the last 30+ years. My job never gets 'old' and I am always learning new things alongside the students. I have particular interests in collaboration, Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership and the use of digital tools in learning. I live in Khandallah with my husband and the youngest of our three daughters. When I'm not at school, I love walking on bush trails, reading, and time with family and friends.

Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- Welcoming back our students that have been away
- The glorious weather
- Quality time with our learners

Whakamōhio - Teacher / whānau hui

We have had a great start to learning programmes this year. In spite of the challenges we've faced, Kaiako are loving working with your children each day and getting to know them better.

Choose either **Tuesday 15th March or Wednesday 16th March** to join a Whakamōhio meeting to meet your child's home teacher.

You know your child best. **We'd love you to share the important knowledge you have of your child** with us. We value this knowledge so we can inspire them and foster their best learning.

This year you have two options, either during the day or after school:

- **In person:** book a time to meet with the teacher in the whānau space at school. Your child is welcome. All adults and children from Year 4 up must be masked for these meetings. Please maintain 2m distance from teachers and others who are not in your household.
- **Video conference:** book a time to meet with your child's teacher via Zoom. The link will be in the email you receive when you make a booking.

Both of these meeting types can be booked by clicking on

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

and entering the event code 6exx3,

or phone the school office if you can't use the website.

If you are unable to attend due to illness, please contact your child's home kaiako to make an appointment when you are ready to do so.



Māhe Manawa Ora Movin' March

1-31 March 2022 | movinmarch.com



Moving' March is an annual celebration of safe and active travel to school, free for all primary schools (years 0-8) in the Wellington region.

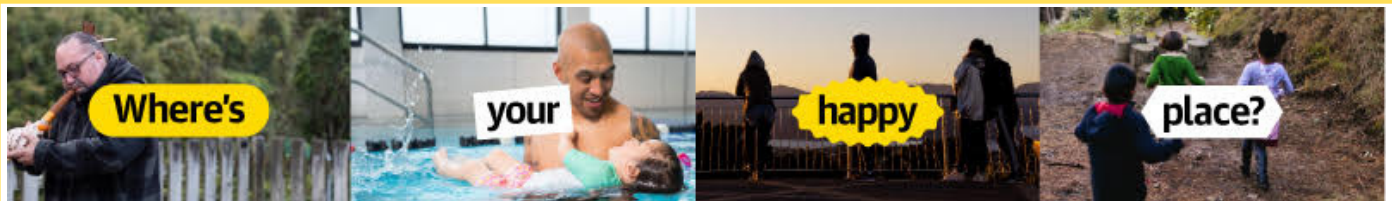
Walking, biking or scooting are great ways for tamariki and whānau to connect with their community and do their bit for climate action. It's also a great way for children to be active and gain independence.

Each day our students will fill a box on a card if they have walked biked or scooted to school. They will then go into the regional council draw for prizes.

So let's get **MOVIN'**

ANOTHER QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Look, it's
landing on
the flower, it's
collecting
pollen!"



We're reviewing our approaches to open space and recreation to ensure they work for Wellingtonians over the next 30 years. The accessibility and the quality of open spaces and recreation within our city play a vital role in how we think and feel about living in Wellington.

Our existing open space and recreation strategy sets out the Council's role in providing parks and other public places, recreation facilities and recreation services and programmes. We need to review the strategy to ensure we have enough parks of the right sort in the right places as the city's population grows and residential development intensifies. We also need to respond to changing leisure and recreation needs and expectations as our communities diversify.

Tell us what you think

We've created a survey to help understand how you use parks and other public spaces and how you might enjoy and care for them in the future. To tell us, simply fill in our quick survey below, it should take less than 5 minutes.

Complete the survey

The survey results, as well as other feedback, will help to update our existing strategy - Our Capital Spaces. For more information visit our website [here](#).



Please remember to bring a hat to school everyday in Term 1 and 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

Please **NO** parking in
the Staff Car Park and
St. Annes Carpark
Lets keep our
children **SAFE**