



NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

A THANK YOU. We were very proud of our Kapa Haka as they opened the Newtown Festival last Sunday. They were fantastic. A huge thank you to the kaiako that practiced and prepared them for their performance; Whaea Maraea, Venise, Danielle, Susie and the background crew. Thank you to all the parents for organising your family for the early start. The festival is a special time. I love the diversity of this community as we walk down the street-it was a great time to see other families from our kura and enjoy the sunshine.

A GIFT. Whenever we welcome a new person to our school I am struck by the many strengths and ways their world has already been shaped. At five when they start school, they know what they like best..on pizza, in the playground, to play and who is their friend. School's job is to value that and continue to help them delight in learning.

A CHALLENGE. Obeying the rules. Some of us love them, some dislike them and others just like to bend them! Use kind words and kind actions, all the time and everyday. Sounds simple until we are faced with challenges such as; losing a game, feeling left out, being hot and hungry, feeling anxious, a task too hard, overthinking, making assumptions. It takes practice to be kind and we celebrate those that choose to be kind at all times-that's awesome. Remind your tamariki that being kind is cool!

A WELCOME. You might see a new face around our kura. We warmly welcome Jenny Curtis to our school. Her role is Resource Teacher of Literacy and Jenny works across many schools. She has set up a special spot in the base of Piwakawaka. When you see her, ask her what she loves about her job.

A SEE YOU LATER. Divya Kamaraj is off to have her baby next week. We wish her well in the coming weeks and look forward to meeting the new member of her family when they arrive. .

Recent highlights:

- Creative play outside the whole of the front of school at the start of the day
- Waiata echoing most days throughout our kura
- Kaitaiki sweeping the stones off our bike track
- Staff learning te reo together through games and songs
- New whānau to welcome every week
- Camp nerves
- Teachers and students playing together for the final 10 minutes of lunchtime every day.

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

- **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

- **Diana Al Ibrahim**
- **Mohamad Al Ibrahim**
- **Nathan Odulio**

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

Newtown Festival 2024

Ati Awa Toa FM

Kapa Haka

“Mā tini, mā mano, ka rangatira a Kapa Haka”



Our tamariki stood on Sunday 3rd March to open one of the biggest street Festivals in Wellington.

“I feel so confident and love singing waiata that makes me feel good”

• Tamariki quote

We are very privileged to open the festival with a pōhiri in partnership with Noel Woods and Te Ati Awa Taranaki whānau.



Every year our tamariki look forward to their performance. They work extremely hard to practice and look forward to performing for their whānau.

“Making my whānau proud lets me know that I am amazing”

• Tamariki quote

Proud is an understatement! Ka mau te wehi.

Kaharoa Ngatai Semau



I tū āi a Kaharoa ki te tuku kōrero ki te whakanui i te rā o ngā mokopuna. Poho kererū ana mātau ki a ia i tōna māia ki te tū. Tama tū, tama ora!

Ngāti Kotahitanga Fundraiser



We raised around \$2,000 dollars from our car parking and stall fundraisers. We appreciate our parents unwaivering support. He toki rātau.

Ati Awa Toa FM



I kōrero a Ngahere rāua ko Te Aroha ki te Reo Irirangi a Te Ati Awa Toa FM whai muri i tō mātau whakangahau.

TE KAPA O NGĀ PUNA WAIORA

KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA
EFFORT

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

Around our kura

SPORTS NEWS

SHOUTOUT

Our Mini Polo Team has been representing Newtown School with pride - Ka pai!

Special shout out to the whānau who are helping make the games happen, and to an alumni of our school, Paige, for helping coach the team!

DRAWS

Click these links to find the weekly draws

[Futsal](#)

[Netball](#)

[Touch Rugby](#)

TRYATHALON REMINDER

For those who have signed up, the Weetbix TRYathlon is coming up on March 17 at Kilbirnie Park.

The kura will set up a home base for our whānau. Whānau are then responsible for supporting their children at the event and providing equipment.


Breakfast at school

Monday 8am start -
Breakfast Club in Pīwakawaka

Tuesday - Friday from 8:15am weetbix and cornflakes available in Pīwakawaka

KIA NGĀKAU Ka mīharo, ka tūpono, ka auaha tātou.
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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

Lolly Free Zone

A reminder that Newtown School is a lolly free school. If brought to school in the morning, they will be disposed of.



SCOOTERS & BIKES

All scooters and bikes to be named. All tamariki must ask first before using someone else's wheels



Vision Screening Information



Dear whānau

Newtown School has been offered a wonderful opportunity. We will be working with the Foureyes Foundation to check everyone's vision.

Foureyes Foundation is an eye screening program for children between the ages of 5 to 12.

The screening will take place at school and will be free. This covers a wider range of eyesight checks than their B4 school check and will pick up any changes since then. This programme is run by a charity (led by optometrist Ravi Dass) who works with Learning Support Coordinators (LSC) in schools around New Zealand. The LSC in your school will support the screening of your child's vision over the next few weeks.

If you do not want your child's vision to be screened please contact Sarah Divers, our learning support coordinator (sarahd@newtown.school.nz).

Next steps

If the screening shows your child needs an eye test, we will provide a list of optometrists in your area that will provide the service for free. If your child needs glasses, there may be additional charges. If you have a community services card, glasses will likely be free as well.

If you have any questions, get in touch at:

hello@foureyesfoundation.org.nz | foureyesfoundation.org.nz

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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

Whaea Lisa



Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi ki a koutou
Ko Ngapuhi to iwi
Ko Te Hikutu to Hapu
Ko Te Ramaroa o Kupe to maunga
Ko Ngatokimatāwhāorua to waka
Ko Nukutawhiti to rangatira
Ko Moria to maraea
Ko Whirinaki to awa
Ko Hokianga whakapaukarakia to moana
Ko Tuwhatero to Wairere
Ko Zaviur, ko Joanna-Rose maua ko Indie-Storm me Te Ramaroa ōku tamariki
Ko Kyro tōku mōkopuna tuatahi
Ko Kaiawhina āhau ki te whanau Te Kākano

Exhibition Wall

Newtown Open Studios this weekend !!!

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

The Newtown School exhibition wall is proud to be showing new works by our student artists as part of the Newtown Open Studios weekend. The school exhibition features artworks by **Archie Sheriff, Daisy Hollings-Baird, Lucy Brookes, Millaray Robertson, Stellan Seebeck, Ella Morrison, Willa Blakemore, Moira Schneider, Indigo Fox and Pravya Kasibhatla.**

The artworks were produced by the students in their own time. Curator Paul Forrest is very proud of these very talented artists who have stepped up to the next level to produce some unique artworks expressing their own unique views of their reality.

This is all part of a very cool art walk that is Newtown Open Studios. 23 great artists from ages 5-70 years old showing their art to the world. 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.

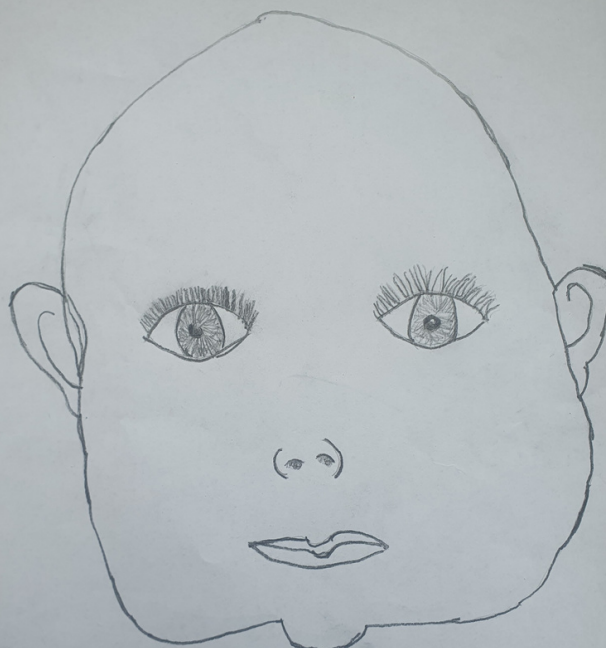
There are paintings, drawings, collage, pounamu, collectable upcycled clothing and native NZ butterfly sculptures. -

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

The annual Newtown Open Studios is happening this weekend 9 & 10 March | Midday-5pm



by Willa Blakemore aged 8



A BABY BY Indigo

by Indigo Fox aged 5

Community Notices

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Local artist and drawing tutor at Newtown School Paul Forrest is opening up his magical garden as part of the Newtown Open Studios event. You may know his house in Harper Street already. It's the one that's covered in butterflies.

This weekend is a very rare opportunity to wander through his magical garden to experience the beautiful kaleidoscopes of butterflies throughout his garden. You may even be lucky enough to see the many real butterflies that are attracted to his sculptures as they fly all around them and even land on them.

Paul will be there hosting his butterflies so pop by and say hello. All are welcome.

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Victoria University Coastal Ecology Lab

ANNUAL OPEN DAY

Saturday 9 March

10am-3pm



- 👉 Interactive displays showcasing **marine biology research** at VUW
- 👉 Touch tanks of marine creatures
- 👉 Our virtual reality diving experience
- 👉 And much more...including a sausage sizzle

Bring the family for a fun and educational day to celebrate NZ Sea Week!



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PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
(SWIS - BERHAMPORE) AND WESTERN SUBURBS RUGBY CLUB (WILTON)
Age Range: 4 – 17 years

Dates: 15th APR – 26th APR 2024 from 7.00am-6pm daily

Fees: Daily \$82.04/cub per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session
Weekly: \$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week

Social Development: Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas provided. No Bag Needed.

Overnight Sleepover: STAR GAZING – (Tuesday 16th April 2024)

Our overnight sleepover will be at the centre and our evening activities will be star gazing at the beach in Central Wellington. While there, we will have a BBQ, Ice-cream and some additional activities if time permits.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$12/hr

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

PRIDE IN ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors is also available if needed at \$35/her per mentor.

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Tumbling
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- Up to 20hrs free education and care each week
 - All of our teachers are fully qualified
 - We make sure learning is fun!
- We focus on children developing social skills, strategies and empathy
- We have a big and beautiful outdoor space
 - Shared decision making
- We provide a multicultural learning environment
 - You are welcome to visit us

Session hours: 8:30am to 2:30pm

Please contact us:

04 389 8245, 9 Hospital Road, Newtown
newtown@wmkindergartens.org.nz

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Sign Up for Free Home Internet at Smart Newtown

If you are a household with a school-aged child and no internet at home, the Ministry of Education is offering to **connect you for free**, with a **free modem**, and pay for it going forward.

The child needs to reside at the address for at least some days each month when attending school. Stop by **Smart Newtown at 9-11 Constable Street, next to the Newtown Library** with:

- The household address.
- The names of any school children there.
- The name and contact details of an adult living there.

... and we'll get you signed up.



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A project of the Newtown Community Centre

Email: info@smartnewtown.org.nz

Website: smartnewtown.org.nz



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