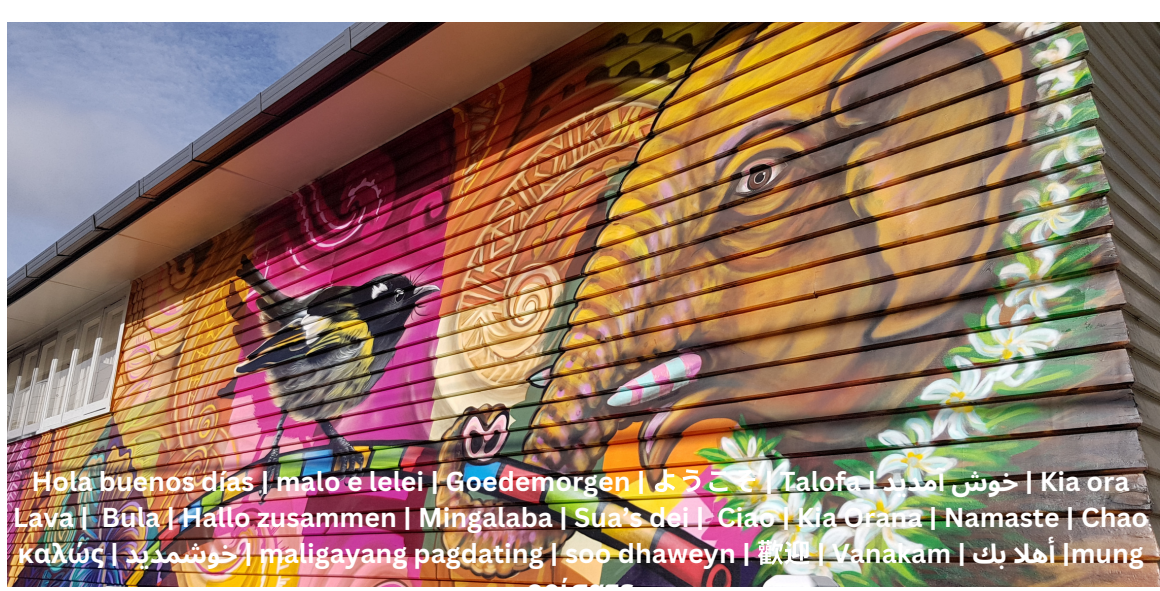


# Friends and whānau of Newtown School Newsletter



Term 1 | Week 8 | March 2023

## Principal's Panui:

Kia ora koutou,  
 We reach the end of another busy and productive fortnight. Thank you for the many ways you continue to support our school community. We appreciate you.

### Highlights:

- Our pool is getting great use and already we can see a difference in swimming confidence.
- Whānau have visited Matairangi, making the most of our local place.
- Welcoming several new families into our community. Keep an eye out for new faces in our courtyard and say hello to others-this is part of what grows a sense of belonging at Newtown.
- Board thinking and dreaming about being better Te Tiriti partners. What an amazing group of people.
- Our 'Wayfinding' project is exciting as Rachel turns our student's designs into mosaic magic.

### Politics

These are interesting times with political parties sharing their ideas around changes and improvements to education. Strike action last week brought issues into people's conversation as we advocated for greater resourcing for students. We have a rich, detailed curriculum which supports your child in as many ways as possible throughout each day. We are glad we work together on this.

### Problem solving and raising concerns

If you have questions or an issue you want to resolve related to your tamariki, it is important to talk about it with the teachers. We will help them work together to resolve what has happened. Our staff are trained in language that encourages sharing what has happened. We exploring the impact, take action to make things right, then discuss our future actions. It is part of our job. Do avoid trying to solve this parent to parent without our input. We are a team that want to work together.

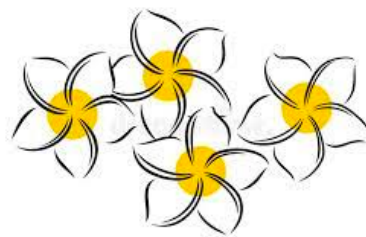
### Samoan Language week

We are lucky to have many Samoan families as part of our community. During Samoan language week (May 28-June 3rd) we are keen to get a group of families to help us organise activities and a feast. If you are keen to be involved in helping with this please email me so I can pass on your details to gather together.

### Goodbyes

This week we said goodbye to Ceals who has been our cleaner for 3 years. She has been amazing and it was great to acknowledge her part in our kura. Have a restful weekend.

Na mihi nui, Whaea Nicki: Tumuaki | Principal



## Important Dates to Remember:

- Term One: 1 February - 6 April**
- 28 March - Cross Country
  - 5 April - Last School day of the term
  - 6 April - Staff Only Day - school is closed
- Term Two: 24 April - 30 June**
- 24 April - Staff Only Day - school is closed
  - 25 April - ANZAC Day
  - 26 April - First day of school

## Welcome to our New Students:

Joanna Thomas  
 An Mai

## Board of Trustees Notice:

Kia ora koutou katoa,

The Board of Trustees is committed to understanding how our school can better honour te Tiriti o Waitangi. Our vision is to improve everyone's experiences by developing strategies that ensure all learners equitably achieve and succeed as tangata whenua and tangata tiriti. It's crucial that this is done with the school community and we look forward to providing opportunities to share ideas as this work progresses.

Ngā mihi mahana, Board of Trustees



### Meet Lily, our new whānau Tui teacher

Kia Ora!

Ko Lily Whitehouse tōku ingoa. I am excited to be teaching in te Whānau Tūi. I have recently moved down from the Waikato, and am loving my new home here. My interests include dance and drama. In my free time I love being involved in community theatre and enjoy acting, directing and choreographing shows.

## Notices:

# Quote OF THE WEEK

“I have loved making taniwha! My taniwha legs are purple, blue and pink!”

by Devon

### Your child needs to be at school by 8:45am

Being at school before 8:45am is really important. We have a lot of children coming to school late! Please make sure your child is on time.



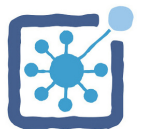
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### Weekly Update from the Newtown School Gardeners

We now have 3 classes helping to care for our school vegetable gardens (Pa Harakeke, Pohutakawa and Te Kakano) as well as a group of akonga from Waitangi gardening off site at a local residents garden to grow kai for our school and our community.

Our school gardens are looking really healthy due to the effort and care of our students. The vegetables produced in our gardens are used in cooking sessions to prepare and share a meal together.



We also have some soup at school for families who could use a meal and invite you to come have a chat with one of us if you would like one of these.

We have noticed some of our hard grown vegetables are going missing, so ask our school community to help us look after our gardens and the growing effort of our tamariki to save the food for them to try. If you'd like to join us for a session we love helpers! Mondays; 1.30-3pm, Tuesdays 9.15-11am and 2-3pm.

Notices:



**dcm** Together we can end homelessness

Help re-stock DCM's Foodbank shelves

Demand for food support at DCM remains high. Our people are facing significant challenges amidst the cost of living crisis. Can you help us re-stock our busy Foodbank shelves? Donations can be accepted at the school office.

- Ready meals/soups
- Tinned fish
- Baked beans
- Instant noodles
- Coffee, tea, milk powder
- Washing powder

If you or your business would like to be involved with DCM in other ways through volunteering, donating, or fundraising please contact Miriam Hendry, miriam@dcm.org.nz, 027 349 3887. Visit our website dcm.org.nz if you would like to know more about the work that we do. We greatly appreciate your support.



Counselling Services



Skylight offers counselling for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau who are experiencing grief, loss, trauma and other difficulties life can bring.

When working with tamariki and rangatahi we have a family-centered approach. This means we include the whānau in the counselling process where appropriate. Our counsellors use many different techniques including music and art therapy.

Skylight has in person counselling at their venues in Wellington CBD, Porirua, Lower Hutt and Kapiti. We also have online counselling options. Sessions are \$138 (incl. GST). Funded sessions might be available if self-funding is not possible please reach out to discuss if eligible.

If you would like to discuss counselling support further please contact our Counselling Coordinator, Gabrielle - gabrielle.mcimpsey@skylight.org.nz

You can also contact us on:  
 P: 0800 299 100  
 www.skylight.org.nz



We have some chicken pox cases at school. If your child is sick please keep them at home and let us know.

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CHICKENPOX**

- Fever
- Loss of Appetite
- Headache
- Skin Rash
- Cough
- Fatigue

**We NEED Your HELP!**

Do you have any coloured tiles (not grey or white) that you have spare at home, to use for our special school mosaic project?

Or do you have connections in the plumbing industry that could get us a discount on large pipes? Please call the office if you can help us. We would really appreciate it!



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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ bonobo MOVEMENT & PLAY GYM**

<b>Trampoline &amp; Acrobatics</b> TUE 18 April 9.30am - 12.30pm	<b>Beginner Parkour</b> MON 17 April 9.30am - 11.30am TUE 18 April 2.00pm - 3.30pm	<b>Springboard Diving &amp; Play</b> THU 13 & 20 April 9.30am - 12.30pm
<b>Outdoor Parkour 1</b> WED 12 & THU 13 April 2.00pm - 3.30pm	<b>Free Play</b> WED 12 & 19 April FRI 14 & 21 April 9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Outdoor Parkour 2</b> WED 19 & THU 20 April 2.00pm - 3.30pm

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