



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe we are in our fourth week of school already. Thank you for your household routines that help your children be at school with all they need. It helps them with all aspects of being ready to learn.

Learning at school can be a challenging business. All day your children are learning literacy, maths, thinking skills and they are also practising other important people skills. Friendship. As your children move throughout our school, they continue to learn about what friendship means. We help them find language and give opportunities for ways to invite others to be part of their learning and play. We help them find agreement when it goes wrong. We encourage working with anyone, regardless of their friendship. We want our school to be a place where we accept and learn with all others with respect and care. School is a great place to practise. That is part of what it is for - practising how to be an awesome human being.

How can you help? Ask your children how they are being friendly to all (even those they don't think they like or who they don't know yet). Practise ways of showing inclusion. Guard them from judging others and making unkind comments - that isn't friendly. We know you all want your children to be known to be kind and caring. Help them to name their own actions and words and to always choose to make a friendship better.

Football and cricket

We have some very passionate sportspeople who love these games-it's brilliant! Everyday this crew practises the skills of being respectful sports players. It's hard. In the face of rules, winning and losing, different skill levels-this requires practice everyday. Trying, fixing, trying again, making mistakes, trying again-this is good learning and what school is for.

How can you help? Talk about who are positive role models in sport with your children. Sometimes this is hard as many of them show unacceptable responses. Practise being a good loser. Encourage your children to be resilient.

Some celebrations this week

Start of touch rugby this week, outdoor sports everywhere in our kura, swimming lessons are humming, Arohanui strings are back, amazing writing from across the school, preparation for Camp, a great first Board hui, amazing kapa Haka preparation.

Do share celebrations or challenges with me. We want to ensure our school is the best place possible for everyone so let me know how that is happening for your child.

Have a lovely weekend. See you next week.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

Important dates

- **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

Welcome to our new students

- **Daksh Negi**
- **Jahvae Tahere**
- **Reina Tahere - Moke**
- **Zola Randell-Wharerau**
- **Leo Shaw**

Attendance

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

04 389 6667
away@newtown.school.nz

Around our kura



Keep washing hands as there are a few tummy bugs around. If your child has been vomiting-keep them home for 48 hours to save any bugs spreading.

Sports @ Newtown

This week saw the start of Touch Rugby at Wakefield park.

Thank you to our brilliant parent coaches. And to all the families who are supporting their tamariki to be involved in this sport. It had a positive start for the first game.



HATS

Try keeping a hat for school only. It is very challenging to keep reminding everyone to wear hats-help us by reinforcing the same message. Skin cancer is prevalent in NZ.



What our students are saying...

"They are so cool!"

"I think we should have one in every classroom"

"It's really comfy. I like how it has the table and it's good that there's room for everyone"

"We use to always rush to the other seat or have to sit on the floor. Now there's more of a seat to fit more of us"



Reminder of school heart

We want to continue to be a peaceful and respectful school. Any swearing, fighting or comments that are put down about families or race are taken very seriously and we will contact you so we can work together to address this. Thank you for your support and aspirations for the best for your child.



Staff Spotlight

Welcome Harry!



Kia ora koutou
Ko Harry toku ingoa

Hi my name is Harry and I've been working as a teacher aide for the past 2 years, entering my 3rd year here at Newtown School! This year you will catch me working across Waitangi and Harakeke in which I have thoroughly enjoyed myself and felt very welcomed from day one!

I am originally from Hawkes Bay and have moved down to Wellington this year to pursue my football and futsal goals. I have enjoyed working as a teacher aide the past 2 years back in the bay so I'm looking forward to working collaboratively with the teaching team here at Newtown School to ensure that every student receives the guidance and encouragement they need to reach their full potential.

Outside of school you will catch me on the football pitch, futsal court or in the gym! I consider myself a very sociable and outgoing person and am up for any challenge that is thrown my way.

I'm looking forward to what 2024 brings and cannot wait to see the growth and development of our tamariki here at school!

KIA MANAHAU
RESILIENT

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

Exhibition Wall



'Insect Observations' by Sunny Newson aged 10

You're Invited!

Mon 19th February - Tuesday 5th of March
The Newtown School exhibition wall

We've just opened the first exhibition for 2024 on the school's exhibition wall!!

Newtown school celebrates an exhibition of artworks by the very talented Sunny Newson from Whānau Waitangi. It's open now, come by and have a look anytime.

Curator Paul Forrest says " Sunny has the ability to capture such detail in her work that makes everything look beautiful. She created this delicate body of work over her summer holidays when you slow down and spend time working creatively uninterrupted. It's easy to see the quality of the work that has gone into creating these beautiful insects. I recommend you check it out on 'The Exhibition Wall' at Newtown School. Only for 2 weeks so make sure you do."

'Insect Observations' by Sunny Newson on at the Newtown School exhibition wall. Open now.

Newtown Open StudioWeekend

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of March
Midday - 5pm

The Newtown School exhibition wall is proud to be showing new works by student artists as part of the upcoming Newtown Open studios weekend. On show will be a professionally curated selection of artworks by some of the best talent this school has to offer.

What is the Newtown Open Studios event?

Now's your chance to experience a very cool art walk in wonderful Newtown, on Saturday and Sunday March 9-10. Midday-5pm. Plus it's free! 13 talented local Newtown artists and great student artist talent from Newtown School showing the best of their creativity to our community. Included in the art walk is a series of beautiful kaleidoscopes of over 70 butterflies in the garden setting at our own Paul Forrest's famous butterfly house in Harper Street and many more surprises along the way.

It's always a real treat to meet artists in their working space plus it's a great opportunity to discover some of the magical gardens that their studios are set in. A great event for the whole family to enjoy. There are paintings, drawings, collage, pounamu, collectable upcycled clothing and native NZ butterfly sculptures.

- See Newtown Open Studios Instagram and Facebook for a map and list of artists -



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

Go into the draw to win a \$50 voucher to Countdown!

Newtown School Travel Survey



This survey is to gather data on how students travel to Newtown School. This is connected to Newtown School being a recipient of Wellington City Council's (WCC) School Cycling Support fund, which aims to help the school community in using active or public transport. The purpose of this survey is to monitor the impact of WCC's funding on the school community's travel choices. Your participation will support this research by helping the school and WCC better understand your travel choices and where you would like assistance in using public or active transport methods. If you would like to go into the draw to win a \$50 voucher to Countdown, please add your email on the last page.



School Travel Survey

Newtown Festival 3rd March

This is fast approaching and a really fun occasion. Don't miss out on our Kapa Haka performance. We will open the whole event at 10am.

NEWTOWN FESTIVAL

AOTEAROA CHILDREN'S DAY



TUATORU O POUTŪ-TE-RANGI SUNDAY 3 MARCH NEWTOWNFESTIVAL.ORG.NZ

TAMARIKI & RANGATAHI SHOWS

Mihi Whakatau with Te Kapa o Ngā Puna Waiora -- 9:30am Tangata Whenua Stage
Wellington Youth Circus -- 10am Circus Hub Stage
Fun & Funner -- 10am Rintoul St Stage
Move It Danceworks -- 10am Community Stage
Orleṭa & Orzel Dance Ensembles -- 10am South Stage
SARGAM -- 10:20am Eastern Sound Stage
Bangerz For Bubz -- 10:30am Gordon Pl Stage
The JayJs -- 10:50am Wilson St Stage
The Side Characters -- 11:15am Rintoul St Stage
Legacy Taekwon-Do -- 11:25am South Stage
Lavender Menace -- 11:50am Wilson St Stage
Bishop Viard College Band -- 12:25pm Pasifika Stage
Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre -- 12:35pm South Stage
Spikey -- 1:50pm Wilson St Stage
Tautua Dance Academy -- 2:40pm Pasifika Stage
Mel Stevenson -- 2:45pm Rintoul St Stage
Breaking Limits -- 3:20pm Tangata Whenua Stage
Star Time Ensemble -- 4pm Normanby St Stage
Tarrant Dancers Traffic Angels -- 5:15pm parade begins!

FAVOURITE ALL AGES STAGES

Tangata Whenua Stage -- Riddiford St north, outside Newtown School
Circus Hub Stage -- St Anne's grassy area, end of Emmett St
Pasifika Stage -- Mercy Park, end of Emmett St, beyond St Anne's grounds
Rintoul St Stage -- Rintoul St
Community Stage -- cnr Riddiford & Constable St
Buskers Pitch -- McDonalds carpark
Normanby St Stage -- Normanby St
Eastern Sound Stage -- Donald McLean St
South Stage -- Riddiford St south, outside Dominos Pizza

FUN & FREE WHĀNAU ACTIVITIES

St Anne's grounds, end of Emmett St:
Littlies' Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Bouncy Castle
Wishbone Balance Bike Track
Sports & Games - World Chase Tag, Handball, Parkour, Floorball
Colombo St: Fire & Emergency's Burning Kitchen
Donald McLean St laneway: Shoot The Knight

WHERE TO CHILL OUT

The Meeting Room, St Anne's Hall -- end of Emmett St
Time Out at Newtown Community Centre -- cnr Rintoul & Colombo St
Quiet Space at Newtown Library -- 13 Constable St
Family Zone at Salvation Army -- 4 Normanby St

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

Community Notices

Drum Lessons at School

Dynamite Music offer drum lessons during the school day.

Your child can learn to read music and play the drums in jazz/blues/rock styles. These are small group classes (2-3 students) with a cost of \$18/week.

There are currently 10 spaces available for new drum students.

Sign up for a free trial at

<https://dynamitemusic.co.nz/newtown> or email simon@dynamitemusic.co.nz for more information.

PLAYCENTRE OPEN WEEK AT HAEWAI / HOUGHTON VALLEY PLAYCENTRE

Houghton Valley Playcentre, 84 Houghton Bay Road, Wellington invites all families with 0-6 year olds to come along for a play and a cuppa during our Open Week (or any week). We'd love to meet you.

Mon 4 Mar 2024, 9:15am-12:30pm
Tue 5 Mar 2024, 9:15am-12:30pm (reo rua / bilingual session. All levels of Te Reo welcome)
Thu 7 Mar 2024, 9:15am-12:30pm (reo rua / bilingual session. All levels of Te Reo welcome)
Fri 8 Mar 2024, 9:15am-12:30pm

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/houghton-valley-playcentre-open-week/wellington>

Friendly, supportive, community of families. Birth to school-age. Parent-led. Play-based, mixed age.

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4 - 8 March is open week for all Playcentres, so if there is another Playcentre closer to your house, you're most welcome to visit them too!

sKids Collab presents...

Learn to Skate

Let's roll!



Let the good times roll! Enjoy a 1-hour skateboarding class delivered by SkatEd Skate School. Catering to all skill levels from absolute beginners to those who can do cool tricks already.

Thursdays | 22 February - 14 March | 3pm - 4:30pm
Newtown Primary School Hall

Come to sKids at 3pm for roll call and afternoon tea. Our activity kicks off at 3:30pm

Spots limited! Book Now...
www.skids.co.nz/collab

Read our FAQs, www.skids.co.nz/collab

sKids Collab | SkatEd

COME FOR A SWIM EVERY SATURDAY

from 12:15pm til 2:15pm

FREE ENTRY



Newtown School Pool

- Parents must stay and watch
- Under 5's must have parent in the water
- Ask Easyswim staff for a swim assesment while you're there

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