



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM FOUR: 17 October - 15 December

- **7 December** - Picnic in the Park
- **14 December** - Year 6 Leavers Dinner
- **15 December** - Last day of the year

2023 TERM DATES

TERM ONE: 1 February - 6 April

TERM TWO: 24 April - 30 June

TERM THREE: 17 July - 22 September

TERM FOUR: 9 October - 20 December

PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

Kia ora whānau

"The role of education is to nurture, grow and realise every child's potential."
'Success For All, Every School, Every Child' launched in 2010.

This is a core belief for us as educators at Newtown School. It is an area we continually work, reflect and adapt on.

You may be aware that there is a refresh of the New Zealand Curriculum - Te Mātaiaho. There will be some key shifts in broadening our view of what success looks like. We have been and will continue to work on, upholding that all ākonga should be able to access and succeed in all aspects of their learning life - educational, social, political, economic, and cultural.

Our whole staff work on creating welcoming and inclusive environments that value the contributions of every ākonga. We support them through rich learning tasks to make informed decisions about themselves and others.

As educators we strive to provide access to knowledge, understandings and practices that promote inclusion and equity for all. A few inclusive practices in our kura:

- We employ Teaching Assistants that support the delivery of programmes. We have a team of excellent TA's who love working with our tamariki. They continually notice and respond, an essential support for inclusion.
- Whanaungatanga - it is vital to feel noticed and welcomed. We work on developing this concept early at Newtown School as part of the transition process.
- Taking a strengths based approach - we work with the child starting with what they can do and adapt as necessary. Listening to and noticing the tamariki, as well as communicating with whānau, help us to identify strengths and build on them.
- Having a rich curriculum with many experiences - opportunities for children to be successful in many ways: Market Day, Bush Sprouts, Garden to Table, Sports Groups, Class Trips to name a few.
- We have very positive working relationships with outside agencies such as Resource Teachers of Behaviour and Literacy, and Ministry of Education Field Staff. They work closely with us providing advice and professional development

Every child succeeding has been an important part of my journey at Newtown School. I have loved working with our kaiako, whānau and tamariki. Together we have created environments and opportunities where everyone can succeed. I know that as a team you will continue to broaden your/our understanding of what success looks like.

Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai
Nuture the seed and it will blossom

Justine Henderson - DP/LiSCO

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Thank you for
letting me play
in the garden
with you."

From Kyra to Tania at
Garden To Table

Kia ora whānau.

I grew up in Titahi Bay and spent many weekends staying with my Nana in Newtown. My Dad and his sister and brothers grew up in Newtown and went to Newtown School, when my Nana ran a grocery store on Adelaide Road.

After travelling and living overseas in Japan, Europe and the UK, I came back to live in Wellington and made a home in Newtown with my partner for the past 30 years where our son also went to Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora.

I have worked across the school as a Teacher Assistant in many classes and appreciate and value the diversity of the students and our community.

I enjoy gardening, photography, travelling and catching up with friends.



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](#)

Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- NZEI had a celebration for all those who became fully registered teachers. Congratulations Trent and Chris, we are proud of you! They also thank and honour those who are retiring - Kāren we honour and celebrate your teaching career.
- A huge thank you to all our amazing Master Students who have been with us all year - we will miss you all!

LEARNERS LIMELIGHT

I like being curious, that means I can find out more stuff. I like finding out what people like at school. I think being curious grows your brain, cause it makes it soft and then it grows bigger.



Kaicycle is leading climate action from the veggie roots

Kaicycle is an urban farm and localised compost hub in the heart of Newtown. We collect the city's food waste on bikes and turn it into compost. Our farmers use this compost to grow healthy veggies for local whānau. We also provide a space for our community to gather and learn how to grow kai. Kaicycle is modelling how to transform our food system, lock carbon in our soils, create green jobs, feed whānau and sprout a vibrant community greenspace in the heart of our city.

Join our Summer CSA for a delicious organically-grown veggie box every week!

What better way to celebrate the summer season ahead than with a Kaicycle Summer Veggie Box CSA or Salad Club CSA? Be sure to reserve your spot ASAP to get your hands on the farm's delicious greens this Raumatī. If you're going away for some of it, don't stress! Just let us know your availability and we can work through the details together :)

For the Veggie Box click [here](#). For the Salad Club click [here](#).

The deets:

DATES: Monday 28 November - Sunday 26 February

1-week break: Saturday 24 December - Sunday 1 January

DURATION: 12 weeks

PICK-UP: Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

First in first served!



Carols in the Park

5pm-7pm, Sat 26 Nov

Midland Park

Bring your best singing voice to Carols in Midland Park. Grab a blanket and some kai, and get ready to falalalala.

wellington.govt.nz/events

A Very Welly Christmas

Sat 26 Nov – Sun 27 Nov, from midday

Lambton Quay

Our whānau-friendly entertainment and activities include bands, an ice rink, snowball igloo, face painting, street performances, and a foam pit. Meet your local sports heroes, and of course, Santa, who will arrive at 12 noon each day in a small walking parade from Balance Street to the Old Bank Arcade.

Lambton Quay will be pedestrian-access only for the weekend. averywellychristmas.co.nz

New Year's Eve

8pm-12pm, 31 Dec

Whairepo Lagoon

Join us for a fun evening of toe-tapping music. Cover band Zephyr will entertain from 8pm, followed by a special Kids Countdown at 9.30pm. Orchestra Wellington will fill the air with tunes of a 'Royal' theme with its free concert from 10pm, followed by the New Year's countdown, and a blast of fireworks to bring in 2023. wellington.govt.nz/events

Gardens Magic Concert Series, Light Display, Kids Garden trail

10-29 Jan

Botanic Gardens Ki Paekākā

The iconic Concert Series is back (Tues-Sun evenings), along with a Light Display, and a Kids Garden Trail. Listen to some of Wellington's finest live music under a blanket of stars. As the sun sets see the gardens transform with a magical light display by MJF Lighting, and during the day join our Space Explorer in her journey of discovery of the Botanic Garden's remarkable plants and animals.

wellington.govt.nz/events

Whānau Film Night

6pm, Sun 5 Feb

Waitangi Park

Bring a picnic and join us for a programme of short films followed by the feature film 'Whina'.

Te Rā o Waitangi

12 noon – 6pm, Mon 6 Feb

Waitangi Park

Enjoy a line-up of award-winning Māori performers, food, and culture. Food trucks will be on-site, and be in quick for the hangi! wellington.govt.nz/events

Wellington Pasifika Festival

12 noon – 6pm, Sat 11 Feb

Waitangi Park

Experience the sights, sounds, and flavours of the Pacific at the Wellington Pasifika Festival on Saturday 11 February, Waitangi Park, 12 noon – 6pm. wellington.govt.nz/events

THE PRIZES

As you take part in the Adventure, you will earn **prizes** that must be collected from your local library.

These prizes may include collectible **badges, books, stationery, Ben & Jerry's ice cream vouchers**, and more, as well as tickets towards one of four **Grand Prize draws** at the end of the Adventure.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PRIZE SPONSORS:

ADVENTURER'S GUIDE (FOR KIDS)

1 DECEMBER 2022 - 31 JANUARY 2023

- READ BOOKS -
- COMPLETE QUESTS -
- WIN PRIZES -

Wellington City Libraries | Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council

1 WELCOME, ADVENTURER

Visit wcl.beanstack.org to create your account and get started on your Adventure.

You only need to create **one account** per family.

You can also download the app on **Google Play** or the **App Store**.

2 READ, WRITE, DRAW

Every time you read a book, make sure to **log it** on the website or app. You'll win prizes each time you reach a new **reading milestone**.

You can also choose to **write, draw, or film** a book review when you log a book for the chance to win even more prizes!

3 COMPLETE QUESTS

You can also take part in **activities** across three different questlines. You can follow:

- The Rather Vibrant Library** to explore our libraries.
- The Realm of the Mighty Winds** to explore nature and the city.
- The House of Many Paths** to explore your home and back yard.

IMPORTANT STUFF (ON THE POINT)

- The Summer Reading Adventure (Kids) is open to kids aged 5-13 who use Wellington City Libraries.
- The Adventure ends at 11.59pm on 31 January 2023. Books read and challenges completed after this date will not count towards earning prizes.
- Grand Prize winners will be drawn and notified over the first two weeks of February 2023. All decisions are final.

SCOUTS®

New Zealand

Looking for some fun, adventure and friendship? Want to get outside and have some fun after school? Come along to 1st Island Bay Keas, Cubs and Scouts! All genders, ethnicities and religions are welcome.

We meet every week during term time and our scout hall is on Dover Street, Island Bay, just next to the golf course. We do different activities every week depending on the weather, but it is sure to be active, creative and lots of fun.

Our meeting times are:

- Keas (5-8 years): Wednesday 6.15pm – 7.15pm
- Cubs (8-11 years): Thursday 6.30pm – 8.00pm
- Scouts (11-14 years): Tuesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm

For more information see: <https://scouts.nz/groups/1st-island-bay-scout-group/>

Or just come along to a meeting and get involved!

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

Please **NAME** your **CHILD's CLOTHING**. We have lots of lost clothes. If it is named we can return it to who it belongs to.

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

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