

Friends and whānau of Newtown School Newsletter



Term 1 | Week 2 | February 2023

Principal's Panui:

Welcome back

It is great to be back at school again and to listen to the stories families have shared from their holiday break. I have heard tales of beaches, biking, camping, some rain, computer games, whānau feasts, new babies and more.

We have already experienced some special occasions in our school year with the pōhiri for new families and the return of our completed whakairo (carving). It looks stunning and we are grateful for the restoration work by Tākhirangi. He is a talented master carver and we are fortunate to have this precious taonga as part of our kura.

We are delighted to welcome many new families to our community from a range of countries. Watch out for faces you haven't seen before and help them quickly feel at home. Introduce yourself to our new kaiako also. They have many new names and faces to absorb, but friendly faces make the year a positive start.

What a different start to the year we have had. It was a pleasure to gather for our Family Fun Night/Meet the Teacher BBQ in the sun and talk together without the complexities of covid. Thank you to those who managed to come down. It is such a contrast to what our friends in Auckland are experiencing. We think of their challenges before they began the new school year.

Coming up:

- **Paid Union Meeting for teachers**-see the notice of details in this newsletter. It is rare for us to need to request an early pick up, however this is our only option. The issues teachers are discussing are important ones. Thank you for your support.
- **Whakamōhio**-where you come and talk with the teachers about your tamariki so we know more about their skills and your hopes for this year and beyond.

If there are questions you have, talk with your whānau teachers, ask at the office or come and see one of the leadership team. I look forward to the year with you all.

Na mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki: Tumuaki | Principal



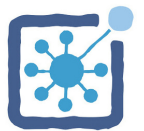
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Important Dates to Remember:

Term One: 1 February - 6 April

- **6 February** - Waitangi Day - school is closed
- **28 February** - Whakamōhio
- **1 March** - Paid Union Meeting for Teachers - 1:30pm
- **2 March** - Whakamōhio
- **7 - 9 March** - Year 6 Camp
- **28 March** - Cross Country
- **6 April** - Staff Only Day - school is closed

Welcome to our New Students:

AJ Barot, Alex Arkhipov, Ali Taher, Arthur & Sydney Roxburgh, Aviana Ojha, Carter Boshoff, Chehab Al Masri, Dahlia Musaad, Hashim Abati, Hunter Morgan, Kereti & Renisalia Ateripa, Lorcan Holly-Convery, Luna Salmon, Mariam Abu Shanab, Naya Cameron, Phoenix Marsters, Praveer Kasibhatla, Ross Woodman, Sam Green, Sarah Al Ibrahim, Tailoto Brown-Fauga, Talia Almoalim, William Heather-Foliaki and Wren Fierro

Important - Please Read:

Teachers' Paid Union Meeting - Wednesday 1st March

NZEI are holding a paid union meeting for all teacher members on Wednesday 1st March. Usually there are a few options for days and times so we can spread teachers across these meetings, but this time there is only one Wellington meeting.

Teachers will meet to discuss whether the current offer from the Ministry of Education positively addresses our priorities, including

- increasing classroom release time.
- more professional learning and development.
- increasing support for children with higher needs.
- reducing the teacher-student ratio in our classes.
- pay rates

This means that most of our teachers will be off site on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st March. If you are able to collect your child at 1.30pm on this day we would be very grateful. There will be some staff on site to supervise those who cannot be collected.

Please contact the office if you need your child/ren to stay at school from 1.30pm on Wednesday 1st March

We apologise for the inconvenience but this is an important meeting that the teachers need to attend.



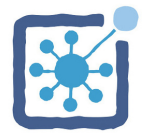
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Photos from Family Fun Night:



Quote OF THE WEEK

"You don't need to cry, I will look after you - they taught me that here at school."

(A new entrant child soothing a class mate)

Notices:

kindo.
 making school payments simple



You can order lunch for your child through Kindo eZlunch two days a week;
 Wednesday - Subway
 Friday - Sushi
 View menu [here](#)
 To order lunch through Kind, set up a login and your good to go!

Order eZlunch for delivery dates 13 - 24 February to enter the draw!

Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. Three chances per order. Winners will be drawn on Friday 24 February 2023 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into.

Visit eZlunch.co.nz or order through the mykindo app.



Piano lessons:
 Individual in-school lessons.
 Classical + contemporary,
 waiata, theory, rhythms,
 fun, sharing the love of
 music!
 Email
sophiewooles@hotmail.com
 for more info.

Breakfast Club

Starts Monday 13th February
 8:00 - 8:45am

Come to school for breakfast
 In the old staffroom (now named
 Te Wāhi Poipoia)



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ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Upper Hutt edition

Friday 12pm to Sunday 12pm during the year as advertised.
 Cost: \$699.50 per cub | Age range: 5 - 17 years | 15% Off for Wild Card Holders.
 Food, accommodation, transport and supervision are all included in the package.
 MSD Approved and WINZ Subsidised.



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- Friday: Depart from the centre or school at 12pm.
Day Activities: On the way to the accommodation, stop at H2O Xtream <https://www.h2oxtream.com/Home>
 Set up camp (Kaitoke regional park) <https://www.newzealand.com/nz/feature/kaitoke-regional-park/>
Night Activities: Explore the park and star gazing
- Saturday
Day Activities: Wellington rafting - <https://www.wellingtonrafting.nz/white-water-rafting>
 Patuna Farm adventures - <https://www.patunafarm.co.nz/> (Plan B)
Night Activities: Wellington speedway <https://www.wellingtonspeedway.co.nz/calendar>
 Bonfire by the river (Plan B)
- Sunday: Depart camp at 10am
 Dropped at home/centre at 12pm

