



# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

Teachers at Newtown have a deep care and commitment to each of your children. When you arrived at Newtown School, many of you said your dream for your tamariki was that they are happy, kind, know and value their strengths and have a love of learning. That's what we want too. Each day, moment by moment our staff pour their time, energy and thought into how this can be achieved. Our staff are positive thinkers, creative problem solvers and they have hopes to fulfil what we all wish for them and their time at this kura.

The support from whānau is always appreciated. As the term draws to an end, take time to thank the staff for what you have noticed and the difference they have made for your tamariki. Being grateful for the people in our community recognises the way we weave together to make our kura strong. Values flow through all that we do. Remind yourself of what these are as you read this newsletter. These are values that can be encouraged and demonstrated in your homes too. Next week I encourage you to find the display in each learning space, that names how learners are demonstrating our school values. We want to celebrate all the ways we see these each and every day.

Ramadan-this week I was privileged to join a group of other community members to share Iftar, which is the meal that breaks the fast for Muslims, at the end of day. I was struck by the fortune of living in a community that shares our stories, faith and food with generosity, respect and smiles. Let our community be known for this!

Farewell-Next Friday, we farewell Jack Smith as he heads off on a big overseas adventure, starting with Turkey. We have been so lucky to have him for 3 years. We will miss his wry humour, calm presence and warm relationships with all of us. Have a fabulous time Jack.

Reminder: Students get tired as the term draws to an end. Please make sure your children get plenty of sleep so they can make the most of the final week of term and head into the holidays refreshed.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki  
Tumuaki | Principal

## Important dates

- **Friday 12th April** - last day of Term 1
- **Monday 29th April** - first day of Term 2
- **Monday 3rd June** - King's Birthday
- **Tuesday 4th June** - Staff Only Day
- **Friday 28th June** - Matariki
- **Friday 5th July** - last day of Term 2

## Welcome to our new student

- **Havish Prasanth**

## 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

## NEW BIKE RACKS



**Check out  
our new  
bike racks!**

We have had some flash new bike racks installed at our kura - thank you to Wellington City Council for making this happen!

- If you have a bike lock for your child's bike, we invite you to start using the new bike racks.
- If you don't have a bike lock, please use the existing cage. We will be getting some bike locks donated and can pass these on if your child needs one.



Please note our temporary safety measures and leave the cones in place.

## Garden

## Goodness

A shout out to our student gardeners!

Tamariki of all ages at our kura have weekly opportunities to be in our school gardens helping to grow food to share in meals for our school students.

If you would like to join us for garden or cooking sessions please contact [taniaa@newtown.school.nz](mailto:taniaa@newtown.school.nz).

We also need grass clippings, coffee grounds, eggshells - bring them down!

A reminder: these vegetables are for our school classes. If you see anyone taking them please come and talk to us.



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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

### UPDATE FROM SPORTS COORDINATORS

What a brilliant day we had during our school cross country! With the help of our community our ākonga supported each other and cheered one another on. Cross country helps us learn to get better in steps, to pace ourselves and to be resilient when the going is tough. Southern Zone Cross Country will be next term and we'll be training until then.

This term our kids represented our Kura in netball, futsal and touch. They demonstrated our school values and took care of each other. They also had a tonne of fun!

We want to give a huge mihi to our whānau helpers who worked really hard to make these games brilliant. This term they managed tears, juggled subs, supported new players and helped each other through traffic and the weather! Teaching in class is one thing, but coaching 14 keen young touch players is a serious undertaking!

Contact [sports@newtown.school.nz](mailto:sports@newtown.school.nz) if your child would like to play basketball or senior netball in term 2.

### REMINDER

If you borrowed a uniform from school this term and you aren't doing any other ongoing sports, please return the top to the office after giving it a wash.

# Notices

**Kia hiwa rā!  
He rāwhara!**

**Ngāti Kotahitanga are fundraising again for our Noho Marae.**

**Our raffle tickets are on sale next week after school just outside of Ngāti Kotahitanga.**

**Draw livestreamed Friday!**

## Te Rāwhara o Ngāti Kotahitanga

Ngāti Kotahitanga are fundrasing for our noho Marae this year in term 3!

We have **5 raffle bundle's** full of amazing tāonga.

**Cost:** Tickets are \$5 dollars each

**Where:** Outside Ahi kā, Ngāti Kotahitanga after school

**When:** Ticket Sales 3rd, 4th, 5th - 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th April

**Draw date:** Friday 12th April 2024 - Live Streamed on Newtown Schools Facebook

### Hākinakina Sports Bundle

- Fifa Bag
- Central Pulse Pack  
Signed Pulse dress  
x2 caps  
x2 Flossy Hoodies size 6
- Wellington Rugby  
Signed Rugby Ball
- Elevate Gym Voucher - 10 trip pass Valued at \$199
- Pukapuka:  
My First Season  
Spidey makes a Spash

### Āranga Easter Bundle

- Adidas Sports bag
- Full bag of Tiakarete  
x3 Easter eggs  
x3 Easter bunnies  
Lindl Pink chick Chocolate  
Box of Favourite  
360g Toblerone  
Caramel eggs
- Pukapuka  
Roll with the Dinosaur  
Marvel: Spidey amazing friends

### Variety Bundle

- Adidas Sports bag
- Cuba St Social Barbershop  
x2 \$45 vouchers
- Roxy Cinema  
x2 Cinema tickets
- Maison & Muse Candel and  
Maison & Muse Diffuser
- Pukapuka  
The RNZ Cookbook  
C is for Celebrate  
Moana follow the stars

### Pukapuka Bundle

- Adidas Sports bag
- Aroha knows
- Hare Pōtā me te Whatu Manapou
- Te Rātaka a Tamahūngoingoi
- Te Rātaka a Tamahūngoingoi; Ko Rodrick kei runga
- Māori at home
- Māori Comics x 5
- The Grimmelings
- Destination Mars
- Paw Patrol: P is for Paw
- Reo cards to learn at home



### Lifestyle Bundle

- Moana Rd bag
- Moana Drink bottle
- Moon bar Voucher
- Black Coffee; \$10 Voucher
- Roxy Cinema  
x2 Cinema tickets
- Bonodo  
\$50 off holiday programme voucher
- Pukapuka  
Whakawhetai Gratitude journal  
Around and about Aotearoa
- Box of chocolate

Ngā mihi i tō tautoko.  
Thank you to all our supporters.



**LIBRARY BOOKS**  
**Please return school library books & readers before the school holidays. Thanks!**

**KIA MANAHAU  
RESILIENT**

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

# Community Notices

'Aya and the Butterfly'

Circa Theatre Wellington

April 13th - 27th, 2024

Book tickets [HERE](#)

NZSL interpreted performance; 13th April at 11.30am

Relaxed performance; 17th April at 10am

Audio Described performance and Touch Tour; 24th April at 10am

## Aya and the Butterfly

School holiday magic!

Puppetry & Music  
for ages 3 to 9

13 - 27 April  
\$15 (4 for \$50)



 CIRCA  
THEATRE

tickets from: [circa.co.nz](http://circa.co.nz) 04 801 7992



**PUKEAHU**  
NATIONAL  
WAR  
MEMORIAL  
PARK

## Pukeahu Park *Whānau* *Open Day*

Saturday April 20th  
10am - 1pm  
Pukeahu Education Centre

FREE ENTRY

Explore and learn with our Educator Historians about our Anzac history at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park.

There will be a variety of hands-on activities, such as scavenger hunts, park tours, whānau research, arts and crafts, and more!

Learn more about Pukeahu: [mch.govt.nz/pukeahu-national-war-memorial-park](http://mch.govt.nz/pukeahu-national-war-memorial-park)

Contact: [pukeahu@mch.govt.nz](mailto:pukeahu@mch.govt.nz)



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& Heritage

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...enrol your tamariki or rangatahi in one of our programmes

...register to volunteer

...or to DONATE to support our work.

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## WHODUNNIT? The Wellington City SPYbraries mysteries

April school holidays, 13–28 April

Unlock your inner spy and enter a world of detectives, espionage and secrets! Create your own spy-kit, race against the clock to solve a mystery, build your own LEGO® maze, and much more!

Visit [wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays](http://wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays) for event times and locations. **Nau mai rā tātou katoa! Everybody is welcome.**

[wcl.govt.nz](http://wcl.govt.nz)

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## Experience VR

Island Bay Community Centre

Wednesday 24 April  
11am – 12.30pm

Registrations are required through our online event calendar.

From 3D painting and virtual sculpting to problem solving with robots and visiting the world's most remote locations, join us as we use VR technology to explore the world around us.

For ages 10+

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# AUTUMN

## FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES



PRIDE LANDS

15% Off for Wild Card holders

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

### EARLY BIRD ENROLMENT

DISCOUNT  
Only \$278.94 per cub/week or \$474.19 for two siblings/week

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/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week

\$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



### 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.



## Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?



## Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please visit

[www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)



SPOTLIGHT  
PERFORMING ARTS

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