



# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the graduation into the Police force, of Moreen (a previous teaching assistant). This has been a dream of hers for most of her life and in particular has been a seven year commitment to applications, learning, exams, retrying and succeeding. I was struck by some aspects of the occasion that are a challenge for all.

Firstly, the range of people that gathered around Moreen to congratulate her. They came from many cultures, had all sorts of jobs, spoke different languages. In common was the way she valued each and every person and acknowledged the way they had helped her. The wero (challenge) for us and our community, is to **be a person who thanks and helps others.**

Secondly, the heart of the people committed to serve in the police force. They spoke of serving the community, being peacemakers and wanting to make a difference for others. It reminded me of the staff at Newtown School. The wero (challenge) for us and our community, is to **be a person who is a peacemaker and makes a positive difference for others.**

Thirdly, the speechmakers talked of commitment, compassion and values. How fortunate are we to have constables beginning a career with those words as their inspiration? The wero (challenge) for us and our community, is to **be a person who cares, lives our school values and looks for the compassionate response.**



Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki  
Tumuaki | Principal

As many in our community face challenges; in finances, job security, education changes, conflict and change, please use the above challenges to shape ourselves and our young people. Our recent school wide events have a theme of the above challenges.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective

## Important dates

- **26th May - 1st June** - Samoan Language Week
- **Monday 3rd June** - King's Birthday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **Tuesday 4th June** - Staff Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **Thursday 27th June** - Matariki breakfast
- **Friday 28th June** - Matariki (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **Friday 5th July** - last day of Term 2
- **Sunday 21st July** - School Planting Bee
- **Monday 22nd July** - first day of Term 3

## Welcome to our new students

- Brian Doan
- Aurya Thampi
- Madhu Ramesh
- Nakshathra Mukesh
- MJ Moli
- Ahaana Hari Krishna
- Aadya Giri

## 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**

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## School Notices

### Sugar Free Zone

A reminder that Newtown School is a lolly free school. This includes soft drinks - water only please.

If students are found with these foods and drinks they will be confiscated and disposed of.



### Absent from school?

If your child is going to be away for any reason, please either leave a message on (04) 389 6667 or email the school at [away@newtown.school.nz](mailto:away@newtown.school.nz)

PLEASE NOTE: We no longer have a mobile number to text.

THANK-YOU TO OUR KURA COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO SPOTTED ONE OF THE MISSING SCOOTERS IN LAST FORTNIGHT'S NEWSLETTER AND HAD IT BROUGHT BACK.

WE STILL HAVE TWO OTHER SCOOTERS THAT ARE MISSING FROM THE SCOOTER CAGE - A RED & BLACK SCOOTER AND A GOLD & BLACK SCOOTER. ANY INFORMATION IS MUCH APPRECIATED OR IF SEEN PLEASE RETURN THEM.



The scooter cage is now being monitored between 3pm & 3:10pm. The cage will be locked at 3:10pm. Please pick up any scooters before going to play.



# Around our kura

What a time of aroha around our kura this fortnight

some of the lovely messages shared by our students

YOU'RE A GREAT FRIEND

YOU ARE STRONG

YOU'RE AWESOME!

HE NGĀKAU ATAWHAI TŌU

REHE AKE NEI!

## PINK SHIRT DAY

A sea of pink took to the streets of Newtown last Friday to share words of kindness with our community. As a kura we celebrated in style. Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity for us to promote diversity and inclusion while doing our part to eliminate bullying. Wearing pink shirts, pink hats, pink sweatshirts, pink track pants and pink scarves we walked through Newtown showing our support for the cause while handing out cards and positive affirmations we had made. The community responded to our efforts with positive responses including "You have made my day", "Well done" and "I feel so much better now, you have made me smile."



## SUPPORT STAFF WEEK



Our whole kura gathered together last week to celebrate our support staff. Each student painted a rock to create a path through the harakeke because our support staff "ROCK!"

"What a great surprise for us support staff. We felt very special!"



KIA MANAAKI Ka whakamana tātou i ngā rongo o te katoa.  
RESPECTFUL We value the thoughts and feelings of each other.



# Around our kura

## National Young Leaders Day

A group of 21 ākonga attended the National Young Leaders Day last week. The speakers were from a wide range of backgrounds and spoke of their determination to succeed regardless of obstacles they faced and hurdles they needed to jump. Some of their challenges were significant and their words inspiring. Our ākonga participated fully in the day and loved the games, dancing and when Sina went up on stage twice.

## Professional Learning for teachers

You may have heard recently in the news about the Maths and Science ability of the teaching profession. At Te Kura o ngā Puna Waiora we are confident in the ability of our teachers to inspire, stretch and provide excellent maths learning. Every week there is plenty of science action: cooking, gardening, measuring, observing, weather. Ask your child what Science they are up to.

Currently our teachers are being observed by one of the leadership team to affirm where we see great teaching. It is a privilege to watch others teach and see the range of skills, energy and care needed to ensure your tamariki continue to learn and thrive.



*“Teachers who  
love teaching,  
teach children to  
love learning.”*

— Unknown



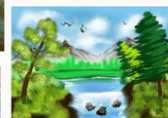
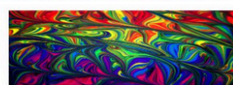
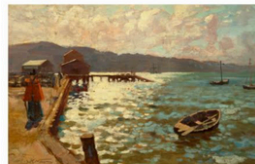
As our politicians talk about maths and science expertise, our students remind us of other things that are of equal importance.

Thank-you Sunny for sharing this piece with us...

## You are still an amazing artist even if your not famous

There are **heaps** of people in the world that are **amazing** Painters, sculptors, poets, architects, Mosaicist the list just goes on and on. But have people ever thought about that. Have people ever thought about the artists that are just in your country or city or even your own town that you don't know about. For me i know about 20 and more people that are officially artists and also people in my family, school, street, that love art so much but don't think they could be an artist or don't even think they're good at art but what i would say is: be what you want it. Do what you want, never give up and follow your dreams.

by Sunny Newson



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



# Staff Spotlight

## Meet Maddi

Hello, I'm Maddi! I teach in Waitangi on Mondays and in Piwakawaka on Thursdays, but you can often find me popping into other classes around the school as a regular relief teacher.

I'm a beginning teacher who completed my courses in 2022 and spent 2023 working as a relief teacher in many schools around Wellington. I often came to Newtown School and quickly grew to love the kids, staff, and the warm community here. Spending this year at Newtown has been wonderful, as I've gotten to know so many students and families who have welcomed me so warmly. I feel lucky to work alongside such talented and supportive teachers that I learn so much from.

I grew up in Paihia in the sunny Bay of Islands and moved to Wellington for university. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and whānau. We play a lot of board games and always are making food to share.

I've felt so welcomed, supported, and looked after by Newtown School and its community. I'm excited to see where my journey leads me!



# Samoan Language Week



## EVENTS AT SCHOOL

**Monday May 27th at 9:00 am** in commemoration of Samoan Independence Day, Newtown School invites the community to participate in the Flag ceremony for Samoan Independence Day

**Tuesday, May 28th, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM** "Valu Popo" presentation

**Friday, May 31st from 10:30 to 11:15 am**, the Samoan students at Newtown School will lead the school assembly with performances to celebrate their Samoan culture and language

**Friday, 31st May at 12:45 pm** shared lunch at the Newtown School Hall

### Gagano Samoa - Here are a few phrases to try out (source: Ministry of Pacific Peoples)

#### Gagana o aso uma Everyday phrases

##### Common Phrases

Tālofa lava	Greetings / Hello
Tōfā	Goodbye
Fa'amolemole	Please
Fa'afetai	Thank you
Malie / Fa'amalie atu / Fa'amālūlū atu	Sorry
Tulou	Excuse me

##### Pleasantries

O ai lou igoa?	What is your name?
O lo'u igoa o _____	My name is _____
O fea e te sau ai?	Where are you from?
Ou te sau mai _____	I am from _____
O fea e te faigaluega ai?	Where do you work?
Ou te faigaluega i _____	I work at _____

#### Gagana o aso uma Everyday phrases

##### In Conversation

O ā mai oe?	How are you (singular)?
O ā mai oulua?	How are you (dual)?
O ā mai outou?	How are you (plural)?
O lea ou te manuia fa'afetai	I am good, thank you
Ua e 'ai? Sau ta a'ai	Have you eaten? Come eat with me
Fa'amalie atu i le tuai atu o se tali...	Apologies for the delayed response...
I la'u imeli talu ai...	As per my previous email...
Ou te fiafia e fa'atalanoa atili lenei mataupu	Happy to discuss
Uo o'o i le taimi o le fa'amalositi tino!	It's gym time!
Vili mai / Vala'au mai	Call me
Fa'amālō atu!	Congratulations!
E lelei le Atua!	God is good!

**KIA MANAHAU  
RESILIENT**

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

# Sports News

## Sports update

### CROSS COUNTRY

Our tamariki went up to MacAlister park to participate in the Southern Zones showing our values through effort and respect. Congratulations to all involved especially those who have qualified for Interzone in June - Milla Ward, Charlie Cain and Kade Tocher!

### NETBALL

Well done to our senior netball teams, the Newtown Rangatira and the Newtown Toa. Our players have been showing our school values on the court each Saturday morning this term. Kaiako have visited and spotted all of our players being superstars - well done! A huge thank you to all the whānau members who are helping to coach, support and uplift our players, too. It makes a huge difference!

### RIPPA RUGBY

On Thursdays we have had visits from Nehe Milner-Skudder to coach our senior rangatira in RIPPA Rugby. We are so privileged to have this opportunity! Our tamariki have loved the chance to compete and put our values to the test on the field. Thanks to Pōneke Rugby for their generosity in reaching out to us.





# Garden News

## Garden

## Goodness

A valuable part of our school growing education is to be able to share the message of cooking food to share together, and the lesson of gifting produce when we are able.

Following our successful kūmara harvest, we were able to gift some to the generous homeowners who open their garden to some of our Waitangi gardeners and to the community centre for their free soup Friday lunches.



These kūmara provided a snack that was shared between a number of our students and teachers this week.

The remainder have been stored away to share during our Matariki celebrations.



**Food grown together is best shared together. We all win!**

**School Planting bee - Sunday 21 July 1-3pm**

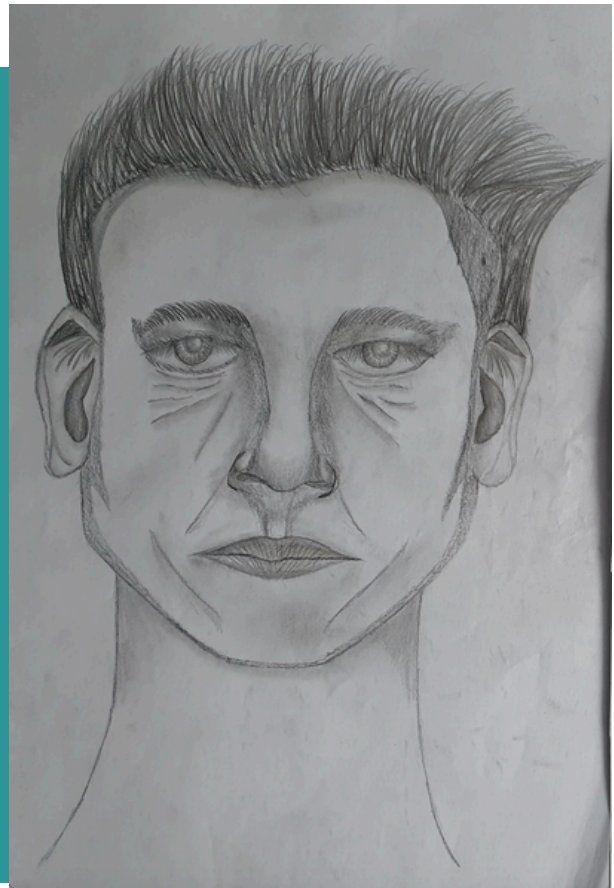
**Help us plant more native trees to create an oasis in the city.**

# Exhibition Wall

## **'Artworks by Sunny Newson' Mon 27th - Mon 10th of June The Newtown School exhibition wall**

This coming Monday Newtown school celebrates a new showing on the exhibition wall this time by Sunny Newson from Whānau Waitangi.

For the next two weeks the Newtown School Whānau can view a stunning series of artworks that take a look through the eyes of one of our school's top artistic talents.



**by Sunny Newson**



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"It's been a delight for me to observe the journey thus far of a young talent like Sunny. She's constantly pushing against her creative boundaries and I admire her willingness to keep on trying something new with the aim of mastering whatever medium and subject she is exploring. These very accomplished artworks have all been done in her own time. A sign of a true artist" says art wall curator Paul Forrest.

"Come and have a look and support her efforts. Yet another great exhibition I recommend you check it out on 'The Exhibition Wall' at Newtown School. Only for 2 weeks so make sure you do."

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Newtown School exhibition wall. Opens  
this coming Monday the 27th.**