



PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM TWO: 2 May - 8 July 2022

- **15 May** - Family Planting Day
- **16 May** - **STAFF ONLY DAY**
- **19 May** - School Cross Country
- **19 May** - Whānau Māori Hui
- **20 May** - PINK Shirt Day
- **6 June** - Queens Birthday (public holiday)
- **23 June** - Matariki Breakfast
- **24 June** - Matariki (public holiday)

TERM THREE: 25 July - 30 September

TERM FOUR: 17 October - 15 December

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"I love being with Newtown kids, its great to be back. their stories and energy make me glad to be here." a volunteer

Kia ora whānau,

It is great to be back. There is a vibrancy and hum everywhere at the kura. Programmes are well underway with history conversations, science experiments, lots of story writing, great books to share, Maths equations and plenty of Physical Education.

Especially noticeable are the many opportunities for our tamariki to be physically active. Physical Education is a vital aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum and part of our learning at te Kura o ngā Puna Waiora. We believe that being involved in a variety of health and physical education activities has a strong positive impact on our children's wellbeing and relationships.

Cross country time: We have been training for our cross country. Great quotes from our runners as they fly past: 'I am having a heart attack!' (A feeling we might call working lungs).

'My legs are sore' (The feeling of muscles that haven't been running for awhile or that distance).

Project Energize delivered sessions with our teachers and students. This time they are here to run some sessions which are helping us increase fitness for our cross country. Jumping hurdles and racing around the court. They are exceptionally well run sessions and this week their kaiako discovered a cousin at our kura.

Happening in the last two weeks...Ripper Rugby, ASB visits, Skipping for Jumping June, daily sessions outside for fitness & skills lessons. Who wouldn't thrive with that line up!

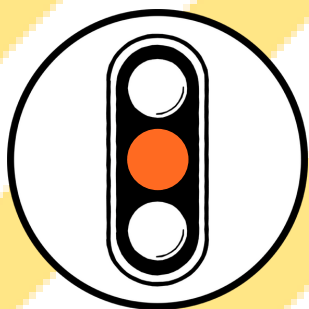
A special thanks to **Hannah Powell and Sarah Ramsay** who are coordinating our sports for the first time ever. Impressive for two teachers brand new to teaching. Remember to say thank you next time you see them. They make a difference. We also want to congratulate these two awesome people on their graduation. We are proud of you.

Remember no school on Monday, it's Staff Only Day. See you back on Tuesday 17 May.

See you on Sunday for planting

Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read - Tumuaki

Life at Orange



At Newtown School

- No Green Line
- Keep masks on when inside
- Visitors must sign in at the office
- Keep your child home if they are unwell
- Please email if your child or someone in your household tests positive, include the Day 0 date in your email.

Nationwide

- At Orange, you can continue to do everyday activities, but we need to protect our vulnerable communities.
- You must wear a face mask in many indoor locations. You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors.
- You can visit cafes and bars, attend gatherings and events, and go to the hairdresser and gym. There are no capacity limits or distancing requirements at venues.
- Workplaces and schools can open.
- To protect yourself, your whānau and your community, keep up healthy habits.
- Self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive or live with someone who has Covid-19

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COVID-19**

ANOTHER QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We have a shed full of equipment, but we wouldn't mind some more"

(When asked if we would like some sports balls donated from Isports) Brandon - Harakeke



Karen Fredrickson



Kia ora,

It's Term 2 already!!! Who can believe that? I have been teaching for longer than I can remember... that sounds like a long time but it has flown by. I have been here at Newtown School in one way or another for longer than I have been teaching!!! My whānau have a long and diverse connection to this kura. My Mum taught here for 33 years and my Dad was at Wellington High. What's really special over the last few years is getting the children of kids my Mum taught arriving here in Tūi.

I am a Mum of two vibrant young men, who are now living offshore and establishing their careers in the USA. My husband and I are so excited that the borders are OPEN and we can finally get to meet our Grandpuppy, Gimli, and our two Grandkittens, Nova and Luna.

Spending my days in Tūi is energising and uplifting for me. Never a dull moment and no day ever the same.

BRING ON THE REST OF THE YEAR

Linda Martelletti

Kia ora whānau,

I've been teaching for more than 25 years (I know, I don't look old enough!) mostly in Auckland, London and Wellington and I am lucky enough to have landed here at Newtown. Our kura has the best kids and coolest community. I have two awesome teenage children who are both at Wellington High and a handsome partner who is a mental health nurse. I'm also lucky to have my niece here, in Tui. One of the many excellent things about teaching that I love is building relationships and friendships with students and their whānau. It's a real privilege to get to know our learners and see their pride in their success.

I also love all things writing (except the hard bits). I love the creativity and honesty of young writers and the joy in inventing a story.

In 2020 I finished the first draft of a novel and one day, many years from now, I hope to finish the final draft. You're all invited to the book launch.



Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- We had a blessing for the Hall kitchen and now it's ready to be used. Bring on the cooking!
- Lots of whānau have expressed their excitement to contributing to our Family Planting Day. We look forward to seeing you there





Board of Trustees Spotlight

Yadana Saw

Kia ora koutou! Mingalabar! Ko Yadana Saw ahau. I'm one of your parent trustees on our school board. My focus is on property, so you can direct all questions about the swimming pool to me!

Our eldest child, Yaya, is now at SWIS with a big Newtown School crew, and Zaw Zaw is in Whanau Waitangi. Both of them love Newtown School, though I do have to tell them I can't change certain school rules and policies to suit them!

It is a privilege to be part of our school board. And I can say with certainty school is very, very different, and a great deal better than what we all experienced as children.

The most rewarding part of the role is seeing up close how much thought, effort and planning goes into what our students experience and learn while at Newtown School.

A trustee's job is to oversee and support what our kaimahi and kaiako do, and to make sure that our kura is a place where all our akonga and our community belong.

That means we have to make sure that Newtown School is a safe, happy and nurturing place for our staff to work, whilst meeting Ministry of Education expectations, and ensuring we manage our resources sensibly.

Our main job is to ask a lot of questions and make sure that the school is doing what it has said it will do (which is detailed in our annual plan and strategic plans).

In addition to our monthly board meetings, I occasionally catch up with Nicki about any building or major maintenance items around our school. Sometimes we meet with contractors and Ministry of Education staff to discuss our 10 year property plan. Other times we dream big about new playgrounds, sandpits, and other things we know our akonga would love to have onsite.

I strongly encourage anyone to join our school board if you're interested in finding out how the school operates or want to contribute to our school community. Elections are coming up in September with nominations opening in July. Come join us!

sKids Newtown Teacher Only Day

Newtown School Staff Only Day - Monday 16th May

sKids will be running a full day programme for anyone who needs child care on that day.

(Please note, there is a minimum of 12 bookings to run the sKids programme)

To book please click [here](#)

CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 19th of May

The juniors (Year 1-3) will run in the morning at Newtown School

The seniors (year 4-6) will run at MacAlister Park and walk from school at 10am.

Parent and Caregiver support is welcome and valued!

Come along to be cheerleaders, photographers and marshals at either the junior or senior races.



FAMILY PLANTING DAY

Sunday 15th May

1 - 3pm

at Newtown School

Bring the family, your gardening gloves and tools and come help plant some trees and shrubs around the school.

If you can't donate your time on Sunday, but would like to provide some afternoon tea for those who will be here, please drop it down to school around 1pm.



Boulevard Clicktight car seat available. Appropriate for 2.3kg - 29kg baby/toddler/child. It was bought 7 years ago and well within safety lifetime. Free to anyone who needs a carseat. Please contact the office

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