



# NEWSLETTER



## Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is amazing how this term is racing by. We are really noticing the chilly mornings.

**CAMP:** Last week I had the privilege of joining our fabulous year six students at Camp Wainui. Each year I ask myself if sleeping on a squeaky bunk is worth it. Then I watch the joy and excitement of being in the forest, facing the challenges of high ropes, looking after friends and eating huge meals together. It is always worth it! We are always very grateful for the parents that take time off work. We could not run the activities we do without the commitment of our community. It makes me grateful again for our people.

### RAMADAN

This is a holy month in the calendar for our Muslim families. Many of our students are fasting throughout the day, taking time to pray and rising early to share food together.

**PLAY.** Another joy has been looking at the play that our youngest students start their day outside with.. Blocks, finger painting, dressing up, puppet shows, it attracts all ages we notice! We are never too old to play, imagine and laugh. Thanks for the creativity of the kaiako who are providing all sorts of opportunities for learning.

### PAID UNION MEETING-WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

**NZEI**, the teacher's union, is holding paid union meetings around the country in March. We know this is disruptive for whānau. The meeting our staff will be attending is on Wednesday 26th March. If you are able to pick up your children at 1:15pm that would be appreciated. If you are unable to do this, there will be staff to provide supervision.

### COLLABORATION

Our staff were fortunate to work with Mark Osborne this week. He specialises in growing teams in the way they work together. He worked with each team in our school. Feedback talked about the way he enabled teams to think strategically and keep putting learner needs first in the environments we work in-that's the kind of support we thrive in, always!

Thank you to all the parents who are sharing their thoughts and cares with us. That's what keeps our school being as good as it can be.

Hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend.

*Ngā mihi nui,*

*Whaea Nicki  
Tumuaki | Principal*



He aroha whakatō,  
he aroha puta mai

If kindness is sown  
then kindness you shall receive

## Important dates

- **Monday 25th March** - Cross country
- **Wednesday 27th March** - Paid Union Meeting 1.15pm onwards
- **Thursday 28th March** - 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

- Otis Williams
- Aisha Dawre

## Attendance

It is really important that all children attend school every day unless they are sick. Every day attendance increases learning. If your child is going to be away please call or email us.

**04 389 6667**  
**away@newtown.school.nz**

# Around our kura

## EOTC

I was lucky enough to take our year 5's on three trips last week while the year 6s were at camp. We headed up our local maunga Matairangi to explore the nature trail, explored the banks and streams of Prince of Wales park and visited the Island Bay Marine Reserve and rock pools.

This week I was also fortunate to be able to take two mixed year 5/6 teams to the Football Festival at Wakefield park.

It is always so fascinating to see how different tamariki flourish in new environments outside the school. The tree climbing! The rock pool exploration! The teamwork and encouragement on the football sideline! Learning in such an authentic and natural way. There are so many benefits to education outside the classroom and these situations are where our school values really shine. It must be said that we cannot do these trips without the amazing support of whānau. We appreciate you!

Alice Cooke



## Year 6 Camp

Our rangatira in year 6 and 7 had a great experience on camp last week! We left our comfort zones, were braver than before, and made great connections. There were legendary slip 'n' slide and manu contests in the lagoon and amazing activities like archery!

Massive shout out to all of our whānau who helped our teachers and kaiako:  
**Lucy, Sam, Keegan, Langi, Pat, Sally, Teara, Sandy, Angeli, Rico, and Finn.**

Here's a few things we heard from our kids...

"On the high ropes I thought I couldn't do it and I was shaking before. It was so fun! Can I go up again?"

"I've never been in the bush before. There were lots of rivers and we got our feet wet. It was really hard but I did it anyway. Then we found a waterfall and I got in!"

"We had nachos for dinner. THEY WERE SO YUM!"  
(Thanks to our cook team!)



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

# SPORTS NEWS

## CROSS COUNTRY

Next Monday 25th March, our tamariki will be running cross country.

Juniors (Y0-3) will be running at school between 9.15 and 10 am.

Seniors (Y4+) will be running at McAllister park. We will be leaving school at 10am and returning during lunch. Please make sure your child/children are wearing clothes that they can run in as well as appropriate footwear (running shoes), sunhat, a water bottle and extra food.

We are looking forward to an amazing event, whānau are welcome to come to watch and encourage tamariki

### DRAWS

Click these links to find the weekly draws

[Futsal](#)

[Netball](#)

[Touch Rugby](#)

### TERM 2

**Basketball**

**Location:** Akau Tangi ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie

**Time:** 4.00-6:00pm for 9 weeks

**Cost:** FREE

**Years 3 & 4 - Tuesdays**

**Years 5 & 6 - Mondays**

**Netball Senior**

**Location:** Evans Bay Intermediate Netball courts, Kilbirnie

This is available to all year 5 and 6 girls and boys. To cover the cost of umpires this year, fees will be \$45 a player

# Staff Spotlight

## Welcome Cam!



Kia Ora Koutou  
Ko Cam ahau  
No Nuhaka ahau

I have been living and studying in Wellington for the past 5 years. Working part time at this wonderful kura this year has allowed me to connect with our special tamariki. I have been helping across the school with a range of ages and doing my best to support our lovely staff in helping our tamariki stay safe and advance their learning.

My whānau comes from the east coast from a small village south of Gisborne called Nuhaka. I was born and raised in Palmerston North where I went to Palmerston North Boys High School. I am a keen athlete in many sports and loving giving new things a go.

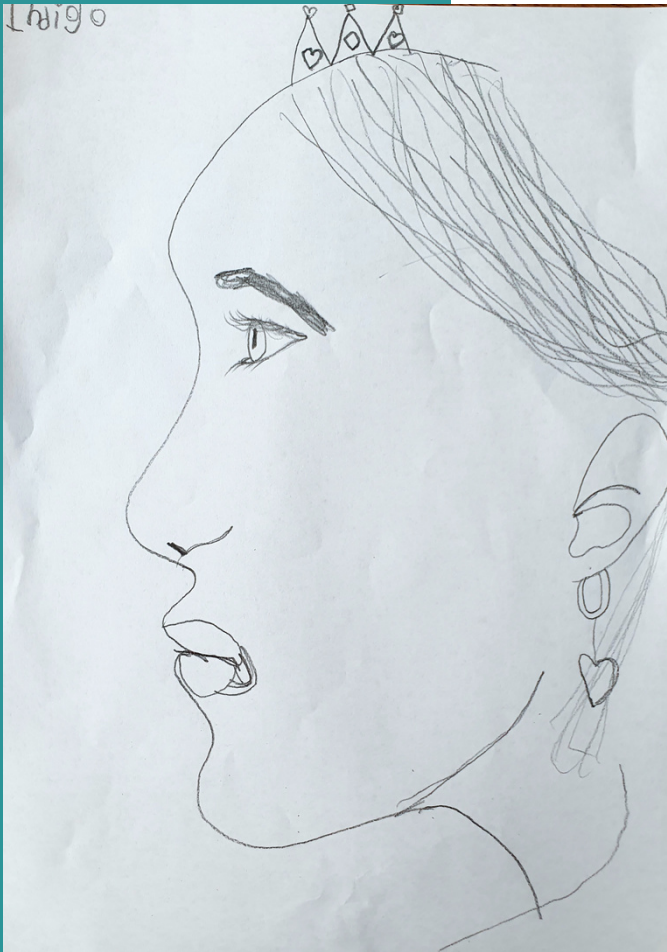
I have felt extremely welcome here and am looking forward to a fantastic 2024 ahead!

**KIA MANAHAU  
RESILIENT**

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

# Exhibition Wall

'Drawings by our 5yr old new entrants'



**Mon 25th March - Fri 12th of April**  
The Newtown School exhibition wall

This coming Monday Newtown school celebrate a new series of artworks by some now and future creative talent from Whānau Tūī. The drawings have been created as part of the advanced drawing classes hosted by our resident artist Paul Forrest.

"I'm so proud and lucky to be working with such talented young artist and I'm so excited to see what they create over the next few years at our school. Their willingness to give anything a go including some quite complex concepts is a wonder to behold.

*I highly recommend you take a look."*  
*says art wall curator Paul Forrest.*

## Community Notices



We ask that parents, please **DO NOT** park in our staff carpark.

We have a number of staff members and people working onsite that are getting blocked in at 3pm.



Reminder of school heart



Lets continue to be a peaceful and respectful school.  
Thank you for your ongoing support and high aspirations and expectations for your child.



WHĀNAUNGATANGA  
CONNECTED

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

# Community Notices



**Head Lice**  
 There are cases of head lice at school. Please be vigilant with checking your children's hair. If you do get head lice in your family, everyone that has them should be treated at the same time. Let the school and any close friends know that your child has been treated for head lice.

Information pamphlets available in front office

## Sugar Free Zone

A reminder that Newtown School is a lolly free school. If brought to school in the morning, they will be disposed of. This includes soft drinks - water only please



# MISSING SCOOTER

We have had a scooter taken from our cage last Monday afternoon. It is a Black scooter, with wide handle bars and rainbow wheels. Please let us know if you have any information or know its whereabouts

## YOUNG ARTISTS

Creative School Holiday Workshops

Spend your next school holidays with Inverloch Art School!

Our holiday workshops offer young artists & teens the opportunity to work with new materials & processes, and grow confident within their creative practice.



### Children's & Young Artists' Holiday Programme

MON-FRI, 15-19 APRIL  
 AGES 6-10 YEARS: 9:30-11:30 DAILY  
 AGES 10-15 YEARS: 12:30 - 2:00 DAILY

Our school holiday programme has been designed to challenge and encourage children & young artists who love art.

Both programmes offer a mixed media experience where drawing, painting and sculpture are used to teach the creative possibilities of various art genres.

learn more [➔](#)

### Pottery for Teens

TUES - THURS, 16-18 APRIL  
 FROM 10 AM - 12:30 PM  
 SUITABLE FOR AGES 10-15

Learn how to properly prepare clay for the kiln, and various handbuilding construction techniques.

This workshop is all about having a go, trying things out and putting your own stamp on your work. Your work will be bisque fired which will allow you to paint your pottery afterward if you choose.

learn more [➔](#)

### Whānau Sculpture with Clay

MONDAY 22 APRIL, 1 PM - 5 PM  
 TUESDAY 23 APRIL, 10 AM - 12 PM  
 SUITABLE FOR AGES 6+

Children and their caregivers are invited to make artwork together these holidays!

Learn how to sculpt out of pottery a fish and a bird, or another animal of your choice. Your creations will be fired once, (bisque) and can be decorated with point of home.

Up to two children can attend with one adult. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.



learn more [➔](#)

### Jewellery Making for Teens

HALF DAY WORKSHOP  
 MON 15 APRIL & TUES 16 APRIL  
 FROM 10 AM - 1 PM  
 SUITABLE FOR AGES 12+

Craft your own rings in this introduction to metal-smithed jewellery making!

In this quick paced one session workshop with practicing jeweller and artist Thom Richards, you'll learn some metalworking fundamentals to turn raw metal into shining wearable rings. Use hammers and stamps to add textures and simple lettering to customise your creation.

learn more [➔](#)

### Printmaking for Teens

MON - WEDS, 15-17 APRIL  
 FROM 10 AM - 1 PM  
 SUITABLE FOR AGES 10+

Experiment and develop confidence in your printmaking skills in a friendly, fun environment. Learn how to translate your own sketches, photographs and found images into bold printed pieces of art: exploring monoprinting, linocut, drypoint & collagraphs.

learn more [➔](#)

### More Young Artists in Term Two...

#### Young Artists After School

MONDAYS, 5:30 - 5 PM

#### Fundamentals of Drawing for tweens and early teens

TUESDAYS, 5:30 - 5 PM



[www.inverloch.org.nz](http://www.inverloch.org.nz)

OPEN DAILY  
 10AM - 5PM

Nga Manu  
 NATURE RESERVE

# EASTER WEEKEND

## 29 March - 1 April

Hunt for the hidden Easter eggs to win over \$3000 worth of amazing prizes!

- Daizy Design face painting
- Take a selfie with Ngā Manu's giant kiwi
- Sausage sizzle
- Colouring competition and Lil' Explorer Trail
- Bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it
- Eel feeding at 12pm and 2pm



[ngamanu.org.nz](http://ngamanu.org.nz)



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

# Community Notices

# AUTUMN FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES



PRIDE LANDS  
THE RUGBY COMMUNITY'S HUB

15% Off for Wild Card holders

\*Plan B  
Some activities (including day trips) may need to be swapped for other exciting ones.



## WK1

**MON, 15TH APR**  
Happily, Ever After  
Stories we tell.

**TUE, 16TH APR**  
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, 17TH APR**  
TRIP DAY: Wicked Wednesday  
YOU CHOOSE, WE GO!

**THUR, 18TH APR**  
POW!  
Pride of Wearable Arts:  
Made to Last!

**FRI, 19TH APR**  
Pride Lands Cultural  
Day Celebrations  
Come for the Culture.



## WK2

**MON, 22ND APR**  
The Show Goes On.  
Learn some amazing tricks  
in science and technology.

**TUE, 23RD APR**  
Action NZ  
Appreciate the Differences

**WED, 24TH APR**  
TRIP DAY: PRIDE LANDS  
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE  
Do something selfless for  
your chosen community.

**THUR, 25TH APR**  
ANZAC DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

**FRI, 26TH APR**  
Last Supper: Relax  
and enjoy a shared  
lunch with the Pride!  
Pride Fair: Turning  
junk into another  
person's treasure.

## 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 3RD MARCH 2024**

## 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

**LOCATIONS:**  
Western Suburbs –  
(Wilton/Rugby Club)  
(Southern Suburbs – South Wellington  
Intermediate School – SWIS)

**DATES:**  
April 15th – 26th 2024

**ENROLMENT DEADLINE:**  
7th April 2024

**PAYMENTS:**  
14th April 2024

**WRFU  
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

15TH-19TH APRIL  
**PŌNEKE FOOTBALL CLUB**

22ND-24TH APRIL  
**PETONE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (NORTH PARK)**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CAN BE CHALLENGE, WRFU ARE HERE TO HELP! OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR Y5-Y8 CHILDREN. THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE SOME RUGBY DELIVERY BUT THE MAIN FOCUS IS FUN, TEAM BUILDING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS. BOTH WEDNESDAY'S ARE A GIRLS ONLY DAY FOR THOSE GIRLS WANTING TO CONNECT WITH LIKE MINDED GIRLS.

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# Happy Holidays

— AkoTech Ltd — Since 2016

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CODECAMP

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**NINJA**  
CODE <∞> CAMP

**HACKER**  
CODE <∞> CAMP

**DEVELOPER**  
CODE <∞> CAMP

Metaverse, AI Design, Coding & Robotics

... and Literary Lab For Girls

2 Day Program \$230 - 4 Day Program \$395

KIA NGĀKAU KA MIHARO, KA TŪPONO, KA AUAHA TĀTOU.  
HIHIRI CURIOUS We wonder, take risks and innovate