



PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM THREE: 25 July - 30 September

- **22 August** - Meet the Candidates
- **1 September** - Market Day
- **1 September** - whānau Māori Hui
- **7 September** - BOT Election Voting Closes
- **15 September** - Yr 6 Camp Meeting

TERM FOUR: 17 October - 15 December

- **25 October** - Staff Only Day
- **26 October** - School Athletics Day

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Sometimes we misunderstand each other and I get frustrated, but we can make it right."

Kia ora whānau

Highlights

Sometimes in the face of news items and rainy weather, it helps to name the highlights or positives.

Highlights from the last fortnight

Learners

A letter from a student who wants kids to be on the Board: Great reasons - "They will give different perspectives on things that matter and because they live school, so they will know what is important." What a great idea.

Restoration conversations between students: The wisdom and growth in how our students resolve conflict and make things right can be astonishing. Each conversation demonstrates deeper responsibility and control for their actions and awareness of the impact on others, I hear genuine remorse and listen as they restore. I wish all adults were as astute and kind.

Teaching: I have had several opportunities to teach both students and training teachers. Shared laughter, inspiration and growth were part of each session. I believe it's important for a Principal to remain teaching - I don't want to lose touch!

Whānau

Whānau feedback: thanks to the many parents who acknowledge how hard our teachers work. We appreciate those who say thank you and recognise the time it takes to meet the many needs of all our students, even when we share the challenging days.

New family meetings are a brilliant part of my role: Parents share the delights of their child and it is a privilege to welcome them into our community.

Community

Pool plans for after school lessons: We are about to ask for an expression of interest for lessons with Aqua Zone starting Term 4 on a Wednesday afternoon and a weekend day. In order to grow the business back we want to help them explore what our community wants. Aquazone is also needing swim instructors, so if you are keen please let us know. Opening for school swims are dangerously close to happening....

Reminder

A lowlight: there is an increase in gum and lollies in our kura. Gum on stairs and playground equipment is gross. **Our school rule is NONE.** Please don't give your child permission to buy any before school, remind them that our school grounds are a gum free zone and help us keep our kura beautiful.

We are glad to have these tamariki join our school: Yasmine Al Sheikh and Hugo Quigg

Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read - Tumuaki

Kia whakapau kaha - Effort

Ka whakapau i ō tātou kaha i ā tātou mahi katoa. We give our best in everything we do.

Sally Hunter



Kia ora,

My partner and I have lived and worked in Newtown for over thirty years, and feel like an integral part of the community. I love meeting and catching up with the students I have taught as I walk through Newtown. I have one son who attended Newtown School and who is now studying Engineering at Otago Polytech.

I have taught as a classroom teacher in all areas of the school and in a variety of roles, Bilingual Maori Teacher, Reading Recovery, Deputy Principal, Learning Support Teacher, and currently as an English Language Specialist supporting our ELL learners. One of the most memorable things I did was to go to Hamilton and learn Te Reo Maori in 1998. Amazingly, and thanks to the support of the Ngati Kotahitanga teachers I still have enough reo to teach and work in an immersion environment.

In my spare time I love crafts, sewing, knitting, crotchet, and stained glass work. I love reading and enjoy cooking and baking.

Ruth Thomas-Maxwell

Kia Ora, My name is Ruth. I have been working as a TA at Newtown School since my son Jack was in year two. He is now in year 10 at Wellington High! So, yes, I've been here quite a while. But, as the saying goes "Time flies when you're having fun." My daughter Naomi has also flown through Newtown School and is currently enjoying her first year at SWIS.

A wee bit about me - I am originally from South Wales in the UK. While working in London I met my Kiwi husband Sean and in 2003 we moved to New Zealand. I like to cook, run, walk and hang out with my awesome family. Everyone that knows me, knows that I am passionate about anything creative.

My favorite things are teaching my after school art class and printing. During my time here at Newtown I have been lucky enough to work on some amazing collaborative art projects with our tamariki. I get the biggest buzz seeing kids share ideas, work together and grow with confidence as they learn new skills and see their creations come to life. If you get a chance, check out our mural in the music room and the fence on the top field. The fence project encapsulates all I love about our school - how we embrace all our different cultures, work hard, have fun and make many, many friends along our way.



Happiest when my hands are messy!

Trent Taylor



Kia ora whānau. Ko Trent tōku ingoa. I grew up on the Kāpiti Coast and enjoy anything to do with the beach. I like swimming all year around and get a huge buzz out of riding waves. I love to keep fit and typically do this by going to the gym and do boxing at Green Gloves boxing gym. If I am not riding waves or working out, I will be seeing whānau, friends, or singing. I have a passion for Barbershop harmony and have competed all through the USA and Australia with my barbershop chorus and quartet. I have a degree in musical theatre and love to perform in general. I love to work with people and have had colossal amounts of experience with caregiving and being a support worker. This has helped me understand that building positive relationships with students is the key to helping them achieve their full academic potential and supports their wellbeing. It is a privilege to be a part of our rich culture we have at Newtown school and I have thoroughly valued my first two years of teaching here in Whānau Waitangi.

Kia ora!



School photos are ready to order now!

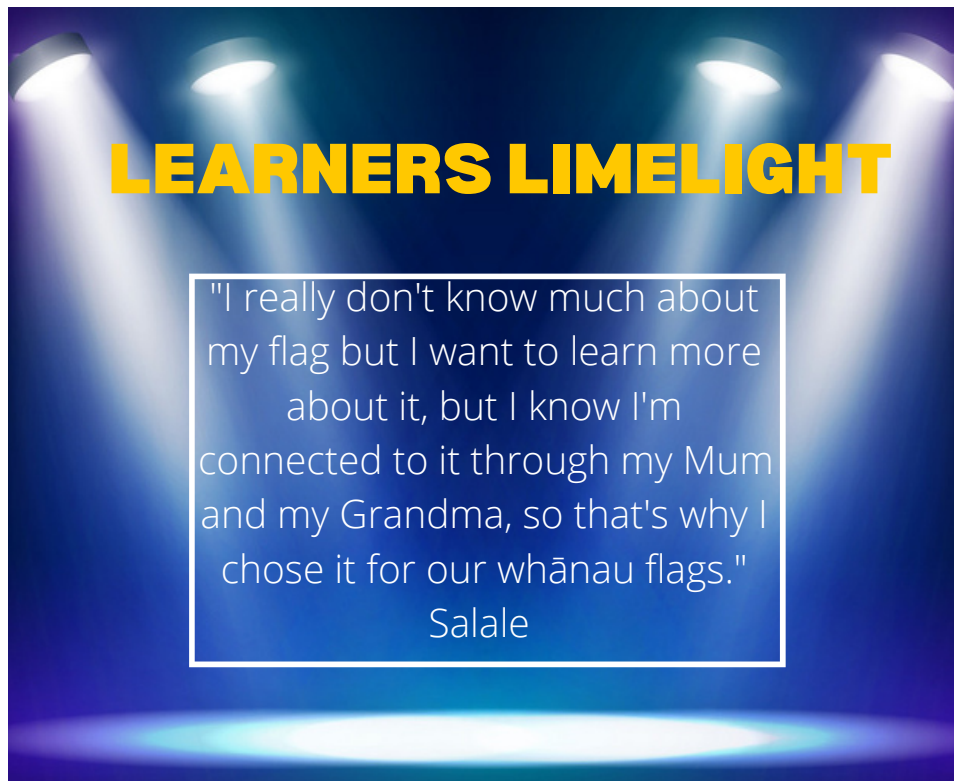


To view and order your photographs:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.inspirephotocart.co.nz>
2. Enter this access code in the box: **omaroro222**

The fundraising period for this gallery will finish at midnight on Wednesday 31st August 2022 and orders placed and paid for by this date, we will aim to drop off at your school by 14 September 2022.

You would have received a hard copy of this information from your child this week. If not, double check the bottom of their school bag, it might be hiding there!



Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- Its so exciting to see our brand new students seeing themselves as writers and the joy it brings them!

Newtown School Board Elections

Parents and caregivers of Newtown School students, you will have received your voting papers by now.

**Voting closes on 7th September
so don't forget to**



Waitangi whānau have been busy getting their Market Day ready for
Thursday 1st September
11:30 - 1:30pm

Parents are welcome to come along.
This is the **BIG** fundraiser for Year 6 Camp.

Food to buy, games to play, bubble soccer, crafts to buy
Bring some money and help raise money for Year 6 Camp



We had a bike taken from the scooter cage on Monday. It is a blue and white Trek mountain bike.

Please check your garages and backyards, it may have been accidentally taken. It can be returned to the school scooter cage anonymously, or if you have any information about it, please contact the school office. We have a very upset child as this was a new bike for him.



"It takes a village" - we all know that navigating life's stresses and struggles can be challenging - A Lifewalk Kaitautoko can be another person within the 'village' to be a caring, consistent presence in a child's journey.

"If a child feels they have been truly listened to, they will go away strengthened and encouraged and will often come up with their own solutions and resources."

We have Georgia starting here at school to be one of our 'villagers'. Here is a little bit about her....

Kia Ora Koutou, my name is Georgia and I am the new school Kaitautoko.

My role as Kaitautoko is to be a support person for young people.

I'm going to be available during school on Thursdays for your kids as a listening ear. I'm not there for school/family counselling but my role is to sit, listen and equip children with the tools and skills to resolve conflicts and identify and deal with big emotions.

inspiring the future Aotearoa



Inspiring the Future Events

Inspiring the Future is an event where volunteer role models connect with our students to share stories about their job and how they got there.

Student groups ask questions and investigate to discover the jobs that the volunteers do, the pathway it took to get there and challenges they faced along the way.

Role models may also provide a virtual workplace tour, show students projects they're working on or demonstrate work equipment they use.

Newtown School is part of this really exciting new venture, so ask your kids about it when they get home.

Streets for People announcement event

Invitation

You are invited to join Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Transport, as he announces the councils who have been selected for the latest stage of the Streets for People Programme 2021-24.

Streets for People is a national programme that creates opportunities for councils to partner with communities, making it easier to develop safer, healthier and vibrant, people-friendly streets across Aotearoa.

The Minister will be joined by other senior leaders from Waka Kotahi and Wellington City Council, (one of the councils in our group) along with members of the community and Newtown School, to celebrate the councils that have been successful in gaining full funding to implement their projects across the motu. Light food and refreshments will be served following speeches.

Waka Kotahi is delivering all events within the Unite against Covid-19 advice, to keep our staff and communities safe.

When
Tuesday 6 September 2022

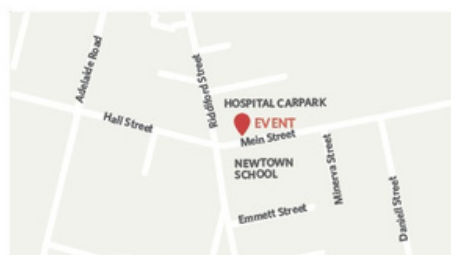
Time
10:15am for a 10:30am start

Where
Newtown School, Mein Street
Newtown, Wellington

RSVP
Thursday 1 September 2022
to events@nzta.govt.nz

Refreshments
Light refreshments will be served.

Additional information
Newtown School is located on the corner of Mein and Riddiford Street. Please use the Mein Street entrance to the school. We encourage you to travel by foot, bike or bus to the event. Visit www.metlink.org.nz to view bus timetables. If you need to travel by car, there's a Wilson Carpark (paid parking) opposite the Mein Street entrance to the school on the hospital grounds.



Streets for People

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Māori Kōwhiri

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government



order online, delivered fresh to school

ezlunch.co.nz

We have lunches Monday - Pita Pit, Wednesday - Subway and Fridays - Sushi that you can order through Kind for your child.

Easily order & pay for your ezlunch using your 'myKindo' family account. MyKindo is a payment portal for a variety of services at schools and organisations. Your myKindo account can be topped up by debit or credit card (fees apply), or by bank transfer, in advance or at the time of purchase. To get started, 'create account' or log in to your existing myKindo account and add a member or student.

Click [here](http://www.kindo.co.nz) for the Kindo website.

View the menu's [here](http://www.kindo.co.nz).