



# NEWSLETTER



## Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term Two finishes on a positive note, dominated by thank yous! Firstly a warm welcome to **Janen Vigar** who is our fabulous new administrator to join the office team. We are very glad to have her part of our community (learning many names and processes!). She has made a great start in our busy role but is still smiling. Please introduce yourself and help make her feel welcome.

**Mane Thanks:** to those who serve our school with Road Patrol, PE shed and Hou Hou te Rongo (Peace makers).

**Tūrei Thanks:** for being part of Matariki celebrations. It's a time to remember by honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki, celebrating the present and gathering together to give thanks for what we have and looking to the future to the promise of a New Year.

**Wenerei Thanks:** to our amazing Support Staff. We are so fortunate at Newtown for their care, skill and commitment to all our learners.

**Tāite Thanks:** for our sharing of learning in Te Kākano as they shared their Tangata Rongonui (special people).

**Paraire Thanks:** for a huge number of Cards of Awesome (16,401) and student Principals from 2022 (200 cards of awesome!)

### BIG NEWS

I am very pleased to let the community know that the Board approved the expansion of Ngāti Kotahitanga to include a second class. We are very fortunate to be one of the few kura in Wellington city who can offer immersion Māori class so we want to grow. We are working on advertising for kaiako and gathering expressions of interest from whānau who might be interested. What an opportunity for us. Spread the word and watch this space for more information about this.

### Learning records

I hope you took time to sit down and talk with your children about the comments they have written about their own learning. Each teacher has taken time to listen and craft what your child wanted to share. There are insights into their thinking, new learning, knowledge they have and reflection on their achievements. They have more to say and we can help by asking questions and taking time to hear more.

## Important dates

- Friday 30 June - Last day of Term 2
- Monday 17 July - First day of Term 3
- Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 July - School Photos
- Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th July - Whakamōhio
- Monday 21 August - Staff only day
- Friday 22 September - Last day of Term 3

## Welcome to our new students

- Tenara Amarasekara
- Josiah Chan

## Attendance

It is really important that all children attend school every day unless they are sick.

We are tracking and analysing our attendance data and will be contacting families. Every day attendance increases learning.

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Please thank your teachers for the commitment to helping this gathering and recording of comments. Some stand out comments I've loved in the reading of them:

*'I like speaking Arabic at school. I like learning English at school too. I want to speak Arabic, English and Māori. It helps my brain to grow.'* **Talia**

*'I really enjoy drama because it's like a history lesson in disguise because we get to learn about NZ history and we get to act it out.'* **Anzar**

*'I went on a high ropes course and went on the flying kiwi. I thought it was going to be really scary and sometimes it was. I felt like I had accomplished something in my life.'* **Charlie**

*'On Pink Shirt Day I was so brave. Newtown people are our sort of people. They loved us giving out cards and telling them to have a happy day.'* **Astrid**

*'I like learning te reo Māori. Also when I go to my marae, I can speak the Māori I learnt, like to say I want to eat kai right now!'* **Zion**

*'I think we work well together in Maths because we have a good mix of knowing how to communicate and sharing the workload.'* **Valerie**

*'I am a peacemaker. We have to solve problems by helping people by talking to them. There are steps to do. We talk about it and we see if they want to sort it out. We ask them if they would like to change what they are doing. If they are hurting people we tell a teacher. We give them strategies to help them work together and be peaceful.'* **Esther**

How lucky are we adults, to have young people telling us how to be inspired?

Thank you for the many ways you all contribute to our school. Thanks for the many parents who come to talk through the joys and challenges of being a parent and ways we can work together to get the best outcomes for each student at our school. Take time to remember, be thankful and be excited about the future.

## Staff Spotlight

Fakalofa lahi atu, kia ora koutou and hello my name is Janen. I am excited to be the new Office Administrator at Newtown School.

A bit about me, I'm mum of 4 children Eli (17), Micah (16), Olly (9) and Beau-Jessie (4). I already know some whanau at Newtown School and I look forward to meeting more of you. I used to work in the Berhampore School office so really understand the fun of being part of a school community. Life at home is busy and filled with hiphop dancing and all sports. Spending time with my family is very important to me.

I love to socialise, pilates, beach walks, and especially love island food, taro with coconut cream (niuean dish takihi layered taro with pawpaw and coconut cream.)

I grew up in Dunedin and returned to Wellington and raised my family in Berhampore.

These school holidays I'm looking forward to spending time with my family.



**Harakeke were thrilled to have the Wellington All Saints Basketball Team come in and visit**



**KIA MANAAKI RESPECTFUL** Ka whakamana tātou i ngā rongo o te katoa.  
We value the thoughts and feelings of each other.



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## Board News

### DONT FORGET TO VOTE!!

Voting papers were issued last week and you should have received yours. We have a box in the office for you to put in your vote and you are welcome to pop it in the school letterbox on Mein Street next to the school hall over the holidays. Voting closes at 4pm on 18 July 2023.

#### Key Dates:

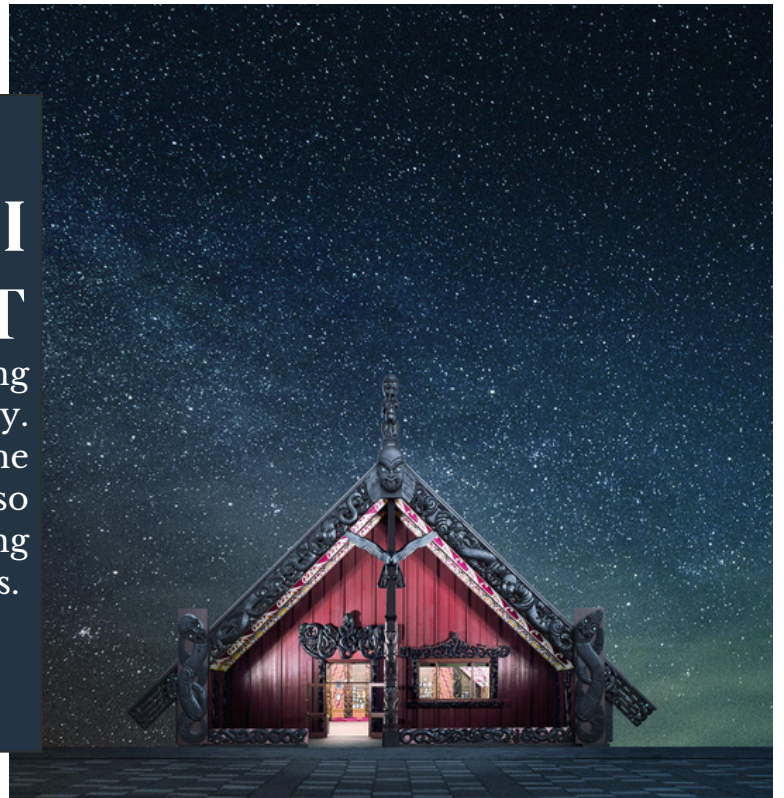
18 July - Voting closes

24 July - Votes counted | New Board member announced



## MATARIKI BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Matariki Breakfast on Tuesday. This is always a favorite event of the year and it was wonderful to see so many faces new and old enjoying themselves.



**KIA MANAHAU** E hia hinganga, katū tonu, ka ako tonu  
**RESILIENT** We keep trying and learn from what we do

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## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY: HELP US CREATE NEW SOIL

We have a new garden bed by Te Pa Harakeke. Over the holidays, we invite you to get your kids to pick up all the fallen leaves in parks and around your homes and bring them, along with any fresh lawn clippings, used coffee grounds and seaweed and pop them into this new space. Over time we'll add some compost and create our own soil!



## THANK YOU: NEW WORLD NEWTOWN, BGI WELLINGTON, SEEDS TO FEEDS

New World continues to support us with donations of food from time to time. Last week they donated some food and kitchen supplies to help our Garden to Table teams cook up a soup to share at our Matariki breakfast. We also had a kai donation from BGI and chef volunteers from Seeds to Feeds. Big thanks to everyone who helps us.



## WILLING HELPERS WELCOME FOR OUR GARDEN TO TABLE PROGRAMME

Keen to cook? Keen to garden? No experience needed! Contact Tania - [taniaa@newtown.school.nz](mailto:taniaa@newtown.school.nz) or come say hi (Mondays and Tuesdays)

**KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA** Ka whakapua i ō tātou kaha i ā tātou mahi katoa.  
**EFFORT** We give our best in everything we do.



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July school holidays  
1–15 July 2023

## Whakanuia a Matariki!

Celebrate Matariki at the library these holidays! Join us at the bonfire, build a star web, become a celestial navigator, and create your own kōhatu Matariki.

Visit [wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays](http://wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays) for event times and locations.

Nau mai rā tātou katoa  
Everybody is welcome.

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## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for 2023 will be taken on Wednesday 19th July & Thursday 20th July  
\*First week back after the holidays

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