

# NEWSLETTER



## Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

Nau mai haere mai ki tenei kaupeka. Welcome to term two.

I acknowledge the sadness that currently pierces our kura with the passing of Nicki's dad. Her absence has a noticeable impact on our kura and tamariki but we are lucky to have a strong team that looks after one another and ensures that our community is cared for in the manner that is rich in our school values. Thank you all for your kind wishes and regards.

It is a busy term ahead. This week, everyone has been busy learning sign language as part of 'Sign Language Week'. Doreen has been leading the way and Pīwakawaka have been sharing their knowledge and teaching others sign language.

Upcoming events include • National Young Leaders Day • Pink Shirt Day • Southern Zone Cross Country • Samoan Language Week • Matariki as well as whānau trips to Te Papa, Wharewaka, Zealandia, the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge and Government House.

The term has also already brought about the challenge of cold and wet days. There are bound to be more of these. What helps with these challenges is having tamariki that are well rested. Kids Health NZ states that: *Sleep is important for children's learning and behaviour. Sleep helps to restore physical and mental health and keep our memory and immune system on track.* Having our tamariki well rested makes the world a better place for all involved..

Here is a karakia written by Scotty Morrison for bedtime and for restful sleep.

Āio ana te rangi, āio ana te whenua, āio ana te ao katoa,

The sky is tranquil, the earth is still, everything is calm.

āio ana te moe a te whānau, i roto i te māi, te matihere, me te māoriōri e,

Our whānau sleeps peacefully, immersed in deep love and contentment, sleep well.

kia au, kia au, kia au te moe.

Best wishes for a happy term and productive term.

Noho ora mai rā,  
Danielle  
Tumuaki Tuarua | Deputy Principal

## Important dates

- Monday 13th - 17th May - Support Staff Week
- Friday 17th May - Pink Shirt Day
- 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 students

- Amelia Burrowes-Medcalf
- Willow Burrowes-Medcalf
- Penina Vaitogi
- Henry Dombroski
- Whina Taylor-Bain
- Leon Maslin
- Ramadan Abdella
- Thi Mai Chi Nguyen
- Elam Phillips
- Akshika Bhattacharjee
- Moana Jones
- Mariana Jones
- Aden Thomas
- Prayag Maheshwar

## 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



### Running late?

A reminder that if your child is running late to school please have them sign in at the front office and collect a late pass. If they don't sign in they get marked as absent.

### 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.



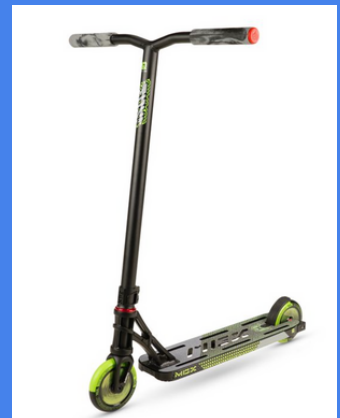
## MISSING SCOOTERS



A NUMBER OF SCOOTERS HAVE GONE MISSING FROM THE SCOOTER CAGE THIS WEEK INCLUDING:

A BLACK & NEON GREEN SCOOTER WITH RED HANDLE INSERTS & INITIALS N.R ON IT (SEE IMAGE), A RED & BLACK SCOOTER AND A GOLD & BLACK SCOOTER.

IF SEEN PLEASE RETURN THEM.

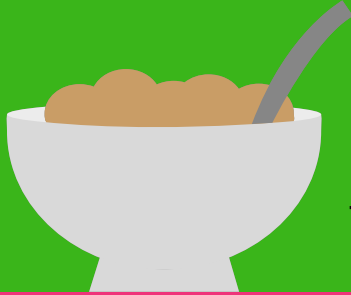




# SAMOA LANGUAGE WEEK

Fānau are invited to a fono about Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2024.

We will meet Tuesday 14th May in Pōhutukawa from 3:15-4pm.



## Breakfast at school

Monday 8am start -  
Breakfast Club in Pīwakawaka

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



*Kōrero MAI*  
**KŌRERO ATU**  
MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA  
SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING  
FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024



### PINK SHIRT DAY is next Friday 17th May

By taking part in Pink Shirt Day 2024, we will be doing our part to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atū, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

We have some cool events organised so watch out for the notices next week and get your pink outfits ready!!! Wear anything pink!!!



*Speak UP*  
**STAND TOGETHER**  
**STOP BULLYING**  
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA  
FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024



# Staff Spotlight

Meet our new staff members Mary & Dina!



Hola. Mi nombre es Mary Vicente. Soy de Colombia, y estoy muy feliz de estar en The Newtown School como Tutora bilingüe ayudando a los niños que hablan español durante su adaptación y su proceso de integración al colegio.

Gracias por la oportunidad de contribuir en este proceso que es muy importante para los niños y sus familias.



Kia Ora, My name is Mary Vicente. I am from Colombia, I am very happy to be in Newtown School supporting Spanish speaking children during their adaptation and integration process. Thanks for the opportunity to participate and contribute.

We're so excited you are here too Dina!



مرحباً اسمي دينا

أعمل في مدرسة نيوتاون لدعم الأطفال الناطقين

باللغة العربية في تعلمهم . أنا متحمسة لوجودي هنا .

Hello my name is Dina. I work at Newtown School supporting Arabic speaking children. I am excited to be here.

# Sports News

## Term 2 Sports

What a great start to this term's sports. Thank-you to our whānau coaches and managers. Make sure to get included on any Whatsapp &/or email groups when at the next game or practice to keep in the loop about your student's team. A big shout out to our Senior Netball Teams who did awesome in their first games last week!

Here's to an epic rest of the term! Karawhiua!

### BASKETBALL

**Year 3/4s** - Tuesdays at Akau Tangi Sports Centre,  
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie

**Year 5/6s** - Mondays at Akau Tangi Sports Centre,  
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie

**DRAWS** [Wellington Basketball Association](#)  
or download the [Game Day](#) app

### SENIOR NETBALL

Fees Due: \$45

**Year 5/6s** - Saturdays at EBIS Netball Courts,  
Tacy Street, Kilbirnie

**DRAWS:** [Motu Kairangi Netball Centre](#)

Saturday, 2 June - no game (Kings Birthday)

Saturday, 29 June - no game (Matariki)

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

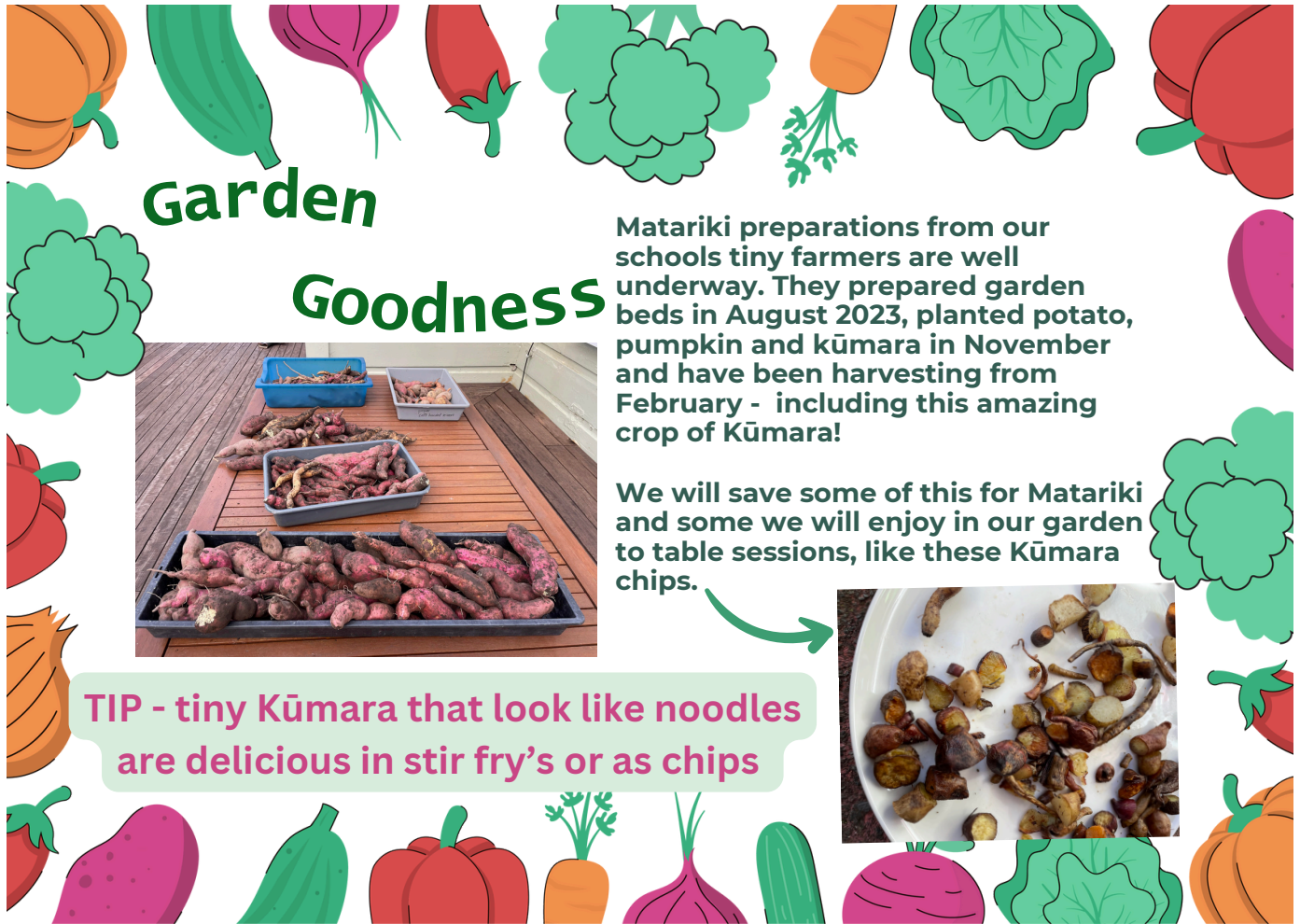
If your child placed in the **Southern Zone Cross Country**, please get in touch if you can help on the day.

**WHEN:** Tuesday 21 May (RAIN DAY Thursday 23 May)

**WHERE:** MacAlister-Liardet Parks

**MEET:** School Library 11:30am

# Garden News



## Garden Goodness

Matariki preparations from our schools tiny farmers are well underway. They prepared garden beds in August 2023, planted potato, pumpkin and kumara in November and have been harvesting from February - including this amazing crop of Kūmara!

We will save some of this for Matariki and some we will enjoy in our garden to table sessions, like these Kūmara chips.

**TIP - tiny Kūmara that look like noodles are delicious in stir fry's or as chips**



# Lunch orders available at school

Term 2 menus for O'Sushi, Hell Pizza & Subway now available at Ezlunch  
**ORDER AT: [ezlunch.co.nz](http://ezlunch.co.nz)**

Order online by 9am for delivery Friday

### ezlunch MENU

Newtown School | Term 2 2024

<b>SUSHI</b>	
Chicken Teriyaki - 4 pieces	\$4.80
Chicken Teriyaki - 8 pieces	\$7.20
Chicken Teriyaki - 12 pieces	\$9.60
Anchovy - 4 pieces	\$4.70
Anchovy - 8 pieces	\$7.10
Anchovy - 12 pieces	\$9.50
Salmon & Avocado - 4 pieces	\$5.50
Salmon & Avocado - 8 pieces	\$7.90
Salmon & Avocado - 12 pieces	\$10.30
Tuna Mayo - 4 pieces	\$4.70
Tuna Mayo - 8 pieces	\$7.10
Tuna Mayo - 12 pieces	\$9.50
Vegetarian - 4 pieces	\$4.70
Vegetarian - 8 pieces	\$7.10
Vegetarian - 12 pieces	\$9.50
Mixed - 4 pieces	\$5.50
Mixed - 8 pieces	\$7.90
Mixed - 12 pieces	\$10.30

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Need help? Visit [support.mylinko.co.nz](http://support.mylinko.co.nz) or call toll free 0800 EZLUNCH (09-889 5200) 8am-6pm Mon-Fri (except public holidays)

Order online by 9am for delivery Thursday

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<b>PIZZA</b>	
SOCCA	\$7.50
SOCCA	\$7.50
MINION	\$7.50
CHONG	\$7.50
GREED	\$7.50
FIEND	\$7.50
SOCCA - Gluten Free	\$8.50
SOCCA - Gluten Free	\$8.50
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### ezlunch MENU

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<b>6 INCH BUNS</b>	
Vegete Delle 6 inch	\$6.20
Leg Ham 6 inch	\$7.50
Salmon 6 inch	\$7.50
Salmon 6 inch	\$8.80
Road Beef 6 inch	\$8.80
Road Beef 6 inch	\$8.80
Vegete Pasty 6 inch	\$8.80
Smoked Fajita 6 inch	\$8.80
Chicken Strip 6 inch	\$9.00
Chicken Strip 6 inch	\$9.00

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# Exhibition Wall

## 'Bursting with colour'

by Millaray Robertson and Daisy Hollings-Baird

Mon 13th - Mon 27th of May

The Newtown School Exhibition Wall

This coming Tuesday Newtown school celebrates a new showing on the exhibition wall, this time by Milla and Daisy 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 two artistic explorers into their reality bursting with colour.



by Daisy Hollings-Baird



by Milla Ray Robertson

“These two young artists have worked hard in their own time to produce these accomplished works. Come and have a look and support their sterling 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! says art wall curator Paul Forrest.”

'Bursting with colour' by Milla Ray Robertson and Daisy Hollings-Baird' on the Newtown School exhibition wall. Opens this coming Monday the 13th.

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# After School Activities at Newtown School

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Term 2  
Stay and Play  
29th April – 5th July

29 April-3 May	6-10 May	13-17 May	20-24 May	27-31 May
<b>May the force be with your mums</b> It's a galactic week preparing to celebrate <b>Mums Day</b> and Star Wars Day.	<b>Signing Together</b> It's NZ Sign Language Week join us for fun challenges, games & activities.	<b>Trunks &amp; Tails</b> Giant sized week celebrating Elephants with crafts, games, fun and laughter.	<b>Road Safe Superstars</b> Road you <b>SAFER</b> and <b>SAFER</b> as you <b>SAFER</b> <b>SAFER</b> <b>SAFER</b> <b>SAFER</b> .	<b>Anime Extravaganza</b> Anime is full of artwork, fantastical themes and vibrant characters.
<b>Challenge Me</b> If you can believe it you can do it! New challenges every day to test your memory, balance, cognitive and <b>SAFER</b> skills.	<b>Under Construction</b> Build, stack, and create this week! From towers to obstacle courses, let's construct together and have fun with building!	<b>Global Grooves</b> This week we are celebrating World Music Day. Craft instruments, explore global beats.	<b>Celestial Celebration</b> Celebrate Matariki with us with a collaborative art project, Manu Takutuku and learning Matariki <b>SAFER</b> .	<b>Rodeo Roundup</b> Saddle up for cowboy crafts, horseshoe toss and lasso challenges in our wild west adventure!

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# Community Notices



**ENROL ONLINE**

Age: 4 - 17 years

**Here to support all Tamariki: Neurotypical and Neurodivergent children and Youths.**

**Main services:**

- Before School Care
- After School Care
- Half-Day Programmes & Teacher Only Days
- Holiday Programmes (Overnight Sleepovers)
- 1-on-1 Mentoring Care Support Offered Onsite

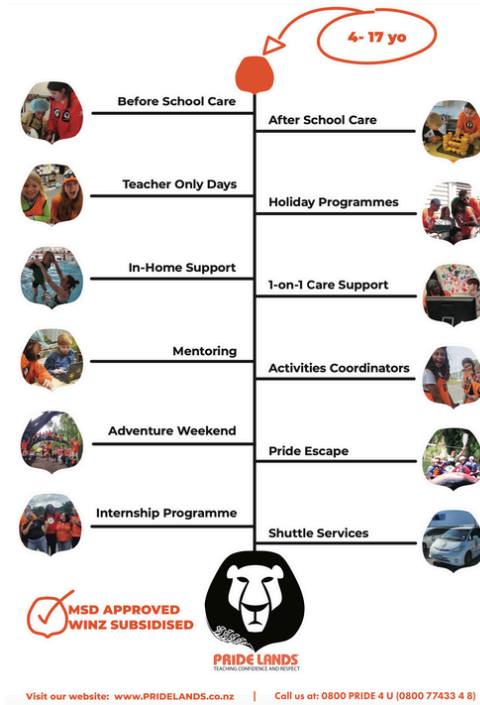
**Activities + Life Skills Include:**

- Structured social development activities
- Trip days within the community
- Cooking Programmes
- Structure, creation and execution
- Leadership opportunities

**Other locations:**

- Southern Pride: 143 Rintoul Street, Newtown/Berhampore
- Western Pride: 1st Gateway Park, 147 Cooks Street, Northland, Wellington
- Mt Valley Pride: 9 Dyer Street, Epsom, Lower Hutt

Tip it for more



**4-17 yo**

Before School Care	After School Care
Teacher Only Days	Holiday Programmes
In-Home Support	1-on-1 Care Support
Mentoring	Activities Coordinators
Adventure Weekend	Pride Escape
Internship Programme	Shuttle Services

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## 2024 Fun Sticks

Years 1 & 2

**Saturday Mornings**

- National Hockey Stadium: 10am to 11am
- Fraser Park (Lower Hutt): 8am to 9am
- Elsdon (Porirua): 9am to 10am

**Tuesday Afternoon**

- Karori / Kelburn (Kelburn Normal School): 3:45pm to 4:45pm

**Wednesday Late Afternoon**

- Maidstone (Upper Hutt): 5pm to 6pm

Register now via PlayHQ

Promo Code: SR

## Mums Go Free at Staglands

Mother's Day Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Can be redeemed Saturday or Sunday

Voucher Valued at \$27.00. Mums should PRINT VOUCHER OR tell us they are a "STAG RAG MUM" at the ticket office for their free admission.

(One voucher per mum. Not available with any other offer. Must visit with their child aged 16 yrs or under to qualify)

Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe  
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## Newtown Kindergarten

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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](mailto:newtown@wmkindergartens.org.nz)

**WHĀNAU MANAĀKI**

## COMMUNITY LEARNING

Providing opportunity for parents and families to be involved with their children's and young people's learning

**Starting Sunday 5 May to 16 June (6 wks)**  
10am to midday  
Lunch provided

**Wgtn Indian Cultural Centre**  
48 Kemp St  
Kilbirnie

**Programme Overview**

- Week 1: Overview of the NZ Education system
- Week 2: NZ School Curriculum
- Week 3: Understanding school reports and parent-teacher interviews
- Week 4: Being safe at schools
- Week 5: Supporting children at school
- Week 6: Health and Wellness

Sessions will be facilitated by MOE/teachers

Register using QR code (essential)  
Any questions, contact  
[jayendra.chhana.school2@wia.org.nz](mailto:jayendra.chhana.school2@wia.org.nz)

All children in attendance receive a learning bag including a new book every week.

All parents in attendance go into the draw to win a weekly \$50 Grocery Voucher

Community Learning Hub Registration Form




## Free weekly swimming lessons for kids!

Sunday afternoons 1-4pm  
Newtown School Pool, 16 Mein St, Newtown

New registrations welcome, please contact  
[Chelsea.toomaga@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:Chelsea.toomaga@porirua.govt.nz)

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