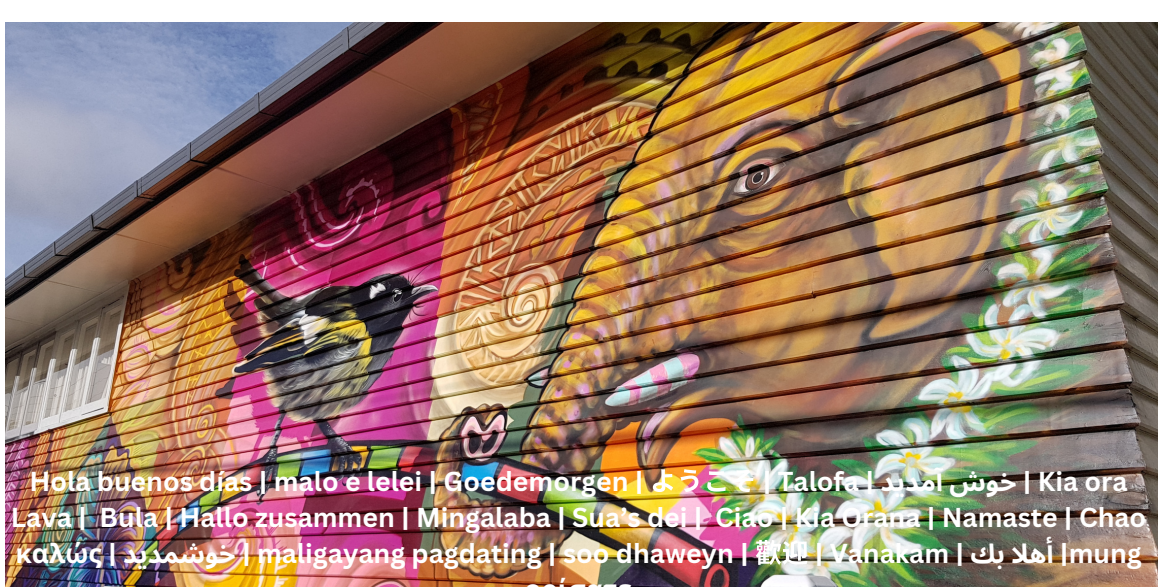


Friends and whānau of Newtown School Newsletter



Term 2 | Week 6 | June 2023

Principal's Panui:

Kia ora e te whānau,

Farewell Julie

Today we farewell Julie Bell. She has been part of our kura for nine years. If we totalled the smiles, the plasters, the phone calls, and the absence phone calls she's made, we might find the numbers a bit frightening! Julie's time at Newtown has been multi-faceted. She began as one of our teaching assistants in class, working with small groups and meeting with families as they arrived brand new to our school. Her role changed the day she offered to 'lend a hand' in the office. Julie has embodied the values of Newtown with warmth and care to all who came through the door. She has a way of seeing each person and knowing the right way to care for them.

Not anyone can manage the billions of interruptions that occur in her role (I couldn't do her job!) but she has done so with patience and wisdom. Thank you Julie for the impact you have made on many people-big and little.

We know the impact she has had in a community when children say 'You made me brave', 'You stopped my knee bleeding', 'You always smiled' and 'I will miss Julie'. We wish her well with her new job. You'll be awesome.

Why teach?

This week our teaching staff were presented with an offer from the government. These times make us think deeply about what we value in education. We have been grateful for those parents who expressed support of conditions we are trying to change. We have the weekend to think, then vote on the offer.

There is a concern we are losing teachers from our profession due to the challenges within the job plus remuneration for what we do.

At Newtown School (and throughout New Zealand) we are fortunate to have a deeply caring, incredibly hard working staff. Every week I see teachers:

- puzzle ways to teach with creativity and interest
- Support in times of struggle
- Provide kind words, a hug, a sandwich or apple
- Discuss progress, be endlessly kind, teach friendship, resolve conflict
- Sing, run, dance, laugh, read
- Inspire and connect, get excited about learning for themselves and others
- Look after each other when there is much to do, empty the dishwasher, pick up rubbish
- Have faith in your children

For a bit of inspiration...have a listen to this old but good TED talk '[Everyone needs a Champion](#)'

Remember to thank all staff at our school so they know the value they have.

As we enter into a long weekend, I hope you get time to slow down and enjoy those you will be sharing the time with. Maybe some sunshine, exercise, laughter and a good bit of nature to keep the joy and notice the good times.

Kia pai tō wiki mutunga.

Na mihi nui, Whaea Nicki: Tumuaki | Principal

Important Dates to Remember:

Term Two: 24 April - 30 June

- **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

Adelyn Ahmad, Jhoan Campaz, Calix Reodica and Naima Haji



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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.

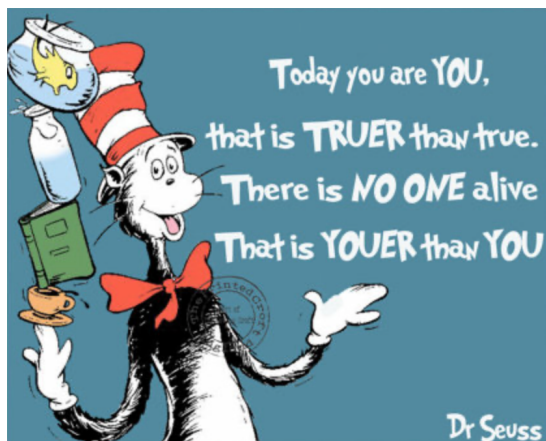
You can find out more about being a Board member on this website (School Board Elections | Becoming a board member) or by talking to Nicki or any of the current trustees:

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

'Thinking of your community over what occurred at Loafer's Lodge. What a lovely idea it was to take the baking up to the Newtown fire station.'

Paul Carline.
 Advisor Community Readiness and Recovery.
 Ahikura Practitioner and Fire Wise Ambassador.
 Road Safety Educator.



FIRE EMERGENCY NEW ZEALAND

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS

Fire and Emergency New Zealand offers these visits to help people make their homes fire safe for them and their families.

We are available to provide free information, can help install and test smoke alarms, or provide a free smoke alarm to those who are eligible.

Please let your networks know about this service.

For more information or to book a free visit, contact your local fire station or email: FENZwellington@fireandemergency.nz

WWW.FIREANDEMERCENCY.NZ

Notices:

Support the revitalization of te reo Māori

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency + Te Mātāwai are asking for your feedback on their bilingual road signs. We know that there have been some problems with this project so we need to unite to support the project. You can browse the entire selection material and then submit your submission - but if you're in a hurry, here's a 'cut and paste' submission to help you out. We welcome your thoughts on topics in Māori or Pākehā. Whether your submission is long or short – every submission supports the revitalization of the Māori language in New Zealand. Live nature.

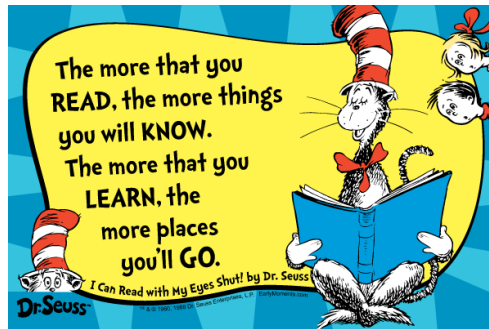
All negotiation resources: <https://bit.ly/waka-kotahi>
Email your submission to: rules@nzta.govt.nz
 Program outline: Māori bilingual traffic signs program

A sample submission:

I support Waka Kotahi's proposal along with Te Mātāwai to create bilingual road signs in New Zealand. These will achieve the goal of Waka Kotahi's Te Reo Rangatira strategy to see, validate, hear and speak the Maori language. I agree with the research in the consultation materials: "There is evidence that bilingual signage has a wide range of benefits, not just for the people whose language has been introduced, instead, the benefits are for all of us. In other words:

- * Validity confirmation
- * Tourism promotion
- * Voice patrol
- * Cultural confirmation
- * It affirms social cohesion."

Many thanks
 [your name]



Preventing the spread of illnesses

 Remind everyone that sick tamariki or staff should stay at home	 Ask parents to let you know the reason for their child being absent	 Encourage people to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a mask if indoors in crowded areas	 Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces e.g. door handles, bathroom areas
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There are four main illnesses that tamariki and whānau need vaccination against now – and all are **FREE**

 Whooping cough (pertussis) Pēpē and tamariki should get their vaccine doses at 6 weeks, 3 months, and 5 months. Booster doses are offered at 4 and 11 years old.	 Influenza (flu) Tamariki from 6 months to 12 years are eligible for flu vaccination. It is recommended that everyone over 6 months gets an annual flu jab.	 Measles All tamariki need two doses of MMR given at 12 and 15 months. If in any doubt that your tamariki have had both, talk with your GP.	 COVID-19 Tamariki 5 years and older are able to have a vaccination.
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You can also create a free, personalised routine immunisation schedule for your child at:
www.immunise.health.nz/get-a-personalised-immunisation-schedule/



Notices:



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



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



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WINTER
Fun Holiday Adventures
 (Open: 7am and Close 6pm)

STANDARD FEES
 \$328.16 per cub/wk or \$557.87 for two siblings/wk
 \$82.04 per cub/day or \$139.47 for two siblings/day

EARLY BIRD ENROLMENT DISCOUNT
 Only \$278.94 per cub/wk or \$474.19 for two siblings/wk
 Only \$69.73 per cub/day or \$118.55 for two siblings/day if enrolled and paid by 19th May 2023

Payment Deadline: 30th June 2023

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

WHEN
 3rd - 14th July 2023
 Enrol by 19th June 2023

WHERE
 Western Suburbs Wilton/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.prideands.com.nz
 T's & C's applies

WEEK 1

Mon 3rd July
 Yoga and Physical Education
 Enhance your core strength through a series of fun challenges

Tue 4th July
 Game Changer
 Let's make you the best you can be.

Wed 5th July
 Trip Day: Wicked Wednesday
 YOU CHOOSE, WE GO!

Thur 6th July
 Bunk Beds
 Create art of magnificent proportions to sleep in.

Fri 7th July
 Pride Lands Cultural Day Celebrations
 Dress up. Eat up. All things cultural.

WEEK 2

Mon 10th July
 TERMINATOR
 How fast can you terminate our challenges.

Tue 11th July
 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 12th July
 Trip Day: PRIDE LANDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: Do something selfless for your chosen community.

Thur 13th July
 Last Supper: Relax and enjoy a shared lunch with the Pride! Pride Fair: Turning junk into another person's treasure.

Fri 14th July
 PUBLIC HOLIDAY: HAPPY MATARIKI

15% Off for Wild Card holders