



## PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

Kia ora whānau,

**Mahia i runga i te rangimārie, me te ngākau māhaki.**

(With a peaceful mind and a respectful heart, we will always get the best results)

Something we spend a lot of time on at school is the art of communication. It runs through every aspect of our learning each day as we use our words and actions to communicate with each other.

Communicating with words has a powerful impact. I have noticed this week with the Principal's certificates I have given to staff, how much they are appreciated. We are never too old to hear we are doing a great job.

Remember the times someone encouraged, enabled and inspired you with their words. They last for a long time. We often remind your tamariki they are in charge of how they speak and the impact of it. We talk about what affects the use of our words; frustrations, excitement, misunderstanding, wants and needs. This is an ongoing area of growth for everyone.

We are taught that we need four positive comments to one negative as the power of negative words also have a long lasting impact. As adults we have the opportunity to model how we want our children to communicate. This is one of the most challenging aspects of parenting.

At Newtown School many of our students have the 'super power' of more than one language. We want to be sure their use of their first language is to encourage and build others up. Our **language is a taonga** which is to be cared for and used for the right purpose.

On Monday as part of the Board meeting we have Cath Forster sharing with us what restorative practice is. Restorative practice is helping tamariki put into words what has happened in an interaction, the impact of their words and awareness of what this was like for the person spoken to. Our staff have been working with Cath for over a year now and we continue to work out how we restore what we have done, beyond a quick apology.

**Our challenge this coming week:** use our words and actions to encourage, be kind, help others and connect. All these purposes align with our awesome school values.

Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read - Tumuaiki

## IMPORTANT DATES

**TERM ONE: 3 February - 14 April 2022**

- **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**

## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"You're not perfect if you don't make mistakes, otherwise you don't learn by them!"

by Esther, age 7


**“ Before you speak THINK ”**

**T** = Is it true?  
**H** = Is it helpful?  
**I** = Is it inspiring?  
**N** = Is it necessary?  
**K** = Is it **KIND**? ”

Thank you parents, whānau and caregivers for all the mahi you have done around looking after your whānau and letting us know of household contact's and positive cases. You are doing an awesome job of getting through this "Covid" time.


## Changes to the Traffic Lights

**From 11.59pm Friday 25 March**



<b>RED</b>	<b>ORANGE</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
Face masks required in most indoor settings	Face masks required in many indoor settings	Face masks encouraged indoors
Indoor capacity limits of 200 people. No outdoor capacity limits	No indoor or outdoor capacity limits	No indoor or outdoor capacity limits
Self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive or live with someone who has COVID-19	Self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive or live with someone who has COVID-19	Self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive or live with someone who has COVID-19

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**Whakamōhio** - Thank you to all those families who have talked with teachers in the last few weeks, we love to hear from you.

**Communication** - We work hard to respond within 48 hours, however, our staff's time with their families in the evenings and weekends is important too. We are encouraging staff to not respond to email's in their evenings if possible. We appreciate your support and understanding in helping balance the well-being of our staff.



## Hilary Lintott



Kia ora e te whānau, this is my first term here at Newtown School as one of the kaiako in Whānau Waitangi and Assistant Principal. I have been loving getting to know all the tamariki, families and staff here and feel very welcome. I am passionate about learning, teaching and education - every day is different and every day I get to learn something new from the people around me. Supporting children to develop a love of learning by building on their strengths and interests gets me out of bed each day! Out of school, I enjoy tramping, camping, cooking, reading and gardening. I grew up on the Kāpiti Coast but now live in Ōwhiro Bay with my husband Dave and my stepdaughter Charley.

## Debbie Purves

Kia ora koutou katoa! I love our kura; the energy, the diversity, the inspiration, the joy that you all bring makes this a great place to be. So great that I have been here since 2011. First as a student teacher, then as a relief and part time teacher and from 2013 full time. I have worked in nearly all the whānau here at Newtown but mostly in Waitangi and in Tūi. This year I have also become an Assistant Principal. I love connecting learning, innovation, seeing the sparks fly, the inspiration, and the parts we all have to play in this. We are all integral to this great journey and when we do it together it is ka rawe - fantastic! Outside of school in recent years I seem to have spent far too much time on DIY. I am figuring it must come to an end soon!



# Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- We have even more of our students back
- Our fabulous relievers have been amazing this week!
- Our Support Staff are fabulous - going over and above the call of duty

## Low Sensory COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

**WHEN:**

Saturday 9th April 9- 4pm  
Saturday 16th April 9- 12pm

**WHERE:**

Autism Resource Centre, 20 Sydney St, Petone

**WHO:**

Anyone who is eligible for a vaccination - those aged 5-11, those who need boosters and anyone else who would benefit from a supportive vaccination environment (low sensory, longer appointment times, Autism NZ staff present). Parents, caregivers and whānau of autistic people can also be vaccinated at these events.

**How to Book**

**When booking, state that you want to attend the Autism NZ event. You can book via phone, text or email:**

Call: 0800 829 935

Text only: 027 281 5017

Email: CovidVaxAccessibility@ccdhub.org.nz

Please note that bookings are required for all family members, including those aged 5-11.

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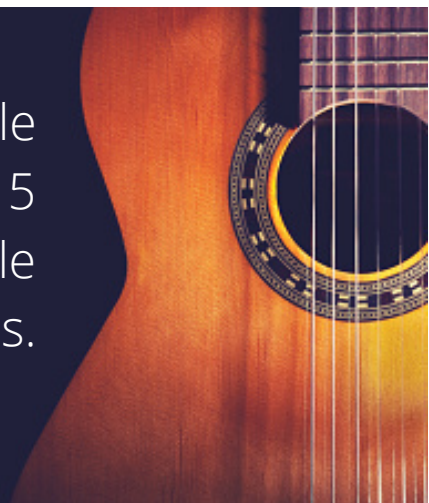
**AUTISM**<sub>NZ</sub>  
Every step together

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

## GUITAR LESSONS

One on one guitar lessons available with Julian at Newtown School. 15 years teaching experience. Flexible approach to suit all learning types. email:

[jules.musiclessons@gmail.com](mailto:jules.musiclessons@gmail.com)





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**

## ANOTHER QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Q. Would you rather be a kid or an adult?"

A. I'm glad a kid cos if I was an adult I wouldn't have met Hannah P."



## #LEVELUP Youth Holiday Programme

Create & print a 3D model | TinkerCAD

Design a game | Dreams

Build with Redstone | Minecraft

Understand and Compete | Esports Titles

**Week 1 April 18 - April 22**

**Week 2 April 25 - April 29**

**Ages 10 - 16 only | Limited spaces available**

Level up your skills these school holidays for only \$40 a day!

Scan the QR code or visit [respawn.co.nz/holidays](https://respawn.co.nz/holidays) to book



When "I" is replaced  
with "we" even  
illness becomes wellness.

- Malcolm X

## Board of Trustees proposed meeting dates for 2022

Monday 28 March

Monday 23 May

Monday 20 June

Monday 25 July

Tuesday 23 August

Monday 19 September

Monday 17 October

Monday 21 November

Monday 12 or 19 December