

Friends and whānau of Newtown School Newsletter



Term 2 | Week 4 | May 2023

Principal's Panui:

Kia ora e te whānau,

Top of all our minds this week have been those who have been impacted by the fire, so very close to our school. We are very thankful for the emergency services and others that helped support those who lost friends and family in the fire. We have been thankful for the many people connected to Newtown School who have sent caring messages of thought and support. It reminds us about the ways we can look after each other.

Our place: We have a fantastic planting plan on the go. Mark your calendars to stay a little longer on 9th and 16th of June to help us plant trees around the school. Thanks to Craig Bond and Tania Austin who continue to dream about what our kura will look like in the future. Be part of being kaitiaki and pay it forward for our tamariki.

Included in this newsletter are ways you might be able to contribute to the school. Have a think about ideas and skills that you could offer.

Our People. This week we farewelled Michael McMillan, one of our teacher assistants. He is off to Mexico for his overseas adventure. We have been grateful for Michael's calm nature, musical talent and care for our students. We will miss him.

We congratulate Venise Clark as she graduates with a masters of Teaching. Ka rawe.

Thanks to those parents who are coaching sports teams, we are very grateful for the time and energy this takes, to make sure we have plenty of sports opportunities for our tamariki.

Congratulations to our Southern Zone cross country runners. They were such an awesome group who dug deep and really did their best. We are so proud of you. Five students have made it through to Interzones. They are; *Eva Kennedy, Louie Laing, Blessed Tanuvasa, Kade Tocher and Sofea Ahmad Nadzri*. Good luck!

Our purpose. There is such a lot of fantastic learning happening across our school. This week I have seen: rocket launching, hut building, information reports, heard waiata, great spelling, swimming, ripper rugby, cooking, drum sessions, gardening. What fantastic opportunities our tamariki are part of.

This week our Teaching Assistants took part in a workshop with Cath Forster about Restorative practice. She gave practical and helpful techniques to use.

Also this week we planned for Samoan Language week (29th May to 2nd of June) Watch out for the opening of this week at assembly Monday 29th June. Parents are welcome.

The challenge: Recently we have heard some unwelcome name calling at school (some include racial comments). From next week the staff will be cracking down on any language like this. If your child uses this language we will call you and let you know, so you can help us get rid of it. We strive for all to only use kind words that build others up.

Thanks to those parents who talk with me about what they love about Newtown School, ideas you have and challenges you wonder about. Your input makes our place even better.

Kia pai tō wiki mutunga.

Na mihi nui, Whaea Nicki: Tumuaiki | Principal

Important Dates to Remember:

Term Two: 24 April - 30 June

- **19th May** - Pink Shirt Day
- **29th May - 2nd June** - Samoan Language Week
- **5th June** - King's Birthday - school is closed
- **6th June** - Staff Only Day - school is closed
- **9th & 16th June** - Friday Gardening Club
- **15th June** - Parents Cyber Safety Evening

Welcome to our New Students

Elias Haji, Iris Madsen and Ghia Mayan.

Welcome back Erkhem Badral and Sana Sajith



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BOT Notices:

Kia ora whānau,
 We are looking for a new parent trustee to join our school board!

The vacancy has come up following the resignation of Mika Mardhiah who has some international family commitments. In her brief time on our Board, Mika made a great contribution and we will miss her!

Our board currently comprises of 8 parent trustees, our Tumuaki Nicki Read and a staff representative. So you can be assured that the workload and time commitment is very manageable.

It doesn't matter if you have never been on a Board before - we want to welcome people new to the Board and support them to learn.

You can find out more about being a Board member on this website (School Board Elections | Becoming a board member) or by talking to Nicki or any of the current trustees:

Nicki Read, Tumuaki
 Jess Gorman, Chairperson
 Naomi Taylor, Parent Trustee
 Joe Winkels, Parent Trustee
 Yadana Saw, Parent Trustee
 Mitzi Henderson, Parent Trustee
 Nick Booth, Parent Trustee
 Shannyn Edmonds, Parent Trustee
 Lisa Morunga, Parent Trustee
 Fatima Amin Sheikh, Staff Representative

The key by-election dates will be:
 13 June (noon) - nominations close
 20 June - voting papers issued
 18 July - voting closes

Please think about whether you or someone you know would like to put themselves forward.

Ngā mihi
 Jess Gorman
 Chairperson

Quote OF THE WEEK

'I had the most enjoyable time working with a group of differently aged students today and was most impressed with the way older children treated younger ones with respect, attention and affection. A credit to the teaching staff'
 From someone working with our students



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Can YOU Help Us?

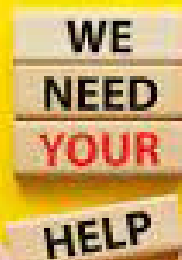
Tapping into our community skills where the school could use your help. A couple of areas that we are looking for help with are:

- Organising fundraising events for the Loafers' Lodge Mayoral Relief Fund and the Hawkes' Bay Cyclone Relief - contact Jess Gorman: jessg@newtown.school.nz
- Assistance with school website design improvements - contact Mitzi Henderson: mitzi.henderson@yahoo.co.uk

If you are interested in helping with :

Landscaping, sandpit building, grant writing, readers and helping in our whānau.

Please contact the office if you would like to help out.



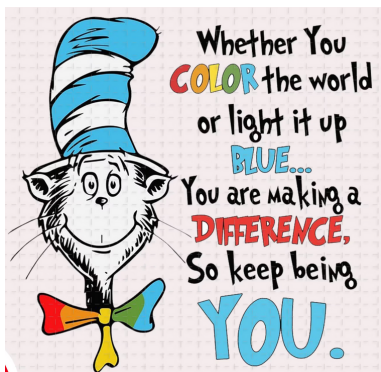
Notices:



Friday Gardening Club
9th and 16th June
3-5pm at school

Stay with your children and help plant trees to beautify our school. Let's do our part to fight climate change and care for our environment!

We will have all the gardening tools so you don't need to bring anything.



To our amazing sports coaches and volunteers who help out with getting our kids to their sports games on time and for providing oranges (a staple for any sports game)

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| Esau | Tofoga | Helen |
| Chris | Renee | Stan |
| Jordan | Alexandra | Emma |
| Derick | Maika | Ellen |
| Daniel | Jackie | Shannon |
| Christina | Tommy | |

well done everyone who gave to **PINK Shirt Day!**
 We made over \$190!
 As a school we walked around the block handing out kindness cards to people walking on the street. It made a lot of people smile.
Thank you Newtown School for bringing aroha and whanaungatanga to our community



Southern Zones

Our amazing students who went to Southern Zones earlier in the week. They had a lot of fun running in the mud.

- Alexia CAIN, Amina MURIDI, Andrew WAHAPA, Archie SHERRIFF, Aria HOLMES, Asiya ABAS, Blessed TANUVASA, Charlie CAIN, Cooper KOOIMAN-VILI, Dashiell GORMAN, Davy KARON, Edith SHORE, Eloise CASH, Emily BROOKES, Escher BEAUMONT, Eva KENNEDY, Fran WATSON, Frances WATERWORTH, Honey HERKES, Indie-Storm RUA, Jethro RIPIA, Kade TOCHER, Leviticus PUNIMATA, Louie LAING, Louis BARRETT, Manaia BROWN, Millaray ROBERTSON, Mohamed ABDI, Morandarlynn FUIMAONO, Nixon TOMA, Pippa MORIARTY, Samantha EDWARDS, Sofea AHMAD NADZRI, Sydney ROXBURGH, Yasin ABDI, Zaw Zaw ALLEY and Zion HENARE

Notices: Garden To Table



Kumara harvest
 We planted kumara tipu (seedlings) in November last year. This week we harvested this bounty! We'll be saving most of these to use for our Matariki feast along with potatoes and pumpkin also planted and harvested at our school by your children.



What your tamariki have been growing, preparing, cooking and eating from our school mara in the past few weeks;

Vege scrolls, pumpkin and feta muffins, fresh carrot, Kumara greens and feijoa, green tomato relish, sauerkraut



A big thank you to Millie and her whanau for donating this beautiful butternut pumpkin (we'll use this in our Matariki feast), and to Andrew and his whanau for an amazing cabbage (used to make sauerkraut to share with our school community)

If you'd like to be involved in any way, please contact tania - taniaa@newtown.school.nz

Donations wanted: Tea Towels and aprons

Our garden to table programme is looking for these items you may no longer need in your house, please bring washed to the office.

Volunteers: Mondays and Tuesdays

We are always keen to have whanau join us for a session;

Mondays 1.45 - 3pm

Tuesdays 9 - 11am or 2-3pm



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Notices:

REVITALISE AND SUSTAIN
 PACIFIC LANGUAGES

PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS
 2023

Watch out for acknowledgement for celebrating Pacific Language Weeks. Samoan language week is 29 May - 2 Jun. Details to come!

REBEL SPORT

become a FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ Ball Kid

Calling all young athletes! If you are aged 14 to 17 years and have some football experience, your team or club can enter for their chance to become FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ Ball Kids. Tell us in 100 words or less why you think your team or club should join the action.

For full details of the experience and prizes, see T&Cs on the website.

1. Scan the QR code
2. Or use the link below:
<https://www.rebelsport.co.nz/competitions/world-cup-ball-kid/>
3. Enter to WIN

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Newtown School presents:

Parents Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to cyber bullying, predators, pornography, gaming, social media and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 2023 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
 MEIN STREET, NEWTOWN, WELLINGTON

To find out more about Rob's work visit www.ourkidsonline.info

The more that you **READ**, the more things you will **KNOW**.
 The more that you **LEARN**, the more places you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! by Dr. Seuss

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ADVENTURE WEEKEND

For Adventure, Closer to Home
 2nd - 4th June 2023

Porirua edition

Friday 12pm to Sunday 9pm during the year as advertised.
 Costs \$788.00 per cub (Age range: 5-17 years). 15% OFF for Wild Card Holders.
 All food, drink, and accommodation included in the package.
 MSD Approved and WINZ Subsidised

- **Friday:** Depart from the centre or school at 12pm. Arrive at camp and set up (Camp Elsdon (<https://www.campelsdon.co.nz/>))
- **Day Activities:** Go to the pools - Te Rauparaha Arena and Aquatic Centre - <https://terauparaha-arena.co.nz/>
- **Night Activities:** Bush walk to see the glow worms
- **Saturday**
Day Activities: Day trip to Mana Island (<https://manaisland.org.nz/visitors-2/>)
 Go-Karting and Trampoline Park (Plan B)
- **Night Activities:** Dinner out at the restaurant
 Movie at the Cinemas (Plan B)
- **Sunday:** Depart camp at 10am
 Go to community Markets (if there's time)
 Dropped at home/centre at 12pm

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