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PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM FOUR: 17 October - 15 December

- **11 November** - Te Kākano Whānau BBQ
- **21 - 25 November** - NK Noho Marae
- **7 December** - Picnic in the Park
- **14 December** - Year 6 Leavers Dinner
- **15 December** - Last day of the year

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"I like talking about stories and putting myself into them and pretending I am part of the story. That means I am one of the characters."

Kia ora whānau

A farewell, a welcome, a restoration and a camp

With the weather improving all whānau have been heading outside to learn. Last week saw every whānau make the most of the outdoors. Let's hope this continues.

A farewell: our lovely Justine Henderson has accepted a job with the Ministry of Education, starting next year. She is keen to have a rest from a Learning Support role, so is moving into a Senior Advisor role. We wish her well in her next adventure and will have an opportunity to farewell her and acknowledge the contribution she has made to our kura.

Restoration: Last weekend saw our whakairo from outside the hall removed for restoration. It is a privilege to be part of restoring these treasured parts of our kura. Thank you to Hine, Takirangi Smith (the original carver) and Tuakana. When the whakairo returns we will be able to share it's pūrākau.

Welcome:

- **To our new families:** I have the pleasure of welcoming 3-4 new families into our community each week at the moment. Keep an eye out for new faces to welcome, introduce yourself and let them know what a friendly community we are.
- **To our new staff:** we are very excited to welcome new kaiako into our community. Read a little about them in this newsletter so we can welcome them.
- **To our new students:** We welcome our new students who have joined our school in the last two weeks; Arlo Maung, Zoe Silvester, Nova George, Zaion Barroga, Kaius Anderlini, Lily Barker and Caleb Payumo.

Camp: Last week our year six students spent 3 days at Wainui camp. This is a special highlight every year and this year was no exception. This group of learners were outstanding in their encouragement and care for each other. They were brave as they acknowledged fear of heights but with effort, went beyond what they thought they could do. Stomping through our stunning New Zealand forest was a new experience for many. Thank you to those parents who helped in many ways: cooking, chatting, first aid, belaying, leading activities. Our kura is very grateful for your time and care.

Have a fantastic weekend and see you all on Monday.

Nicki Read: Tumuaki | Principal



KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA - EFFORT

Megan Journee



Kia ora,

Ko Megan tōku ingoa. I'm very excited to be joining the Newtown School team next year! I'm from Ōtautahi (Christchurch) and will be making the move up to enjoy Newtown and Wellington with everything it has to offer. I'm looking forward to exploring new places and walks within the area.

I have been teaching for 4 and a half years mainly with Year 4-6 tamariki. I enjoy getting to know my students and their interests and giving them the choice and agency to learn in ways that are best for them.

In my spare time I enjoy being outside playing tennis, walking and paddle boarding as well as being creative, printmaking and cooking.

I look forward to meeting you all and introducing myself face to face next year!

Zoe Thornton

Kia ora koutou,

I am so excited to be joining Newtown School and getting to know the wider community. I have been living in Newtown for the past year and am still exploring all that it has to offer.

I have over 10 years teaching experience and during that time have taught in New Zealand, Australia, the United Arab Emirates, and China. These different opportunities have allowed me the chance to travel and explore different cultures. They have shaped my teaching practice, especially my passion for inquiry learning. This brings authentic learning to students as they build on their prior knowledge and understanding and explore the world around them.

In my spare time I enjoy travelling to new countries, socialising with friends and family, reading mysteries, going on walks and practicing yoga which I have just taken up. I am looking forward to meeting all of you next year.

Nga mihi,

Zoe Thornton



Holly Siemonek



Kia orāna, Tālofa lava, Mālō e lelei
Ko Holly tōkū ingoa.

In 2023, I will join the Newtown School teaching whānau as a kaiako. I grew up here in windy Pōneke - in Wainuiomata - and moved to the sunny Marlborough Region in 2019 to begin my teaching career. I taught at a semi-rural school in Blenheim for three years and spent 2022 overseas travelling. Walking across Spain and living with Italian families teaching English were highlights of my trip. I loved the sharing of experiences, cultures and customs.

I'm happy to be home now, and in my downtime, I'm usually out exploring beautiful Aotearoa. I love trail running and cycling. I also enjoy reading, cooking, arts/crafts, and spending time with my friends and whānau. I am really looking forward to getting to know and learn from the Newtown tamariki and their communities.

Kia ora,
Ko Kath ahau.

I am super excited to be joining the team at Newtown School next year!
I have been teaching since 1997 in Wales, London and Wellington.
I grew up in the UK but it was during my OE in 2009, when I visited New Zealand, that I realised that I had found my turangawaewae.

I moved to Sunny (!) Wellington in 2011 and have taught in a number of lovely schools taking some time off to have my son, and now we live in Island Bay with the sound of the waves as background to our lives.

I have an interest in music, the outdoors and sport, having played rugby and waterpolo and competed in triathlons MANY years ago.

I have a particular passion for teaching reading, and inclusive practise, and I look forward to working as part of the Harakeke team in 2023.



Year 6 Camp Photos



KIA MANAAKI - RESPECTFUL

LEARNERS LIMELIGHT

"Practice is important because it makes your dreams come true."

Some beautiful learned wisdom and encouragement for you all from Ahmed, for when things you are working at feel hard....

Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- The year 6's loved their camping experience with high ropes, flying Kiwi, amazing race, nights trails and spotlight.
- We had 38 of our students represent Newtown School in Southern Zones athletics yesterday.

Staglands Photos



KIA NGĀKAU HIHIRI - CURIOUS

COVID REMINDER

As we are getting a few more cases here at school here is a reminder of what to do:

- If you have COVID-19 you need to self-isolate for 7 days.
- Report your RAT Test [here](#)
- Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.
- Your Household Contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days. If they test positive, they need to begin 7 days of isolation as someone with COVID-19.
- For more information click [here](#)

WEEK 5

Mon 30th Jan 2023
The Bone Library
Put on your investigative hat and go on an archeologically dtd.

Tue 31st Jan 2023
High Tea
Try a nice cup of tea, hot chocolates, cakes, biscuits and treats to match.

Wed 1st Feb 2023
Pride - X - Games (AS ONE)
Enjoy a day of shared fun and adventure challenges with the community.

Thu 2nd Feb 2023
Natural Creations
Creating Art to say 'Thank You' to those we love.

Fri 3rd Feb 2023
Last Supper: Relax and enjoy a shared lunch with the school.
Pledge For: Turning junk into another person's treasure.

STANDARD FEES
\$32416 per club/wk or \$55107 for two siblings/wk
\$6104 per club/day or \$10777 for two siblings/day

EARLY BIRD ENROLMENT DISCOUNT
Only \$275.94 per club/wk or \$466.41 for two siblings/wk
Only \$58.88 per club/day or \$117.03 for two siblings/day if enrolled and paid by 7th November 2022.

WHEN
Dec 18th - 23rd 2022 to 9th Jan - 2nd Feb 2023
Ends By 9th December 2022

WHERE
Western Suburbs (Wilson/Rugby Club)
Southern Suburbs (South Wellington Intermediate School - SWIS)

WHAT TO BRING
Jacket, spare clothes, sun hat and water bottle.

Limited spaces, enrol now at www.gardenwells.co.nz T & Cs apply

15% Off for Wild Card holders

Plus !!
Some activities (including day trips) may need to be swapped for other exciting ones.

Additional siblings will incur further charges, please see website for further pricing.

Payment Deadline: 12th December 2022

WEEK 1

Mon 19th Dec 2022
Wild Arts
Create art of magnificent proportions.

Tue 20th Dec 2022
Water Balloon Fun
Kick off summer with a splash!

Wed 21st Dec 2022
TRIP DAY
Chocolate fish & frog city adventure.

Thu 22nd Dec 2022
Nature, Science and Technology
Learn some amazing tricks in nature, science and technology.

Fri 23rd Dec 2022
All I Want for Christmas... IS CHRISTMAS LUNCH HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WEEK 2

Mon 9th Jan 2023
Pinky Photo Frames
Treat yourself or someone to a great memory gift.

Tue 10th Jan 2023
Obstacle Course and Relays
Enhance your core strength through a series of fun challenges.

Wed 11th Jan 2023
TRIP DAY
Beach Swim. Visit any Wellington beach for a swim.

Thu 12th Jan 2023
Balloons Bazaar
A variety of balloon changes to make you pop!

Fri 13th Jan 2023
Pride Lands Cultural Day
Celebrations
Dress up. Eat, up! All things cultural!

WEEK 3

Mon 16th Jan 2023
Mobile Games
Join in the action & the art work.

Tue 17th Jan 2023
Challenge Day: A day of interactive fun and activities. Overnight Sleepover (Optional & Booking Required for this activity). Camp with your friends and enjoy a variety of night activities.

Wed 18th Jan 2023
TRIP DAY
Wicked Wednesday YOU CHOOSE, WE GO!

Thu 19th Jan 2023
Ghostly Ghasts
All things scary open for business.

Fri 20th Jan 2023
Stone Creations
Just Do It!

WEEK 4

Mon 23rd Jan 2023
Wellington Anniversary Day (Public Holiday)

Tue 24th Jan 2023
Scavenger Hunt
Finders Keepers.

Wed 25th Jan 2023
TRIP DAY: PRIDELANDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
Do something selfless for your community.

Thu 26th Jan 2023
Crayon Resist
Art of a kind.

Fri 27th Jan 2023
UNKNOWN
Go nuts, go crazy, go wild, and go mad on ALL UNKNOWN challenges.

Newtown Kindergarten

SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!

At our Kindergarten you will find:

- Up to 20hrs free education and care each week
- All of our teachers are fully qualified
- We make sure learning is fun!
- We focus on children developing social skills, strategies and empathy
- Shared decision making
- We provide a multicultural learning environment
- Support with transition to school

Session hours: 8:30am to 2:30pm

Please contact us:
04 389 8245, 9 Hospital Road, Newtown
newtown@wmkindergartens.org.nz

WHĀNAU MANAĀKI



For the safety of our student, please cross at the pedestrian crossing at the lights on Emmett St and Riddiford St.



Reminder: **NO** lollies or gum at school

KIA NGĀKAU HIHIRI - CURIOUS

COVID UPDATE

Mask wearing is no longer required.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19.

These include,

- ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated
- maintaining good hand hygiene
- encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows
- staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.