

NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

It is great to be back at school again. We have had a very positive start and are enjoying family stories of holidays, some with adventures and many glad to have slowed down and spent time playing together.

It was a privilege to begin our year with Whakamōhio, where you came and talked with the teachers about your tamariki and family. We have a much better understanding of your hopes for your children and how we can work together. Feedback from teachers and whānau was very positive.

Welcome: Please make sure you look around at pick up and drop off and smile at someone new. We want to be known by our actions at Newtown School for being a welcoming and inclusive community. Welcome to the many families that have travelled to be with us. A smile and an introduction go a long way, for teachers and families.

Thank you: Take time to sit on our new bench outside the hall. With the generous donation from a family and the expertise of Mike Kooiman, we have a fabulous new place to sit. Thank you to them for their part in contributing to our place.

Community Swim: Reminder that each Saturday, 12-2pm our school pool is open for a community swim. No cost and supported by EasySwim. Add this fun into your weekend.

Teachers Playing: We've added a new initiative into our day. At 1:20pm every day all the teachers join in with whatever games are happening in the playground. Basketball, football, chatting, even the odd slide. It provides a positive end to the lunchtime before we head in to eat. My learning: don't wear heels to school as hopscotch and football become a little lethal!

Change of eating time: Our change to eating at the end of our play sessions, for the majority of students, is proving to be very successful. It takes awhile for adjustment when change is made so we continue to adjust aspects of this. The aim is to increase learning and teachers are noticing focus is improved and post lunch chats are really helpful. Feedback from families has been that the lunch is finally being eaten!

Coming up:

- Low down @ Newtown-Next Tuesday, starting @ 5pm. Come and join us to hear about how the spaces are working this year AND a free sausage.
- Te Kākano starts next week

If you have any questions or ideas, talk with your whānau teachers, ask at the office or come and see one of the leadership team.

I look forward to the year with you all. See you on Tuesday 13th February!

**WHANAUNGATANGA
CONNECTED**

I share my culture. I value the culture of others.

Important dates

- **Tuesday 13th February**
5pm-6:30pm - Low Down @ Newtown
- **Thursday 28th March** - Kahui Ako Staff only Day (School Closed)
- **Friday 29th March** - Good Friday (School Closed)
- **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April** - Easter Monday & Tuesday (School Closed)
- **Friday 12th April** - last day of Term 1
- **Monday 29th April** - first day of Term 2

REMINDERS

Stationery can be paid for online or at the front office.

All children need to have a sunhat every day

Attendance

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

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First impressions from kaiako hau (new teachers)

I am really enjoying the idea of being out with the learners for a part of the lunch play each day. It has been great to build connections with learners I would otherwise not have the chance to interact with.-Mitchell

I am really enjoying the energy and vibrant nature of ngā tamariki and their whānau. It brings joy to begin forming relationships with everyone and I feel welcome and valued.-Danielle

In such a hardworking and busy place everyone has been so kind and welcoming to a new person.-Cole

I have really enjoyed connecting with the students and finding out who they are and what they enjoy doing. It's been great to get to know the teachers as well, the support and care they have offered has been second to none, kia ora whanau!-Kiran

I absolutely loved how sweet and welcoming our tamariki are. The stories they tell us and the trust they show us are absolutely humbling.-Doreen

Overall, I'm just really enjoying getting to know the tamariki in Waitangi and across the school so far - the places, stories, backgrounds, difference - Luke

Welcome to Sarah

*A very warm welcome to Sarah Brookes who will be supporting in our front office. You may have had the chance to meet Sarah last year and we're very excited to get to work with her each day!
Please come and introduce yourself to Sarah. She is awesome.*

Welcome to our new students

- Layla Ebramjee
- Emma Ong
- Mahir Patel
- Umayam Nishant
- Amar Wario
- Makaira Nixon Einarsson
- Heibel Ribu
- Maude Te Tau
- Nush Rushton Neilson
- Zoe Douglas
- Eseosa Igbinobaro
- Hazel Haywood
- Savio Alex
- Enzo Herryadi
- Faith Atelipa
- Mahir Abdulrahim
- Rabiatal Adawiyah
- Mohammad Zuhezri
- Alto Ormsby-Matehe
- Devdarsh Kudilil Renjumon
- Darshik Dev Kudilil Renjumon
- Jessica Li
- Aaryan Anoop
- Aaditya Anoop
- Mnqobi Phuthi
- Jeremy Jerin
- Hakim Bin Abdul Rahman
- Tuia Te Aroha Kauika

Te Kākano starts back next week

- **Years 1 & 2** - first day back is Wednesday 14th February
- **Years 3 & 4** - first day back is Thursday 15th February
- **Years 5 & 6** - first day back is Friday 16th February

Remember, Te Kākano will be in a new space this year..

School Sport

What an amazing up take of school sports we have had this term. We have lots of different sports on offer, including:

- Touch Rugby
- Mini Polo
- Futsal
- Junior Netball
- Weetbix Tryathlon

**KIA MANAHAU
RESILIENT**

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

Community Notices

Skills Needed

- Landscaping and Gardening
- Building projects
- Finance-grants
- Translating skills

Please see Nicki or ring the office

LOWDOWN @ NEWTOWN

Tuesday 13th February
5pm - 6.30pm



All parents, whānau and caregivers are invited to come and hear how each whānau work.

- Starts at 5-5:30 pm. Visit whānau spaces to hear about learning at Newtown.
- 5:30-6pm. Free sausage, play and meet all the staff
- 6-6:30pm Another opportunity to visit whānau spaces and hear about learning at Newtown.

Free sausage sizzle for everyone
(Halal & Vegetarian sausages)
Welcome to bring your own picnic dinner

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