



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

While sorting some papers this week I came across some letters written by students two years ago asking (with a bit of pleading) for our school to have a pump track built. They listed the reasons it would be good...

- Exercise for our bodies
- Face our fears and new learning
- Train our legs for other sports, give us energy
- The wind goes through your hair and it feels good
- It's a good break from other learning
- I don't have anywhere to bike at home
- This might help some of us want to come to school more
- Kids will want to bike to school and then there will be less cars on the road which is good for the environment
- Fun for people in our community to come in the weekend with their families.

I was reminded that good things take time and also of the persuasive powers of our children! These students are now in year 6 and have contributed to leaving a legacy for those who follow after them. Perhaps share this story with your child to see what dreams they might have for our place. As kaitiaki we are charged with caring for this part of Newtown.

Congratulations to the tamariki, whānau and kaiako of Piwakawaka. What an inspiration you were for us all as you found a cause and raised money to donate towards Project Jonah. \$650 dollars raised by a supportive community-thank you.

What's coming up?

There are many creative learning opportunities happening over the coming weeks. Here are just a few.

Our **performance celebration** at the end of this term is an example of good things taking time. Script writing, music making, dance practice and back drop painting are all well underway.

Athletics practise over the next few weeks as the weather warms up... yet another example of taking time to grow sports skills.

Our values-every week I have meaningful conversations and teaching moments around aspects of our values. It takes time to learn how to show connection, practice resilience, live kindness, be a friend, problem solve with others and to be the best person we can be. Thank you for the way we work together. That's what makes a strong community.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend, hopefully with some sunshine. See you all next week.

Ngā mihi nui,
Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

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CONNECTED

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Important dates

- **Monday 10th September** - Junior Futsal Festival
- **Tuesday 11th September** - Senior Futsal Festival
- **Friday 13th September** - Onesie Day & Newtown Social
- **17th - 21st September** - Te Wiki o te reo Māori
- **Week 10** - Performance Celebration
- **Tuesday 24th September** - Southern Zone Swimming
- **Thursday 26th September** - Athletics Day
- **Friday 27th September** - Last day of Term 3
- **Monday 14th October** - First day of Term 4

Welcome to our new students

- Bhavishya Sai Premkumar
- Pragya Sai Premkumar

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.



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*Kua whuia te kupenga o Taramainuku kia hao i te mate. Kua kohikohia te tau o **Te Whare Ariki** hei ika tatangi maa te tini, maa te mano.*

Kua riro a Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero Tuawhitu ki te maakohakoha o te poo, ki te maarirerire o te poo. Kua kotahi atu ki a nunui maa, ki a roroa maa i te tau o Paengarau.

Rukutia te paringa rua o Mooriaanuku, kauria te moana o aake aake kia tau koe ki te taahuna o Rongomaawhitiwhiti, ki te aakau o Hawaiki whakariterite.

Rire Rire Hau! **Paimaarie**

- Kingitanga facebook statement

School Notices

Attendance

We continue to focus on attendance this term. There is a strong link between good attendance and good learning achievement. We are required by law to follow up cases where attendance needs improving. We are monitoring closely those who continue to have Mondays/Fridays off school. When we contact you it is to help us know what is happening in our community and how to best help you get your children to school.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT
EMAIL: AWAY@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ | PH: 043896667



Muslims around the world pray 5 times a day. The five daily prayers collectively are one pillar of the five pillars of Islam. Alzuhr (Alduhr) is prayed at noon time and is the second prayer. Muslim's kids are encouraged to start praying when they reach 7 years old.

Prayers at 1:30pm

Fatima is meeting any students who would like to do their prayers at 1:30pm each day in the school hall.



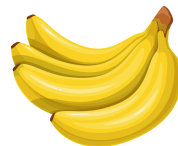
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Food at school



We are noticing that our students are very hungry at the moment. Please pack extra food for them to help them be able to focus and learn. Some suggestions during these cooler months are extra sandwiches, muffins, pasta, soup, carrot sticks, cut up apple, mandarins and bananas. He reka!



Newtown Social!

SAVE THE DATE for the Newtown Social on Friday 13 September - come to the school hall to enjoy music and dance. Parent supervised sessions with light snacks and water. More details to come!



Keep Wellington Free Ambulance free of charge

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER is Onesie Day

Wear your onesie or PJs to school and bring a gold coin donation to go towards our fundraising or jump online now and donate at our school's page <https://onesieday.co.nz/users/newtown-school-3>

Our donations help keep ambulance services free



A massive thank-you to Janice Laundry who have generously donated \$3000 towards our sandpit!

If you know of anyone else keen to contribute to our sandpit, please let get in touch with the office.



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School Notices continued...

Join the walking school bus!

We are starting a walking school bus. The route will be along Riddiford Street.

For now, this will only be a **walk to school bus**. If you are interested in your children being part of the walking bus then...

- Let the office know by email OR pop in!
- Pick a day you will walk with the children

There will be two meetings points:

1. **8:30am corner of Riddiford and Rhodes St** (by the nature building and roundabout)
2. **8:45am Newtown Library Playground**



Around our kura

Project Jonah fundraiser

After an inspiring visit from Project Jonah learning about the amazing marine mammals that are right here by our coastlines, our Piwakawaka students were inspired to organise a fundraiser to help protect them and the ocean they live in, which our whole school community got behind. Thanks to everyone's generosity we made close to \$700 for the project!



Tūmanako annual exhibition

A group of our students from Ngāti Kotahitanga and Waitangi proudly represented Newtown school with their beautiful and thought-provoking artworks on display at the Tūmanako annual exhibition of children's art supporting a nuclear-free world and an inclusive Aotearoa where all lives are celebrated at Wellington City's Johnsonville Library at Waitohi. With these young people's hopes and dreams for a peaceful world to thrive in, we reckon the future is in great hands.

-Kōtahi te kākano whakaaro, he nui ngā hua o te rākau houhou rongo-
-One seed of thought grows the forest of peace-



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

What a busy, fun, meaningful and vibrant couple of weeks highlighting our kura's values

Core Board

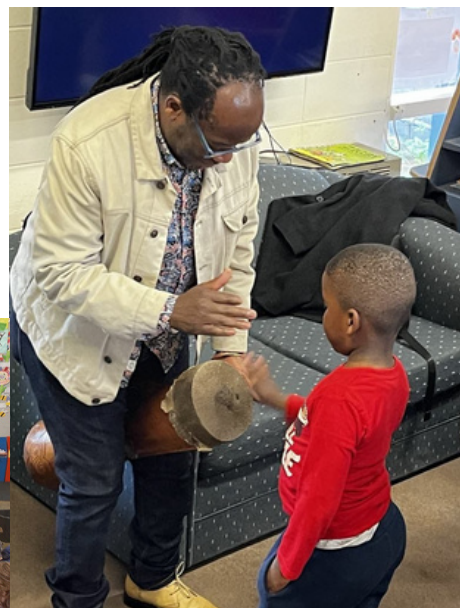
You may have noticed our colourful new addition to the junior playground. This is a core board and it is designed to ensure that all the students at our school can communicate clearly with everyone. Stop by our playground and give it a go! Karawhiua!

You could use the board to have a chat about the weather (wet, dry, hot, cold, look, like, don't like, feel happy, feel sad) or to play a stop-and-go game (stop, go, more, fast, slow, my turn/your turn, and silly).

If you'd like to learn a bit more pop into the office and pick up a coreboard info sheet.



Africa Connection



What a treat to have Africa Connection Aotearoa visit our school and share some language, song and music with us. Thank-you to Wanjiku and friends for sharing with us. We had a blast!

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

Biking News

Biking Joy



Biking Safety update

Thanks to a grant from Wellington City Council we have added Newtown labels to our school bike fleet, & some new ground markings to promote the sharing of biking and walking spaces leading into school, and in the carpark to increase the safety of bikes, cars and people.



Pedal & Scooter Ready

Thanks to Rhys for coordinating Pedal Ready to come into our kura over the last few weeks to teach our students cycle and scooter skills.

By participating in the Pedal Ready and Scooter Ready programmes, our students have:

- improved their motor skills
- experienced a wide range of cycling activities
- learnt important road safety skills
- learnt traffic awareness & footpath etiquette
- learnt what to do at pedestrian crossings and intersections
- learnt to look for cars reversing out of driveways
- developed independence and consideration for others.

Staff Spotlight

Meet
Remya

I am Remya Krishnan and have joined as a teacher assistant at Newtown School. I am very glad to have this opportunity. I am here to help the students in Tūi from 1:30pm to 3pm. My daughter is studying in year 2 in this school.



School Value Spotlight

Learners who demonstrate manaakitanga enhance the mana or self esteem of others by being supportive, caring and welcoming.

Weeks 5 and 6 of term have been focusing on Kia Manaaki - respectful. Students that show Kia Manaaki value the thoughts and feelings of others around them.

"I am a good listener"
"I encourage others"
"I have a generous spirit"
"I promote peace"
"I use words that build others up"

What Kia Manaaki has sounded like around our kura:

Yassine leading with self control, manners and kindness.

Zion H leading a karakia in front of everyone at Te Papa

Ngati Kōtahitanga coming together to say karakia and honour the passing of Kiingi Tuheitia.

Great manners, sharing and respect while out on school trips representing our kura with kindness.

At home this could look like:

- Helping with chores and tasks at home
- Saying thank you
- Using kind words
- Caring for our home by tidying my room
- Being involved in a gardening project
- Noticing when others need my help or support



Exhibition Wall

Artworks by former Newtown school student Mette Marsden Tues Sept 3rd - Mon Sept 16th

Newtown school celebrates a stunning exhibition of artworks by Mette Marsden. Mette was one of the 2 recipients of an art award in 2023 consisting of an art kit of the best artist quality art materials. This was provided by the wonderful Diana Staniland Duff who is the sponsor of the Newtown School Exhibition Wall. One of the conditions of the award is that she produces a body of work every year to exhibit at the school to share her progress as a budding artist.

“ Mette knows she is an artist. She's constantly pushing at her creative boundaries and experimenting with different ways to explore a subject. One of the things she loves is starting a drawing without a fixed idea of how it will end up, just following the muse. I was so taken by these artworks that I bought one!
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. ”



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Garden News

Garden Goodness

Composting at our School

Each day students gather food scraps from around the school and bring them to our compost zone. We've been noticing whole uneaten fruit being thrown away.

Suggestion: Cut up your child's fruit to make it easier to eat so its not wasted.

Beehive at Newtown School

We have sent out information previously to let our community know of our plan to bring a beehive to school. To help with any safety concerns we have just increased the height of the fenced area (thank you to our Langi, local dad builder!) which will be covered with a wind net. This means the bees are forced to fly upwards and not out towards people.

We have a health and safety plan and policy in place and this project will be supported by ex-principal Mark Brown (an experienced beekeeper). Further information will be sent out as it is available.

Thanks also to Finn, another builder dad for his advice, students from Waitangi who helped to move the wood needed for this and to Bunnings for a donation of wood.

Contact to talk further - nickir@newtown.school.nz

Like to be involved with caring for the bees and learning? Contact taniaa@newtown.school.nz or come see Tania at school.



Sports News

We are very lucky to have an active group of sports coordinators organising sports, training programmes and events for our students. Check out all of the fun sporting events coming up for the rest of this term. Ngā mihi to Rhys, Mitchell & Cole!

Sports Events coming up

Smashplay Cricket in Schools

September 4 and September 5 - Cricket Wellington workshops for all students in our school

Futsal Festival

September 10 - Juniors Futsal Festival at Akau Tangi for those signed up
September 11 - Seniors Futsal Festival at Akau Tangi for those signed up

Southern Zone Swimming

September 24 - our confident swimmers from year 4 and up will be invited to participate in the Southern Zone swimming this year

Athletics Day

September 26 - Athletics Day is coming up in week 10. Practice sessions in preparation start soon!

Look out for notices coming home or get in touch at sports@newtown.school.nz for more information

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When a child needs hospital care, it can be one of the most frightening times for any family. Our Annual Street Appeal is a key fundraiser and helps ensure that tamariki across our region continue to receive the best possible care - when they need it most.

We need Volunteer Collectors across Wellington City, Lower Hutt, Petone, Porirua, and Kapiti.

If you can spare just 2 hours of your time on Saturday, 5th October, please consider joining us. Sign up to your preferred location here: <https://signup.com/go/WCHStreetAppeal>

This is also a great opportunity to involve kids in a meaningful holiday activity that benefits their community - younger children (16 years and under) are welcome to volunteer with an adult. Older students (Year 13 and beyond) can earn valuable volunteer hours for their CV; and it's a wonderful chance for community or corporate groups to participate in a worthwhile event.

For more information, please contact: streetappeal@whf.org.nz
Thank you. We simply couldn't do it without your help!

MOE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TEAM
INVITES YOU TO TERM 3 WEBINAR



BULLYING PREVENTION & RESPONSE

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Join us to learn about bullying prevention, responding to bullying and support resources available with a particular focus on ethnic background students and families

OUR SPEAKERS



SARAH GUY
Education & Engagement Manager
Youth Law Aotearoa

**Monday 9th
September 2024**

6pm-7:30pm

Online/Microsoft Teams



TESSA DAVIS
Educational Psychologist
Ministry of Education

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Love to sing?

The RSCM and Wellington Cathedral of St Paul is offering a two-day holiday programme just for you! Make new friends, learn new music, and improve your singing skills with one of New Zealand's foremost choral directors.

The 2024 RSCM Two-Day Choir School offers two days of singing and fun, culminating in a service featuring the premiere performance of a brand new piece of music specially composed by the Cathedral's Director of Music Michael Stewart.

WHERE: The Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, 2 Hill Street, Wellington.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Drop Off: 09:00am

Pick Up: Between 04:30pm - 05:30pm

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Drop Off: 09:00am

Choral Evensong: 05.30pm

Pick Up: 06.00pm

COST: \$140 for both days including lunch and snacks (there are a limited number of scholarships available - contact dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz)



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EFFORT We give our best in everything we do.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

08 SEPT 2024 10AM-2PM

KILBIRNIE TENNIS CLUB
14 CRAWFORD RD, KILBIRNIE



Come give tennis a go!
All equipment provided.
Prizes, giveaways, BBQ & more.

love
tennis

FREE EVENT

Free tennis coaching, fun tennis games, giveaways, and more...

Thinking about taking up tennis, introducing your children to the sport, or returning to the game yourself? Discover more and experience a variety of activities at Kilbirnie Tennis Club's upcoming Love Tennis open day. It's FREE, enjoyable for every age group and ability, and open to all.

Free activities include:

Coaching
Tennis games
Jumbo racquets
Radar gun (test your serve speed)
Information desk

Giveaways

Prizes including an ultimate trip to the Australian Open 2025 in Melbourne.

BBQ

Loan racquets



WELLINGTON
HARRIER ATHLETIC CLUB



Wellington Harrier Children's Athletic Club

Our season open day is Saturday 12th October, at Newtown Park.

We have a new start time of 9.30am this season.

At our club days athletes practice all events, including long jump, hurdles, high jump, sprints, middle distance and throws. Our children's club day caters for all abilities.

New members are welcome!

You can register through
<http://www.whac.org.nz>

For more information please contact:
Julie Richards
juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk
0212959026

GIRLS CRICKET

Come play cricket with other local girls with Eastern Suburbs CC for 2024/25

Lots of different formats of the game to choose from; fun, supportive environment.

Register here

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/00d365>
or more info email oliviaegboyd@gmail.com/02102295948

