

NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

What an eventful couple of weeks to start our Term Three. In every space across our school there has been a hum of activity, energy and learning.

Some Highlights...

- the buzz as year 5 and 6 design their money making schemes for Market Day. Watch out for your invitation.
- Pōhutukawa learners getting excited about their culture, history and wanting to know more
- fun and laughter when Chris Hipkins phoned on a banana to help Tūi with their singing
- tamariki from Ngāti Kotahitanga sharing their pepeha with their grandparents-how special.
- creative gingerbread making in Harakeke
- basketball beginning on Monday evenings
- swimming pool sessions

Whakamōhio

Thank you to the many parents who came to talk with teachers this week. Teachers have appreciated time to be able to share the progress that everyone has made. Lots of smiles, pride and delight on faces.

Whāngau i te hautapu

What a special start to our morning on Thursday. This is the first year we have held a Hautapu at our school. In mid-winter, when Matariki appears on the eastern horizon in the morning, a ceremony takes place. There are 3 main parts: Te Tirohanga/ The viewing. When the star cluster is seen on the horizon it is carefully observed. Taki mōteatea/ Remembrance-a time to remember the previous year and all our loved ones who have passed since the last appearance of Matariki. Whāngai i ngā Whetū / Feeding the stars. Cooked food from different parts of land and sea is cooked. Once it is uncovered, steam from the inside will rise into the sky. Matariki then gathers the kai to feast upon, thus the opening of the Māori New Year.

Important dates

- Tuesday 1 August - SWIS Open Day
- Thursday 24 August - Market Day
- Monday 21 August - Staff only day
- Friday 22 September - Last day of Term 3

Welcome to our new students

- Nataahri Beets
- Nahryion Beets
- Xinchun Huo
- Nikan Lorestani
- Indigo Fox
- Riyan Rinoj
- Ruben Rinoj

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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Thank you to some key people

To our: supportive and encouraging **Board of Trustees** who govern and guide what happens here, amazing **office staff** who keep the wheels turning in all aspects of our school (heating, plasters, attendance and more), to our **teachers and teacher assistants** who invest hearts, time and skills for our learners, and to **whānau** who make time to support and inspire our learners. All have dreams for the future of what more we can do for this community, space and people.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata he tangata he tangata!

Staff Spotlight



Kia ora koutou
Ko Sarah ahau.

Nō Kōtirana, Ingarangi me Itaria aku tīpuna
I tupu ahau i Tāmaki Mākaurau
Kei Te Whanganui-a-Tara ahau e noho ana.

I'm Sarah, the new(ish) Learning Support Coordinator here at Newtown School. I grew up in Auckland and moved down here at the start of this year to be closer to my partner. I spend most weekends with him and his son in Feilding. It's been a bit of a change from my life in the big smoke. I moved to Wellington with it being the one place in New Zealand where I don't know anyone, so I'm very fortunate to be here at Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora with such warm and welcoming people. If I haven't managed to connect with you yet, please come and say hi.

In my spare time I like doing and trying all kinds of things - whether it's learning languages, yoga, reading, hiking, cooking, gardening, or surfing. I haven't been brave enough to try that in Wellington water yet - maybe in summer!

Kia Ora koutou,
Ko Fatima toku ingoa
No Humarie ahau
Kei te noho auki Omaroro.

Asalam alaikum and Hi everyone. My name is Fatima, the teacher aid at whanau pohutukawa at Newtown School, since last year I'm also a staff representative of board of trustees. I was born in Somalia, I grew up in Kuwait and moved to New Zealand 2012 to join my husband Mohamoud. We have three kids and they are all learners at Newtown school, Ahmedamin (10 years old), Amina known as Muni (8 years old) and Asiya (6 years old) and we live in Newtown. The kids and I love the environment of Newtown school. Newtown school is rich in multicultural and diversity and I'm glad to be part of the whanau as a mother and a member of staff.

I enjoy cooking, walking around the beaches, reading, writing, researching and analysing. I love mathematics and I do maths tutoring after school.



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

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Board News

School Board By-Election Result:

Congratulations to Trey Tanuvasa our newly elected board member.

Thank you to both of our Nominees for your willingness to be nominated.

Updated Contact Forms

Student Profile sheets were sent home last week with each child. Please review the details we hold for your whānau and return your child's form with any updates needed. It is important we have the correct details in case of an emergency so we can contact you.



Stay home if you are sick



Take a test if you are sick



Practise good hygiene



Cough or sneeze into your elbow

Winter Illness

Reminder: Please keep your children home if they are unwell and contact the school office. It is important you keep your children home for 48 hours from the last symptoms of any gastro bug, to ensure it doesn't spread within the school community..

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

Exhibition Wall



'Pop cool love' launches this coming Tuesday August 1st at lunchtime for students and parents later in the day..

It's a series of really cool artworks by Moira Schneider, Daisy Hollings-Baird and Millaray Robertson from Pohutukawa. This great trio of young artists have created their own unique creative view of their world. It's their first exhibition in group to show to the students and public.

Come and see what they see!

'Pop cool love' a group show in an exhibition that runs for two weeks. Followed by another surprise group of artists.

P.S. And do go and see the last day of one of Wellingtons best painters 'Rob McLeod original paintings' They're worth the visit. Finishes this Monday the at the exhibition wall. Open this weekend too though.



Ngā mihi nui to the Island Bay Tennis and Squash Club who generously donated a years worth of tennis balls to our kura! Check out their great options for getting active - flyer on our school notice board

KIA NGĀKAU HIHIRI Ka miharo, ka tūpono, ka auaha tātou
CURIOUS We wonder, take risks and innovate

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ABOUT US

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South Wellington Intermediate School Whānau Open Evening

August 9th, 6 - 8 PM

Open Evening for prospective parents, caregivers and children.
ALL WELCOME.
Come and experience what SWIS has to offer.

Email the office if you have queries:
office@swis.school.nz

30 Te Wharepōuri Street, Berhampore

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WHĀNAU MANAAKI



Our Wellington Open Doors day is just around the corner!

We are very excited to announce the NZSO are returning to Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre for Open Doors on Saturday 29 July. Our musicians are going to be running several fantastic events – there will be something for everyone.

10:00am Tamariki Time

A free concert designed for the smallest members of your whānau. Suitable for preschoolers or students up to the age of 8 years.

11:30am Relaxed Concert

A free accessibility concert designed for audiences with sensory needs who may feel uncomfortable in a traditional concert environment.

1:30pm Instrument Jams

A super fun and informal opportunity to play through several easy or intermediate pieces with some of our NZSO musicians.

3:00pm Masterclasses

A violin masterclass hosted by NZSO violinist Jessica Oddie and a cello masterclass hosted by NZSO cellist Ken Ichinose. Masterclasses are open to the public, so come and join us to watch the next generation of performers.

All Open Doors events are free to the public but do require registration.

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