



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

This last fortnight has been a full one! Already four weeks into this term. There has been assessment, trips, writing, maths problems, preparation for camp, zoo visitors, new families joining us, remembered Parihaka, touch, football and basketball games, art, sandpit creations, zone athletics, auditors, biking, courses and play. No wonder the term is racing by!

Time to say 'Thank you'. Every day at school involves meaningful conversations, laughter, playfulness, big thinking, problem solving and working with others. I continue to be very grateful for the hard working team of staff that pour so much into our kura. They bring their creativity, organisation, care and teamwork so that we can keep doing the best for your tamariki. Remember to keep thanking them and noticing the great work they do. Encouragement inspires us all.

Show a different way. Many are talking at home about the American election and the changing of date for the Treaty Principles bill. In a climate of criticism and at times despair, let us find ways for our community to live differently. We can role model a path of peace, show how to stand up for convictions in ways that don't put others down and be people who seek to make things right. I believe this is even more important than ever in this current time. If we want our children to forge a different path, then let's work together to find ways that help them do so.

School is a great place to practise how we want it to be. We have to share, include others in games, choose to use kind words, stand up for what's right, talk to others with respect and do our best. Thank you for doing your part to make our community stronger.

Have a wonderful relaxing weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,
Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

Aroha mai,
aroha atu.
Mana mai,
mana atu.

Important dates

- **Monday 16th December**
(half day - 1pm finish) - Last day of Term 4
- **Wednesday 5th February** -
Meet the teachers (more details to come)
- **Thursday 6th February** -
Waitangi Day
- **Friday 7th February** - First day back for 2025

Welcome to our new students

- Areeba Kashif
- Anaya Kashif
- Aira Kashif
- Henare Terekia

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



PRACTICE EMERGENCY DRILL IN NOVEMBER

On 29 November all primary contacts will be contacted to say that we are running our practice emergency drill. **THIS IS NOT A REAL EMERGENCY.**

This is a planned exercise to prepare our school for the process of reuniting students with their families following an emergency.



SUNHATS

Sunhats are to be worn everyday in the playground during Terms 1 & 4

Newtown School sunhats can be purchased at the front office for \$15

New students 2025

Thank-you to those of you who have advised us of any younger siblings or friends wanting to start at Newtown School in 2025. Please keep sending these through for our staffing planning and funding.



Please check your bookshelves, under the bed and behind the couch for any school library & reading books.

Please return them to school.

School Notices

Hīkoi for Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The hīkoi is a chance for us as a country to show our support for Te Tiriti o Waitangi. As a school we support those staff and families who want to attend.

What is it?

The hīkoi starts from the top of the North Island on the 11th of November. It arrives in Te Whanganui a Tara (Wellington) on the 19th of November. The hīkoi is peaceful march to demonstrate how many people support Te Tiriti o Waitangi and why Te Tiriti is important for everyone.

Why?

The coalition government has proposed a Treaty Principles Bill. This bill involves a referendum, rewriting the Treaty principles, removing reference to the tino rangatiratanga (self determination) of Māori and changing how Te Tiriti o Waitangi can be interpreted by courts and law. The Waitangi Tribunal have said "We found that if this Bill were to be enacted it would be the worst, most comprehensive breach of Te Tiriti in modern times". Since coming into power, this Government has also removed or changed Te Tiriti o Waitangi provisions in many pieces of legislation.

Are you going to the hīkoi?

The Board and school support the hīkoi. We are proudly co-governing and believe Te Tiriti benefits and enriches everyone who calls Aotearoa New Zealand home. If you are intending on going to the hīkoi with your children, can you please let the school know. Their absence will be recorded as justified. By talking with the school it will give us an idea who may be away. Please notify the school office if your child will be at the Hīkoi.

Things to know about Tiriti o Waitangi

- Te Tiriti makes it possible for people to come to Aotearoa and make it their home.
- Te Tiriti is about a relationship between two different and independent peoples. Good relationships are based on respect, dignity and care.
- The intention of Te Tiriti was that Māori would continue to govern themselves and that everything they held precious would be protected.
- The Crown has repeatedly failed to honour and respect Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This has made it harder for Māori to survive and thrive.
- Te Tiriti offers us a guide to make laws and systems based on the values we all share. This includes respect and dignity for people and the land.

Please email away@newtown.school.nz with Hīkoi in the subject title if your student will be attending the hīkoi, so that we can plan staffing for the day and make sure your child is marked correctly.

Important: Council changes to parking around our kura!



**Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

There are some planned transport changes that will impact our community in the final weeks of November. The three school drop-off parks on Riddiford St will be removed from mid-November. As part of the council's TMP (traffic management plan), a request will be made for three P60 parks in Emmett St to be turned into P15 short-stay car parks to help the school with the transition during construction. During construction the work will happen after 9am to allow for our school drop offs to continue smoothly.

We have met with the Council to seek support for what our alternatives can be for safe drop offs for our community. There are limited alternatives. Ideally we encourage walking and cycling where we can. Currently, the drop-off and pick-up parking spaces in Mein Street are benign under-utilised. One of our aims is to encourage this to be the new drop-off zone for whānau. WCC staff will support the school to use this drop-off area.

We are still having conversations about the council's support for walking school bus and bike train. If you have any thoughts regarding transport at our kura, come and see Nicki.

KIA MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

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



School Notices

There are scabies in
our community
Please have a read of
this information,
And keep an eye out
for any symptoms



‘PACK THE BUS’
at
NEWTOWN SCHOOL
Monday 25th November
11:15am

WELLINGTON 98.5FM 94.1FM
THE BREEZE
LISTEN NOW ON
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PACK THE BUS IS HERE!
Be ready and help make someone else's christmas this year!

WHAT IS ‘PACK THE BUS’ ?

We all know that Christmas can be a tough time of the year for many, and The Breeze Wellington is on a mission to make it much better for local children and families around our region!
The Breeze will be at Newtown School on 25th November at 11:15am, and invite our community to pack their bus with new, unwrapped toys, and non-perishable food items, to deliver some holiday magic to those who need it the most via the Wellington City Mission.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE BUS

The Bus will be parked up at Newtown School from 11:15am to 11:45am. There will be children entertainers, christmas carols, and the opportunity for kids to walk through our fully decked out Christmas bus.

PHOTOS & FILMING

Families who do not want their children to be photographed or filmed by The Breeze for their social media, please contact sarahb@newtown.school.nz

WHAT TO DONATE

Most Needed Items for Christmas

01 NEW TOYS:	02 FOOD: CHRISTMAS TREATS	03 GROCERY: ESSENTIALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toys for 0-12months & 12-18 months e.g. Lamaze range, wooden toys, teething rings, bath toys• Clothes for boys aged 10-17• Clothing vouchers• Movie vouchers• Family games/puzzles• LEGO• Beauty Products/Body Gifts<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Showergel packs◦ Perfume◦ Make-up packs◦ Hair products◦ Jewellery• Gifts for pre-teen boys<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Tech gifts<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Portable speakers◦ Headphones◦ Game consoles (hand-held or family)◦ Sensory toys<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Slime◦ Thinking putty◦ Sensory Mats (with different textures)◦ Fidget spinners◦ Rainmaker toys◦ Chew Toys (chewing toys)◦ Reflective Balls• Pin art boards• Electric pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas cakes• Christmas desserts• Fancy crackers/biscuits• Chippies• Nuts• Chocolates• Pavlova/meringues• Relishes/chutneys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sanitary Products• Canned Food• Rice• Pasta/Pasta Sauce• Cereals• Spreads• Sweet Biscuits/Crackers• Canned Meals/Soup• Hygiene/Cleaning Products• Beverages e.g., Milo, Coffee• Snacks e.g., Muesli Bars• Baking Products

Please note: No opened or expired goods.

Visit WellingtonCityMission.org.nz to learn more about how you can restore connections for everyone.

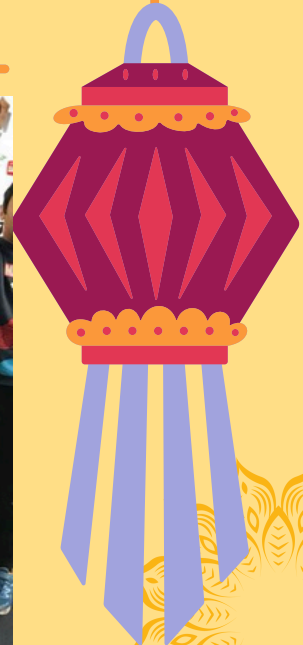
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KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA EFFORT Ka whakapua i ō tātou kaha i ā tātou mahi katoa. We give our best in everything we do.

Around our kura

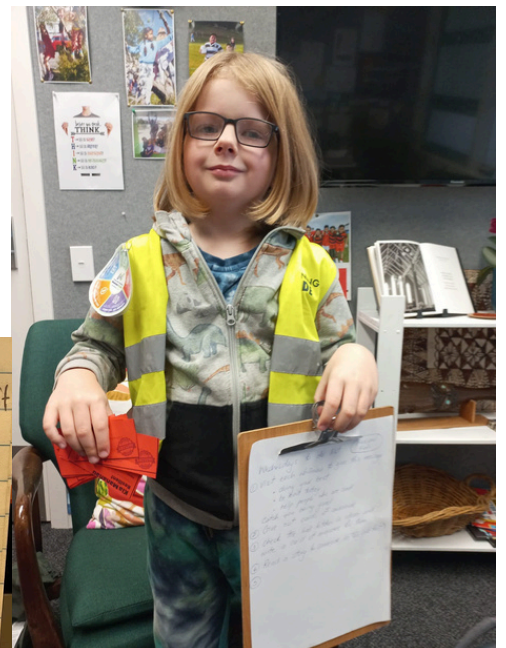
HAPPY Diwali

Happy Diwali to those of our families who celebrate this festival of lights. Take a look at the lanterns made for Diwali at First Language Hui.



Principal for the day

As the recipient of 200 cards of awesome, Finn got to be our principal for the day. What an achievement Finn! Congratulations! Read Finn's report here:



Being principal was awesome! It was really worth it and visiting most of the classrooms was great! Each class was awesome at learning, especially Tūi and Pohatukawa because they got principals awards!

Around our kura



Parihaka - a day of remembrance

E kore te uku e piri ki te rino, ka whitikia e te rā, ka ngahoro.

(Clay does not stick to iron, when the sun shines it dries and falls away)

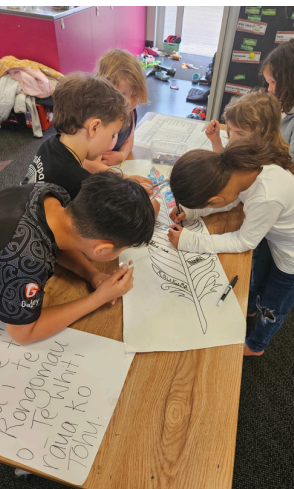
Nā Tohu Kākahi tēnei whakatauākī i kī mō ngā āhuatanga tāhae whenua i te 1860s-80's i Taranaki.

I whai whakaaro a Ngāti Kotahitanga ki te 5th o Noema arā ko te rangi Maumahara mō Parihaka. Hei maumaharatanga, i hokinga mahara ki tō mātou mahi toi mō Tūmanako 2024, i pānui pukapuka, i wānangananga, i whakakarakara i tētehi tohu raukura, i tunu tētehi parāoa, i tīpako i ētehi putiputi, i whakaharatau i ngā waiata me te poi manu kātahi ka puta i te kura ki te whangai kōrero ki te marea kia mōhio te katoa ki ngā kōrero mō Parihaka. I hīkoi ki te Whare Pukapuka ki te taki waiata, ki te patu poi me te kōrero ki ngā tangata. Koanga tō mātou ngākau i tō rātou mahi

E titia nei e Te Atiawa i te iti, i te rahi te katoa.

Here is a poem to read!! (Content Warning)

<https://hail.to/rakaihautu/article/OfymS8H>

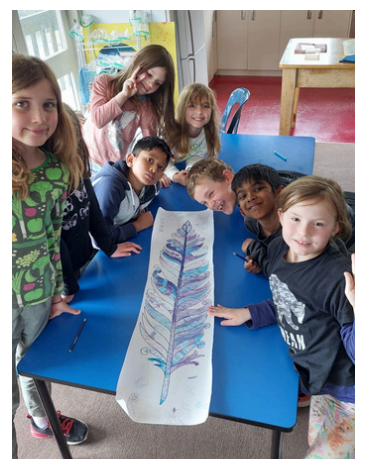


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RESILIENT We keep trying and learn from what we do

Parihaka - a day of remembrance (continued)

Parihaka is an important time of reflection for us all. Our kura took time to contemplate the events that took place and the values taught to us by the

Beautiful artworks created by our ākonga across our whole kura. Stunning feathers created by our very talented staff member Ruth



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Around our kura

Sandpit

The sandpit continues to be a source of joy and exploration for our ākonga across the whole kura



Sharing meals



Adventuring

Basketball Wellington

Over the next few weeks, Basketball Wellington are in to do some training with each of our classes. What a lot of fun had and great skills learnt from those involved already!



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

Garden Goodness



Compost harvest

Thanks to the incredible work of our Y3 Piwakawaka ākonga and other tamariki bringing food scraps to our compost bins daily, we have made 4-5 bins of rich compost for our garden beds this year, helping our gardens and vegetables flourish



New compost bins

We are now a part of WCC's compost hubs trial programme.

In the next month or so, we will be installing some new wooden compost bins to enable us to compost more food scraps, keeping these out of the rubbish and helping us to grow healthy food at school.



Can you help?

We need some help to flatten the area for these by the 17th November.

Contact taniaa@newtown.school.nz if you can help or come see Tania at school.

Watch this space for more info, including a working Bee to install the new bins. If you'd like to be involved let us know.



Bees moving in

Led by our former principal Mark Brown, an experienced beekeeper, we will be bringing one hive of bees to our school by the end of November. The bee area (apiary) is almost complete with netting and a raised height that directs the bees to fly up, up and away.

Any questions, please contact Nickir@newtown.school.nz



WHĀNAUNGATANGA
CONNECTED

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

Southern Zones Athletics

Our tamariki represented the school values proudly at Southern Zones athletics last week. All competitors showed amazing competitive spirit and camaraderie with the other kura. Congratulations to those who have qualified for Interzones! Also, a massive shout out to all of our parent helpers who helped make the day run smoothly. We couldn't. do it without you. Ngā mihi nui!

**Our
athletes
doing us
proud!!**



Staff Spotlight

Welcome Ameera

Kia Ora,

My journey in Aotearoa started 13 years ago when I left Nohadera city and my beautiful Assyrian village Bagerat in north of Iraq and moved to my second home a land of peace and beauty in September 2011.

Working with kids has been my passion always. I enjoy watching children nurturing and thriving, learning and growing confident in their journey. Learning about different culture is another passion of mine. Knowing their history, tradition, language, music and of course try their cuisine is something I interested in.

The sound of birds in early morning, the calm waves, the smell of the nature and a moments of coffee with whānau and friends is something that I am really grateful for.

I have joined Newtown School last term as a teacher aide supporting in Harakeke, however, I might be familiar to some of the school whānau before that as I have been working at sKids for the last three years.



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Community Notices




Book now at skids.co.nz/book
 14th October – 20th December 2024

0800 274 172 MSD-Approved. Work & Income
 OSCAR Subsidy available!



Secure your spot today!
skids.co.nz

14th – 18th Oct



Press Play Week
 It's Super Sports Week! Join us as we Press Play with a week of fun games & challenges as we jump into the final term of 2024!

21st – 25th Oct



Mad Hatters Week
 Unleash your creativity with whimsical crafts & exciting games as we celebrate the Mad Hatters Birthday.

28th Oct – 1st Nov



Diwali & Halloween Week
 This week it's a celebration of lights with Diwali mixed in with some spooky fun for Halloween

4th – 8th Nov



Trinkets & Treasures Week
 Showcase your creativity as you craft cool trinkets & treasures. Problem solving and team challenges, this week has it all!

11th – 15th Nov



Spies & Secret Agents Week
 Prepare for a week packed with daring challenges, clever codes and spy gadgets as we dive into the mysterious world of secret agents!

18th – 22nd Nov



Marvel vs DC Comics Week
 What is your favourite Marvel or DC comic superhero? Let's find out with our fun games, art sessions and challenges!

25th – 29th Nov



Pokémon Week
 It's a Pokémon party this week at sKids! Scavenger Hunts, Pokémon Headbands and fun games. Gotta catch 'em all!

2nd – 6th Dec



Marvellous Creations Week
 What is your favourite Creative Inventors activity? Let's find out! Join us as we create some marvellous creations.

9th – 13th Dec



Trash to Treasure Week
 Let's recycle and repurpose everyday items to create awesome works of art!

16th – 20th Dec



Rewind 2024 + Crazy Hair Week
 It's the end of the year! Choose your favourite activities from 2024 and celebrate the end of the school year with some crazy hair activities!

Hugh the firefighter came to talk to Tūi and Pōhutukawa on being Firewise. Here's a great way to start!

Newtown Playcentre

Come in for a visit!

0-5 year olds









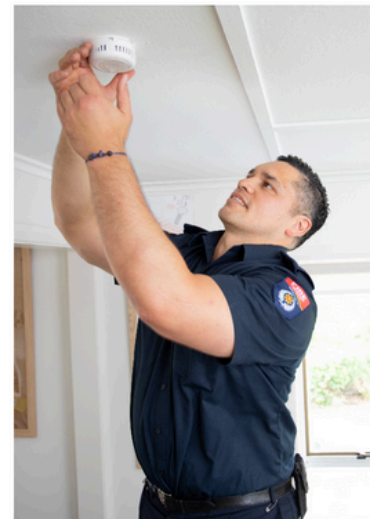
- ✓ Community connections
- ✓ Well resourced for child led play
- ✓ Support for you and your whānau

 www.playcentre.org.nz
newtown@playcentre.org.nz

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 3 Harper Street, Newtown, Wellington

Make your home and family fire safe

Fire and Emergency New Zealand offers **free home fire safety visits** to support people to make their homes fire safe for them and their families.



During a visit we:

- Provide information on fire safety
- Install and test smoke alarms
- Provide a free smoke alarm to those eligible



For more information or to book a free visit, scan the QR code, call **0800 693473** or visit www.fireandemergency.nz/hfsv



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