



# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

The end of Term Three is here with the faint promise of spring on the horizon. No longer arriving and leaving work in the dark is definitely an improvement. Our grounds have blossom, daffodils and new growth.

What a fine finish to a term. The **Performance Celebration** was outstanding! It was a delight to watch the confidence and joy of our performers. Eyes lit up, big smiles..all with their groove on. Thank you to the staff who painted, encouraged, made props, practised and inspired. A special thanks to Lily Whitehouse, supported by Kath Foale for the stunning organising. The logistics of moving 350 students and their families in and out of the hall so everyone got to see and experience the fun, was seamless.

## What does success look like?

We all have different ways of understanding what this looks and sounds like for our children. Every family wants the absolute best for their little people. We do too!

Success this week has been found in:

Dance, cohesion and coordination.

Helping others to shine.

Stepping onto a stage in front of an audience.

Telling others that they can do it and that they were awesome.

Smiles on faces, even though you're afraid

Having a go, even if you're nervous.



We have also seen success in other forms during **Athletics...**

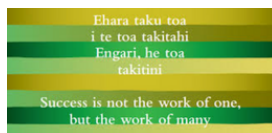
Grit and determination

Doing our best

Taking risks

Perseverance

Encouraging others



## Thank you to you all for your support of your children.

Thanks for the lunches, asking how their day was, playing, reading together, saying NO when you need to, laughing together, earning money, organising birthday celebrations, loads of hugs, building friendships, asking about learning, having big dreams and hopes for them.

That's really what makes success for us all.

Have a wonderful, restful break and we look forward to seeing you back on 14th October.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Whaea Nicki  
Tumuaki | Principal



## Important dates

- **Saturday 28th September - Sunday 13th October** - School holidays
- **Monday 14th October** - First day of Term 4
- **Tuesday 15th October** - Have-a-go lunchtime water polo session
- **Monday 28th October** - Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 29th October** - Staff Only Day
- **Wednesday 18th December** - Last day of Term 4

## Welcome to our new students

- **Thanvi Ratheesh**
- **Calvin Joby**

## 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

## School Notices

**2025**

Please remember to advise us of any younger siblings or friends wanting to start at Newtown School in 2025. This is essential for our staffing planning and funding.

Way to go  
Newtown School!  
We raised over  
\$500 for  
Wellington Free  
Ambulance!

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**28TH SEPTEMBER - 13TH OCTOBER**

See you back at school Monday 14th October

### Board of Trustees Update

Kia ora koutou,

At Monday's Board of Trustees hui we discussed the success of recent events at the Kura. Examples of this are Ngāti Kotahitangi's noho marae and the Newtown Social. Further examples are Tuesday's epic night of performance in the hall and Thursday's Athletics day.

Part of the school's strategic plan is for our community to be engaged and connected with the kura. The Board sends a big shout out to all staff, parents, carers and community members who contribute time and energy to all school events.

Another project calling on our community was also discussed at our hui. We're beginning planning to revitalise the playground up by the pool. This will take a big effort so please get in touch if you'd like to get involved - there's a great team forming already. ([chair@newtown.school.nz](mailto:chair@newtown.school.nz)).

We'd also be interested to hear of any other events you might like to get involved with at the kura.

The Board was recently delighted to welcome a new member Katy Te Amo. Below is a brief introduction from her.

*Tēnā koutou katoa*

*Ko Katy Te Amo ahau*

*He uri ahau no Taupiri. Hōea te waka o Tainui. Riporipo rereana te wai o Waikato.*

*Tini ngā tatai o Tainui*

*Tau mai e mihi ana ko Ngāti Wairere*

*Kia ora koutou*

*I am really pleased to have joined the Board as a Ngāti Kotahitanga representative. My son, Amorangi, is nearing the end of year three in Ngāti Kotahitanga, and I love being part of the whānau! I am excited for the journey ahead as a Board member.*

Ngā mihi nui,

Board of Trustees



# School Notices continued...



Announcing the opening of our new

## sandpit

Some of our students took the sandpit for a test ride and it's a success! Opens early Term 4.



Get creative over the holidays



### Matariki Poetry Competition: Have Your Poem Performed By A Live Orchestra and Choir in 2025!

The Manawa Ora | Wellington Hospital Orchestra and Choir, in partnership with SOUNZ (the New Zealand Centre for Music) is excited to invite all Newtown Primary School students to participate in a Matariki-themed poetry competition to create poems for the nine stars of Matariki. The winning poems will be used as lyrics for a brand-new piece of music, written by a professional composer, to be performed at the Wellington Regional Hospital in 2025.

#### **\*\*How to enter\*\***

1. Write a poem of any style (approximately 4-20 lines) about one of the nine stars of Matariki. We are looking to select one for each star, so do some reading and choose a star that means something to you or inspires you!
2. Hand the poem in to Kath with a signed permission slip from you and your parents or legal guardian. Poems without a permission slip cannot be accepted. (Permission slip available from Kath)
3. Entries to the competition close at the end of the school day on Friday 18th October. No late entries will be accepted. We will announce winners as soon as possible following the close of the competition.

#### **\*\*Conditions and Prizes\*\***

- Poems can be written in Te Reo Māori or English, but we strongly encourage poems in Te Reo Māori or using Te Reo Māori to be submitted.
- Nine poems will be selected based on their creativity, use of Te Reo Māori, how well they represent their chosen star, and how well they will work as lyrics (i.e. how easy are they to sing).
- Selected poets will receive a trophy to recognise them as official poets of the Manawa Ora / SOUNZ project. Other prizes will be confirmed prior to selecting winners.
- Selected poems will be performed live by the Manawa Ora Orchestra and Choir in 2025 as part of their "Lullabies for the Stars of Matariki" suite.

**Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to have your poetry featured in a live musical performance!  
We can't wait to read your wonderful poems!**



Have a go at Minipolo  
If you don't know what this fun water game is, come and have a go Tuesday lunchtime of week 1, Term 4. Bring your togs and we'll have fun in the school pool. If you want to play with a school team, games are on Fridays at Kilbirnie, starting 18 October.



# Around our kura



Check out some of the recent happenings around our kura including The Newtown School Social, Te Wiki o te reo Māori, Southern Zone Swimming, Te Tai Ao Performance Celebration, Athletics Day, media interviews, and community engagement.

**What a whole lot of inspiring ways to wrap up the term!**

## **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori @ Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora & in the community**

A fun and enriching week celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori/Māori Language Week 2024 was had by all.

Despite the weather, the whole school gathered out the front of our kura and shared the beauty and strength of te reo Māori with our waiata singing for the community.

As part of our celebrations a rōpū of Harakeke and Waitangi akonga walked up to Newtown Library. They assisted a KiwiClass volunteer group in singing Tutira Mai and A Haka Ma. They then performed some waiata.

Closing the week of celebrations were our incredible Kapa Haka group. Te mutunga kē mai o te pai! Beyond amazing - ka rawe te Kapa o Ngā Puna Waiora!



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



# Around our kura



## NEWTOWN SOCIAL

Ngā mihi nui to the organising & support teams of the Newtown School Social. Loads of fun was had by our students.



A big thank-you to local businesses New World Newtown and Newtown Greengrocer who supported the event by donating food for the kids snacks

NEW WORLD  
Newtown

Newtown  
greengrocer



### Sharing their message →

Our students' passion for their marine learning enquiry gets media interest. Check out their story in Friday 27 October's The Post!



### Children dive in to raise funds after marine centre visit

Hanna McCallum | The Post

September 27, 2024

Share



Students at Newtown School raised funds to make a donation to the Island Bay Marine Education Centre after they visited this term. From left: Uthman Madhu, 8, Liam Ong, 7, Elona Igimohere, 8, Manuka Nerdam, 7, and Sumaya Mahmud, 7.

MONIQUE FORD / THE POST

WHĀNAUNGATANGA  
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He iwi tahi tātou, he ako tahi tātou  
We belong and we learn together



# Around our kura



Check out our DP  
Danielle and Co-BOT  
Chair Nick having a  
go!

## Athletics Day

Well done to our students who did their all at athletics Day! It was such a joy to see our tamariki run, jump, and throw their hearts out! They showed heaps of kia manahau (resilience) and kia whakapau kaha (effort). It was a fabulously fun day! We want to especially thank all the whānau helpers who came out and made the day what it was. We couldn't have these events without your help! Thank you so much!



## Southern Zone Swimming

Our tamariki performed amazingly and gave their all in swimming sports on Tuesday. Well done to those athletes who represented our kura with all of their values.

KIA NGĀKAU HIIHRI CURIOUS Ka mīharo, ka tūpono, ka auaaha tātou.  
We wonder, take risks and innovate



# Around our kura



## Bee Hive: Safe Zone

Thanks to some of our students we've been putting up some wind netting around a fenced area to make it safe for everyone. We will be putting up some caution signs, and assessing the safe zone and our safety measures before a beehive is installed.



## Waitangi Gardeners

Each week a small group of gardeners head offsite to a local residents garden where we help to look after their property and grow kai to share with them, the community centre and our kura. This week our crew made daisy chains and harvested lettuce, kale and celery which they offered to our community at pick up.



The inaugural performance of the Rubber Chicken Concerto in D Major for the office staff. Thank-you Whānau Tūi for bringing a smile to our day. Newtown School has it all



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



# Around our kura



## Te Tai Ao Performance Celebration



And what a celebration it was! A celebration of our stories, our students, our staff, our community. A celebration of our creativity, courage, ability to do the mahi to pull together.

We are hugely grateful to everyone involved. An extra big thank-you to our artistic director Lily supported by Kath, our artist in residence Ruth, Wren's dad Don for making the streaming possible, Wellington High School and Island Bay schools for their generosity in sharing their time and resources. It takes a village and what a village we have here. Thank-you for your part in making it special.



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# Community Notices

**A message from Hon. Julie Anne Genter,  
MP for Rongotai:**

“Thank you to all our Newtown whānau who came to bring some DIY love to our beloved suburb. It was great day to bring the community together to connect and make a difference in our backyard. Please keep your eyes open for future cleanups or get in touch with my office at [rongotai@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:rongotai@parliament.govt.nz) if you have any ideas to contribute in future. Mihi to all our awesome community groups to our Newtown Business Group, Newtown Resident’s Association, Salvation Army Newtown, WCC, and New World for donating kai. See you at the next one!”

Your local MP for Rongotai.



## Wellington City Libraries BIG Book Sale!

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**10-4pm daily**

**St Patrick’s College Hall, Kilbirnie.**

Children’s, adults, fiction, non-fiction, Learning English textbooks and more. Close to Kilbirnie shopping centre, parking nearby.

**Wellington  
City Libraries**

Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council  
We Make It Possible



**come and PLAY!**



## LITTLE DRIBBLERS FC

**FREE Have a GO Day!** “Football” for kids aged 1-7 Years.

**Saturday 28th and  
Sunday 29th**

**September from 9:30  
6 venues to choose from**



**SIGN UP AT [LITTLE-DRIBBLERS.CO.NZ](http://LITTLE-DRIBBLERS.CO.NZ)**

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





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HAVE FUN, PLAY CRICKET FOR THE MIGHTY EASTS THIS SEASON

TEAMS AND GRADES FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS AND EXPERIENCE.

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**WAKEFIELD PARK, ISLAND BAY**



**Kaicycle Community Open Days**

5 Hospital Road, Newtown

First Saturday of each month  
Oct 2024 - May 2025!  
(Excluding Jan)

**Produce, compost, and seedlings for sale throughout!**

**9am - 12:30pm**  
Community Working Bee (registration required)

**12:30pm - 1:30pm**  
Kai Break - koha coffee and tea

**1:30 - 2:00pm**  
Farm Tour

**2:00pm - 3:30pm**  
Koha Workshop (registration required)

<https://kaicycle.org.nz/community-days>



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

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

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