



## PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM TWO: 2 May - 8 July 2022

- **30 May** - Cross Country
- **31 May** - B.O.T Meeting (everyone welcome)
- **6 June** - Queens Birthday (public holiday)
- **23 June** - Matariki Breakfast
- **24 June** - Matariki (public holiday)

#### TERM THREE: 25 July - 30 September

- **25&27 July** - School Photos

#### TERM FOUR: 17 October - 15 December

- **25 October** - Staff only day

## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Whoa, they have school language at Te Papa too!"

(as a 6 year old reads the signs on their trip.)

Kia ora whānau,

It certainly feels like winter is well on its way. I've seen a fair number of sweatshirts and scarves out in the playground this week. Some clothing lingering past home time! Check the growing pile if you are missing something.

My week is often filled with meeting people. It is part of being Principal that I am thoroughly enjoying. It's a mixture of new and existing relationships. It reminds me how much our kura is central to a much wider community. In the past week I have visited six of our local preschools and met their staff and tamariki, Nigel the new Skids coordinator, Mary Ely our ERO evaluation partner, two University of Victoria observers, Michael our new senior advisor, Damian who runs the market and four new families. Starting next week, we welcome four new masters student teachers who will be working with your tamariki for four weeks. As I travel through our spaces, visitors comment on the warm welcome and vibrant learning spaces at Te Kura o ngā Puna Waiora. What a great reputation.

The last few weeks have provided opportunities for families to be part of our learning. We love having our families being part of what goes on at school-that's when our learners are most engaged.

**Whānau Māori hui.** Last week many of our Māori whānau gathered in Pōhutukawa for kōrero, kai and sharing stories. If you are Māori and missed out-watch out for the next hui.

**Trips out of school.** Te Papa has reaped the benefit of Newtown tamariki visiting this week. Loads of questioning, wondering and building on the excellent learning from within whānau. Ask your children what they saw and learned.

**Exhibition (Whakaaturanga Mahitoi).** Many tamariki proudly shared their art and pepeha in the hall this week. That sound of laughter, sharing and praise is satisfying for everyone. Thanks to the kaiako that poured time and energy into creating and supporting each person to complete their works.

What's happening next week? See you at the cross country on Monday-we're all hoping for a fine enough day to run.

As you spare a thought for the tragedy in the primary school in Texas, equally be thankful for the freedom we have in Newtown School to take part in the activities mentioned in this newsletter.

Have a relaxing weekend. Hopefully see you at the cross country.

Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read - Tumuaiki

## Maraea Pukeke-Pine



### E ngā karangaranga maha!

Ka tū rangatira au hei raukura mō ōku iwi ko Tūwharetoa, ko Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa, ko Ngāti Pahauwera hoki. He raukura au i roto i te whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga. Inaiānei, ka tū au hei Pouako! Nōku te whiwhi ki te whakatinanahia ngā uaratanga me ngā mātapono i whakatō i tōku whānau, i aku pouako nō roto i tēnei whānau hoki. He waimarie nōku ki te whakatō i ēnei tikanga i runga i ngā tamariki i tēnei wā. Kōinei taku tau tuawhā e whakaako ana i ēnei raukura. E mōhio whānui ana au kei roto ngā piki me ngā heke o te tū hei pouako.

**Did you know?** I am a graduate of Ngāti Kotahitanga. I graduated in 2002 and now have returned as a Pouako. It is very bittersweet that I have come full circle. Whaea Hine, Karen F, Kāren K, Sally, Sam and Rangimarie have all been my Pouako at one stage in my time here! How cool to be working alongside them now!! I am in my **Fourth Year! Wowee!!**

**Passion:** I have had the privilege of not only living it but learning in Te Ao Māori and soaking up all this knowledge that I can now pass on to our next generation! It's all about them right. I also teach my own 2 boys Carl and Cruz (some people say I am mad, but I wouldn't change it for the world). I also have my niece Māreikura in my classroom too! It's such a great space to be able to work in a career where you get to teach and learn at the sametime with whānau. **Fun FACT:** I have never traveled to Te Waipounamu, South Island yet but have been to 2 or 3 different countries!

I look forward to seeing the growth in Ngāti Kotahitanga and the opportunities and experiences for our tamariki to aspire to!!

**"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai"**

Whaea Maraia singing out!

**Julie Bell**

Kia ora whānau, Ko Julie tōku ingoa. I am mother to Lillie, Rhiley and Cooper and have been married to Jono for 23 years. I am now officially the shortest in my family.

I've been at Newtown School for 8 years now and have loved being a part of this vibrant community. I started out as a Teacher Aide and loved being in the classroom with the students and teachers. I then moved on to Mutukaroa Co-ordinator where I worked closely with new entrant students, parents and teachers. I am now in the school office where I work (and have lots of laughs) with the lovely Melissa. One of the things I love about being in the office, is that I get to know and interact with the students from the whole school and not just the junior students. I also get to meet all the whānau who come into the office. I am here to answer any questions you may have, so please come in and have a chat, I am always happy to talk to you (except every second Friday afternoon when I am trying to get this newsletter out haha). You have the most wonderful kids and I love to see them grow and start the process of becoming who they are meant to be over the 6 years they are here at school.



# Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- Amazing exhibition - Whakaaturanga Mahitoi
- Tamariki learning to tie their own shoes!
- Welcome to our 4 new Masters students, we look forward to your time with us here at Newtown School



## Board of Trustees Spotlight

### Nick Booth

Ko whenua o tāku whānau a Ingarangi me Hāmene / The land of my family is in England and Germany  
Ko Pākehā te tāngata / My people are Pākehā  
He Tangata Tiriti āhau / I want to be a good treaty partner  
Nō Te Whanganui a Tara āhau / I'm from Wellington  
Ko Esther raua ko Gabe ōku tamariki / Our kids are Esther in Harakeke and Gabe in Waitangi.  
Ko Nick Booth tōku ingoa.

Kia ora!

I joined the Board of Trustees at the last election 3 years ago. I have had a role in community engagement, and more recently as treasurer. I have also sat on the kaitiaki group of local schools known as the kāhui ako.

I've really enjoyed my time on the BOT and am grateful to have had the opportunity. I've been impressed with the commitment and care shown by the other Trustees and have felt lucky to see the energy and skill the School's staff and teachers bring.

The BOT's role is to participate in governance of the school. The Trustees represent our community in discussions about the direction of the school. The BOT works closely with Nicki to develop plans and policies that strive for the best outcomes for all learners. It then provides support and oversight as those are carried out. The BOT is not involved in the day to day operations of the school - that's for Nicki and her crew.

Here are some examples of work the BOT has done that I've enjoyed:

Firstly, running (with mega thanks to Tom Hovey) a workshop and survey about school communication and confidence that continues to inform decisions. It'll be repeated later this year too. Secondly, the principal appointment process. It was a real responsibility to deliver the best principal we could. Thirdly, attending some of the professional development the school has run on the role of te Tiriti o Waitangi in education. There's lots of energy within the school to continue to learn and strive to be good treaty partners..

There are elections for new Trustees in September. Please give some thought to standing. The school deserves an engaged and motivated BOT to represent us all. Feel free to come to the monthly meetings to see how they work, check out the NZSTA website or ask any of the current Board if you'd like to know more.

See you somewhere around the green line. Ngā mihi mahana  
Nick



## CROSS COUNTRY

### Monday 30th May

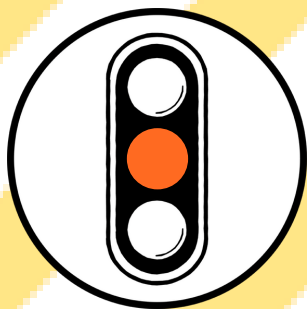
The juniors (Year 1-3) will run in the morning at Newtown School

The seniors (year 4-6) will run at MacAlister Park (Liardet St entrance) 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.

# 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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## VACCINATION EVENT



SUNDAY 29TH MAY,  
10:00AM - 4:00PM



196-200 TARANAKI STREET  
(COVID-19 TESTING CENTRE)



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



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