



# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

What a year. So much to celebrate. Thank you all for your part in our community. Hope you have a wonderful break. We look forward to seeing you back in 2025.

## A final word and thank you

I am very grateful to be part of a school that celebrates learning in such a breadth of ways.

We walked together to **uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi**, not just on the day of the hikoi but always.

We have had a successful year of working with a **co governing Board**.

We notice the **progress** of all learners.

We have sung, performed, played and listened to the joys of **all sorts of music**.

We have raced, competed, improved and delighted in a **wide range of sports** and games.

We have persevered, challenged, made mistakes, and collaborated in our learning.

We have cared, looked after and fostered **friendships**.

## THANK YOU

**Board of Trustees.** Thank you for your ideas, working together creatively, looking after each other and most of all, having high aspirations for our learners and their families. You are such a great group to work with.

**Melissa and Sarah.** Thank you for your endless patience with us all. Every day you answer endless emails, make tears disappear, organise teachers/parents and students and always with a smile. How do you do it?!

**Stunning Staff.** Thank you for working with such dedication, creativity, and collaboration. You are generous in your care, deeply thoughtful, passionate and inspirational. You deserve a restful fantastic holiday!

**Whānau.** Thank you for trusting us with the hopes and dreams for your children. Thanks for your support, encouragement and help in bringing out the best in each other to make a difference.

**Student helpers.** Thank you for help in the PE shed, work in the gardens, cleaning our spaces, looking after younger students, sport leaders. You are what make the school community continue to be the best it can be.

## Important dates

2024

- **Monday 16th December**  
1pm finish)- Last day of Term 4

2025

- **Wednesday 5th February** -  
Meet the teachers
- **Wednesday 5th February**  
10am-2pm - Stationary  
purchase at front office
- **Thursday 6th February** -  
Waitangi Day (SCHOOL IS  
CLOSED)
- **Friday 7th February** - First  
day back for 2025
- **Friday 7th February 9:15am**  
- Pōhiri (welcoming  
ceremony)

## Welcome to our new students

- Zoe Nankivell

## 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

# Tumuaki Pānui - continued

## Farewell and congratulations

We will miss those who are off on other adventures from Newtown kura. Goodbye and thank you to Juliette, Cole, Chantal and Fatima.

Congratulations for completed study to Alice van Der Merwe, Lauren Peatfield, Ella Norrie-Dempsey, Venise Clark, Mitch Jordan. Always learning!

Have a restful break, enjoy some sunshine and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Whaea Nicki**

**Tumuaki | Principal**

**He tangata kē koutou, he tangata kē mātou, engari i tēnei wā, tātou tātou e.**  
You are diverse, we are diverse, but in the final analysis we all belong.

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## School Notices

### 2025 DATES

Every family should have now received our Welcome to 2025 handout and 2025 Important Dates magnet. Please check school bags and drop by the office if you haven't yet received this.



**Sports fee change 2025**  
We have just heard that Mini polo, Touch and Futsal will all be free next year!

If you haven't already, please return sports enrolments for 2025

### 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

#### Term 1

**Wednesday 5 February** - Meet the teachers  
**Friday 7 February - Friday 11 April**  
**Public holiday:** Waitangi Day - Thursday 6 February

**Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June**

**Staff only day:** Tuesday 3 June

**Public holidays:** King's Birthday - Monday 2 June & Matariki - Friday 20 June

#### Term 2

#### Term 3

**Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September**  
No public holidays

**Monday 6 October - Thursday 18 December**

**Staff only Day** - Friday 24 October

**Public holiday:** Labour Day - Monday 27 October

#### Term 4

**WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA**  
(GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER)

## WED 5 FEB

Please book an interview with your child's teacher now at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) code ku26j

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CURIOUS

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# School Notices

## Te Kākano changes

E mihi ana ki a koutou.

As part of our ongoing commitment to revitalising te reo Māori Te Kākano (the seed) will transform in 2025 to te Tipu (the shoot). This bilingual thread will be delivered throughout every class in English medium. It will occur on a fortnightly basis while classroom teachers are on release. A team of teachers with good knowledge of te reo māori will teach together - a programme similar to that run currently in Te Kākano.

The fortnightly day brings a level of excitement to all of our kaiako as we aim to maintain the momentum created by the new tipu team. All akomanga will be consistently enriched with resources to support te reo learning.



### Free from the gardens

From time to time we have surplus vegetables that we can share with our school community. Please check with us if you'd like to have some.

There will be some freshly picked vegetables available at the end of school on Monday, come see Tania outside the office.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We are looking for a caretaker for 2025.

If you have any questions contact Nicki at

[nickir@newtown.school.nz](mailto:nickir@newtown.school.nz)



Thank you to everyone who donated goods and to all our students who participated in packing the bus for the Wellington City Mission. Our school packed over 30 crates! This contributed to over 600 crates collected by the bus this year. What a generous community!

### Holidays and the school gardens

**Waterers needed:** if you are at school please water our gardens using your water bottle and the fountains.

**Fresh grass needed:** needed for mulching gardens over summer - we'll take it! Please drop it off to the compost area



KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA  
EFFORT

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



# Message from the board

Kia ora koutou kotoa,

He mihi nui tēnei ki ngā mana whenua,  
kia ngā mātāwaka,  
ki ngā kaipanui no ngā hau e whā

At Monday's hui the Board of Trustees reflected on this year and discussed plans for next year.

We acknowledged the tremendous amount of hard work by Nicki, the teachers and staff of the school. We reflected on all the ways tamariki can and have succeeded this year. We noted all the ways the school community has contributed to a successful year.

We discussed how shifting to a co-governance model has been really positive for our Board. We have felt confident and supported through this process and feel that the recent ERO report also further endorses this decision.

We acknowledged also that there is always a lot to do and look forward to a busy 2025... after the holidays.

Many thanks to our fellow Board members and everyone who gives their energy to the kura.

Catch you next year

Nick Booth  
Joe Winkels

Co-chairs

# Staff spotlights

## Welcome Chantel



Kia ora!

My name is Chantel.

I recently moved to Wellington with my husband Stefan from Canada for a new adventure.

I have taught year 4/5 for a number of years in Canada and am excited to join Pīwakawaka in year 3.

Throughout my teaching career I have had the privilege to work with so many wonderful tamariki.

I enjoy reading, making sourdough bread, playing volleyball and collecting plants to fill my home.

I am looking forward to welcoming all the new and returning students to Pīwakawaka in the new year!

# Support Staff for 2025

We are excited to share our Teacher Assistants for 2025. We can't do what we do without this group of amazing people.

Alysha	Sam	Rangimarie	Ruth	Kat	Nicole
Ameera	Ronnie	Mary	Janet	Chris	Lisa
&	Ella	Rangimarie & Janet will be supporting Tipu and Māori medium			

**We look forward to welcoming Divya back from maternity leave in Term 2**

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**EFFORT** We give our best in everything we do.





We are very proud of the staff we have at Newtown school.  
Check out some of their recent achievements!

## Ella

Congratulations to our amazing TA Ella on her graduation!



## Shout out to Mary

### A Celebration of Kaiako Teacher Cluster



Enviroschools reached out to Principals for acknowledgements of their Enviro lead kaiako.

Nicki Read - tumuaki of  
**Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora** -  
Newtown School shares  
appreciation for  
**Mary Bluck**...

"Mary has been our Enviro champion this year and we have so appreciated her mahi, coordination and determination.

The manaaki and tiaki her and her class has shown and given to the rest of the school has been outstanding. 'Toitū te marae a Tāne Mahuta, Toitū te marae a Tangaroa, Toitū te iwi' If the land is well and the sea is well, the people will thrive".

# Congratulations to Venise!

He Piko He Taniwha He Piko He Taniwha Waikato Taniwha rau

E rere ana ngā mihi aroha ki a koe Venise.

Kua tutuki koe i tō rēhitanga inaiānei.

Hūrō!

Kāore he kupu tūatu i te mīharo!

Ka mau te wehi!

He toki koe!

Kei runga noa atu koe!

Para hutihuti ana te haere!

Ki wīwī, ki wāwā!

Ānei rā ētahi kiwaha!

Hei whakanui i te tangata!

Whakamaui kia itā!

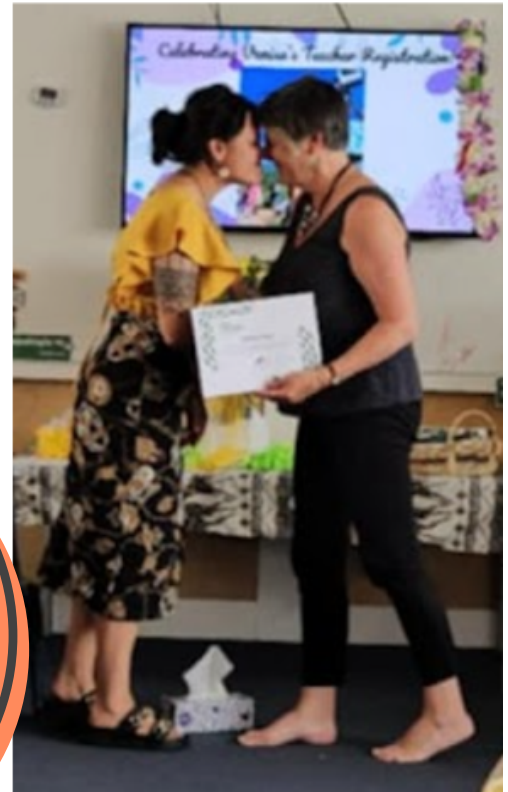
Taputapu rawa kē, taputapu rawa kē!

Meinga, Meinga!

- Maraea

"Kāore te kumara e  
kōrero mō tōna ake  
reka"  
This whakatauki  
represents the  
humbleness that Venise  
shows us all.  
-Megan

We are so lucky at te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora to have Venise on our staff. Her knowledge, drive and determination have made our kura a better place. I admire her passion for supporting tamariki Māori to thrive as well as her ability to challenge the status quo. Mātāwaka was born out of Venise's aspirations and it is an honour to be able to work alongside her on this kaupapa. Venise, the tamariki are so lucky to have you as a kaiako, and I am so lucky to have you as a colleague and friend.  
- Lily



WHĀNAUNGATANGA  
CONNECTED

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

"It was an honour to be able to celebrate Venise's registration with her recently. Venise, as many of you know, is an excellent colleague, friend and kaiako who is a joy to be around. We are grateful she is an important part of this kura. We love her positive energy, help and kindness she gives to everyone. Having her a part of our teaching team is an incredible gift.

- Danielle

# AWESOME LEARNING COMMENTS

If I could tell anyone one thing about Newtown School, I would say there is a lot of different people so you can meet everybody! Fran

Maths is really hard but fun to do. My maths partner is Neon and he helps me a lot. We learned about division and I think it's the hardest thing in my life. Multiplication, subtraction and addition are ok. But I will put effort in, break my fear and will learn it.

To be an author or illustrator, you need to be curious and imaginative and share ideas with other people. I think you need resilience as well because there are a lot of challenges. You have to be really motivated! Levander

I'm proud of doing my first Karakia. I said the words in te reo Māori. At first I thought it's like a national anthem, but now I know it's something we say to start and end the day. I felt a bit nervous like when I did my first solo at church. I did it and I'm proud. Franco

I think true beauty is about being yourself and being a nice person. Cayden

I have learned that if you take your time on what you want to achieve, you can make that thing you want to achieve amazing. Morandarlyn

I like waiata with guitar! When Danielle comes in with her guitar that feels really good and it sounds better. It is easier when I see the text so I can also learn the language. I love kapa haka and I love to see it. It is a great way to learn te reo.

When I started at Newtown School I felt scared and nervous. I feel better now because I have friends. When new people arrive - say hi and be nice to them and include them in games and sports.

You might have war in your country so some people have to migrate to other places. People might feel scared when they leave so people need to be nice to them in the new country. Mohamed

I like maths. I am learning about divided by. It's very hard, but I take deep breaths and try to think and calm down and that helps me focus. I can do times and a little bit divided. I keep trying when it's hard and that's how I will get better.



# Around our kura

## Kids write launch!

From celebrating the launch of our kidswrite! , the litter campaign, trips to the coast, Te Papa & the Zoo, our last few weeks of the year have been filled to the brim!



## ZOO TRIP

## LITTER CAMPAIGN

Principal for a Day  
Kenshin and his crew :)



## Journeys to Aotearoa

Alice's inquiry group went on a trip Te Papa to build on their learning about different people's journeys to Aotearoa. We had an awesome time exploring the Mana Whenua, Passports and Tangata o Le Moana exhibitions.



## COASTAL TRIPS



KIA MANAAKI  
RESPECTFUL

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



# Around our kura

## Mātāwaka

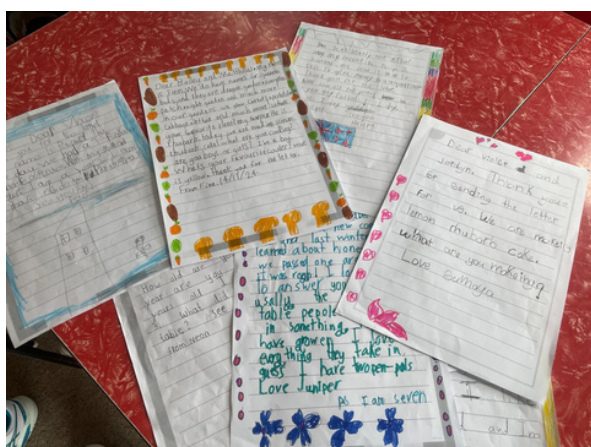
Mātāwaka is a time for tamariki Māori to meet on Tuesday afternoons. And what an amazing year we have had! Over the year, we have gotten to know one another, play games, learn waiata and pūrākau, practise new kupu and share kai with each other.

In Term 4, we were fortunate to go to the Wharewaka and hear Te Atiawa pūrākau and visit the marae in Te Papa. To finish off the year, Rāanga (a Ngāti Toa owned company that provides trades, training and employment) and their brother company Taumara - Search and Selection (who are in recruitment), sponsored Mātāwaka tamariki to see Moana 2 i te reo Māori. We were so fortunate as a rōpū to watch the movie together with some popcorn and a drink!

We have also really appreciated the growing connections we have made with our whānau Māori - ngā mihi ki a koutou. Without whānau support, we wouldn't be able to go on these amazing trips.

We are really looking forward to continuing this kaupapa next year. We have some big dreams and plans for this rōpū so watch this space - bring on 2025!

Kia kotahi te hāpai o te hoe ka ū to tātou waka ki uta!  
Let's paddle together so we can achieve our goal



## Pen Pal Success!

Pīwakawaka Garden to Table students have been exchanging letters with Orakei school in Auckland throughout Term 3 and 4. We're grateful to have had this opportunity and proud of our students for what they have shared with their penpal friends.



GROW



HARVEST



PREPARE



SHARE



SHARE



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# Around our kura

## Sports Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the Newtown school students who received Lance Williams' Sports Scholarships 2024

**William, Peter & Roman!**

Look out for next year's scholarship details in our 2025 newsletters



## Winners of poetry competition



Congratulations to the Newtown school students who were awarded trophies by composer Jacob from the Manawa Ora | Wellington Hospital Orchestra and Choir, in partnership with SOUNZ (the New Zealand Centre for Music).

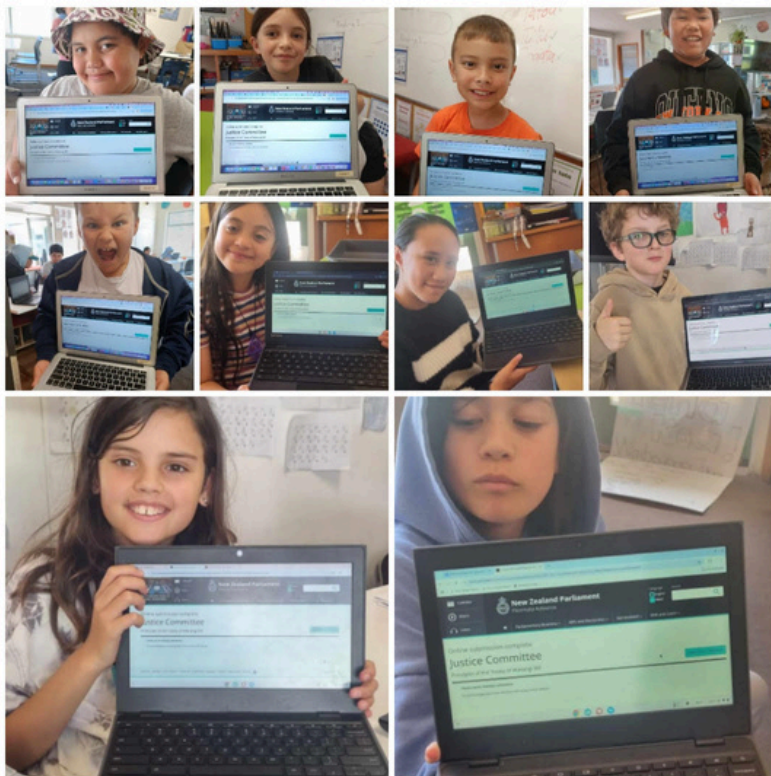
Their poems will be made into Matariki lullabies that will be performed next year! How exciting!

Way to go:

Charlie Dowse (Waipuna-a-rangi)  
Nova George (Waitā)  
Zoe Silvester (Waitā)  
Tui (Matariki)  
MK (Tupuānuku)  
Te Aroha (Matariki)  
Hāneta (Tupuānuku)  
Kaharoa (Tupuārangi)  
Davy (Waitā)

And ngā mihi nui to Kath for coordinating this opportunity!

## Toitū te Tiriti



Our Ngāti Kotahitanga tamariki are stoked to have sent their Treaty Bill submissions in on Monday!! Thank you to our board of trustees for holding space and supporting our community to write their submissions too - kei runga noa atu!!

It's not too late to send in your own submission in!!

Click [this link](#) to find out more :)

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



# Around our kura



## Arohanui Strings + concert at St Peter's Church

Both our string and brass students were lucky enough to play with the Wellington High School string group at St Peter's recently. The audience was treated to renditions of hot cross buns and jingle bells. Our brass students had only been learning for two months. We look forward to hearing how all our musicians progress when Arohanui Strings + starts back again in early 2025. More details to come soon.



## Hui Whakakapi a Ngāti Kotahitanga 2024

I tērā Wenerei, i whakanuia e mātau ngā tamariki katoa, ngā tohu whakahirahira, ngā raukura hoki o Ngāti Kotahitanga.

Nō mātau te waimarie ka mutu te tau i runga i te koakoa me te māringa nui.

Ānei ngā raukura o Ngāti Kotahitanga e wehe ana i te whānau:

**Māreikura Tawhai- Terei**  
**Davy Karon**  
**Jahvae Tahere-Moke**  
**Amorangi Te Amo-Hardwick**



Ānei ngā tamariki i whiwhi i ngā Tohu Whakahirahira:

He Tohu reo Māori - **Robbie Roberts rāua ko Te Aroha Jondahl**  
He Tohu o ngā Tikanga - **Tui Taylor-Bain**  
He Tohu Rāngaingai - **Kaharoa Semau**



He mihi hoki tēnei ki ngā mātau i whakapau kaha ki te tautoko i te whānau, ki ngā kaupapa o te tau hoki.  
Hei te 2025!

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# Around our kura



## Year 6 Leavers Evening



**What a fun and  
special evening  
it was**



**We'll miss you all  
but wish you all  
the very best on  
your new  
adventures**




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# Congratulations to Escher and all our year 6 award recipients!





**Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora  
Newtown School**  
Love learning, love life!

**Jean Toft Award**  
Presented to:

**ESCHER BEAUMONT**

*This student brings alive all of our school values.  
Their learning journey has enriched the life of our school and the person they are. They have a strong sense of identity and belonging at Newtown School and are a lifelong learner.*

**Nicki Read** Te Tumuaki      **Date:** 13 December 2024

*Tāngata ako ana i te kāinga, te tūhinga ki te kura, tau ana.  
"A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society."*



**Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora  
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**Connected to Learning Award**  
Presented to:

**SUNNY NEWSON**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Whanaungatanga. They have discovered who they are as a learner, developed confidence in their abilities and recognise the positive choices they can make to support their learning.*

**Nicki Read** Te Tumuaki      **Date:** 13 December 2024

*Whāia koe ki te kōwhiri, engari he kōwhiri koe.  
"Students need the space of an individual but the work of many."*



**Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora  
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**Connected to the Environment Award**  
Presented to:

**THEA MARSDEN**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Whanaungatanga. They help create a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world.*

**Nicki Read** Te Tumuaki      **Date:** 13 December 2024

*Hāia te ahua, whanaungatanga he tangata.  
"The land remains when the people have disappeared."*



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**Connected to Culture Award**  
Presented to:

**NINU BINTO**

*This student demonstrates the school value of whanaungatanga through respectfully sharing their own culture and recognising that diversity is a gift in our school. They have a clear sense of personal identity. They respectfully share their own culture and recognise that diversity is a gift in our school.*

**Nicki Read** Te Tumuaki      **Date:** 13 December 2024

*Te reo me te kōwhiri, he kōwhiri koe.  
"Diversity is a gift in our school."*



**Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora  
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**Excellence across the curriculum Award**  
Presented to:

**FACUNDO ALDROVANDI**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Whakapau Kaha. They demonstrate a personal commitment to achieving a high standard of work and excellence in all areas of the curriculum.*

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**Connected to Others Award**  
Presented to:

**APEKSHA LOGISHETTY**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Whanaungatanga. They establish and maintain relationships with integrity, generosity of spirit and peacefulness.*

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**Excellence in Sport Award**  
Presented to:

**PIPPA MORIARTY**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Whakapau Kaha. They demonstrate a personal commitment to achieving a high standard of excellence and dedication in Sports.*

**Nicki Read** Te Tumuaki      **Date:** 13 December 2024

*Tāhara te pānga ki te ao.  
"Share your gifts with the world."*



**Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora  
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**He Mahi Toi Award**  
Presented to:

**FRAN WATSON**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Ngākau Hihiri. They are open to possibilities and innovation. They express their ideas with artistic creativity.*

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**Tuakana Award**  
Presented to:

**DAVY KARON**

*This student demonstrates the school value of manaakitanga by helping those around them. They demonstrate that being a leader and a learner encourages a positive mindset to be inclusive and shows a natural ability to nurture and care for the environment, people and the world.*

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**Initiative Award**  
Presented to:

**ESCHER BEAUMONT**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Kia Ngākau Hihiri. They wonder about possibilities and delight in creating something new that will make a difference in our school.*

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**Te Reo Māori Award**  
Presented to:

**MĀREIKURA TAWHAI-TEREI**

*This recipient demonstrates the promotion and encouragement in their use and understanding in te reo Māori. They have a clear sense of personal identity, mana and recognise ngā tikanga in Māori Medium Education.*

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**Tikanga Award**  
Presented to:

**JAHVAE TAHERE**

*This recipient demonstrates a model of leadership that reflects tikanga such as Manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and mana motuhake and sustaining Māori practices in Māori Medium Education.*

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**Māori Performing Arts Award**  
Presented to:

**SINA PUNIMATA**

*This recipient demonstrates the promotion and encouragement in performing arts. They have a clear sense of leadership that encourages others to stand as Kaitiaki wahine/hāne.*

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**Fair Play Award**  
Presented to:

**CHARLIE CAIN**

*This student demonstrates the school value of Manaaki by participating in sports, playing fair and trying their best. They demonstrate a positive attitude by including and encouraging others.*

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**Bell Ringer Award**  
Presented to:

**PIPPA MORIARTY**

*This student demonstrates our school values everyday. Through their year long commitment they have managed their own time and helped us all to manage ours.*

**Nicki Read** Te Tumuaki      **Date:** 13 December 2024

*Whāia koe ki te kōwhiri, engari he kōwhiri koe.  
"Students need the space of an individual but the work of many."*

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

# Sports News

What a fun and varied programme of sports and sporting activities we have experienced this year. This has included Volleyball, cricket, Ki-O-Rahi, Netball, Basketball, Futsal, Touch Rugby, Scootering, Biking, and tonnes more. A huge thank you to our sports coordinators Rhys, Mitchell and Cole for all of their mahi and to all of our parent coaches who make the magic happen.



## Garden Goodness

### **Welcome to our new compost bins!**

Thanks to WCC for funding this project through their compost hubs programme. In 2025, we will invite whanau to bring in your food scraps to compost here. Watch this space.

Thank you to Basil, Liam from Kaicycle, Steve (anikas dad), Finn (Thea's dad) for giving up 2 hours to construct these!

Thank you to Frances, James, Alfie and Florrie for collecting and transporting wood mulch on their bike all the way from Miramar!

This is used to make our compost. If you're passing the Miramar Prison gardens, please load up a bag and drop it to school for us.



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# Exhibition Wall

## 'Moira Schneider and Sunny Newson' - An Award Celebration

### The Newtown School exhibition wall

"This week Newtown school celebrated two of our hardest working artists for 2024. I have watched Moira Schneider and Sunny Newson over the last 2 years produce a huge body of artworks and all done in their own time. The breath of exploration and dedication of many hours working hard to master their craft has produced some absolute gems to behold.

Be in quick to see 14 of these masterpieces by these two talented 10 and 11 yr olds who have won the Newtown School Art Patron's Award for 2024.

The exhibition is only on show until this coming Monday afternoon the last day of school. It's open all this weekend too.



### 'Harakeke artists'

Wed 4th December - Thur 12th of December

The Newtown School exhibition wall

This week Newtown school celebrated a new group show on the exhibition wall by 5 talented 8 and 9 year old artists from Whanau Harakeke.

They were Maggie Hovey, Esther Oliver-Booth, Mila Ward, Olivia Cash and Ada Burgess.

Five unique and talented girls who love to draw.

### Newtown School artists on the public stage

Open now 24/7 @ Subculture

Located in the heart of Riddiford Street Shops at the Newtown Substation near the corner of Costable and Riddiford Street

A new art window gallery opens in Newtown this week and the first feature exhibition is some of Newtown Schools own master portrait artists. Mainly some of the amazingly talented drawers from Tui and this masterpiece by the up and coming Zoe Silvester aged 7 from Pōhutukawa.

Come and have a look and support their mahi right on the main drag in Newtown.

In 2 weeks time this gallery will feature artworks by our own Nush Rushton from Whanau Tui in her first (very public) solo exhibition @ Subculture in the heart of Newtown.



**Thank you for supporting the great talents at our school.  
All the best and Merry Christmas", Paul Forrest.**

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# Community Notices



## EASY SWIM

Easyswim's last swimming lessons at Newtown school are on December 22nd. They will then start up regular weekly lessons on Sunday January 5th. Find out more about babies, preschool, school age and adult lessons available at Newtown School Pool. Term time and holiday programs available at <https://www.easyswim.co.nz/newtown-swim-school>, email: [book@easyswim.co.nz](mailto:book@easyswim.co.nz) or on 04 234 7946.

## Join the fun

### Early Closure

Monday 16th of December 2024

Get ready for an exciting adventure at sKids Newtown on Monday 16th of December 2024 because we're hosting an early closure session from 13:00.

#### Check out some of the activities you can expect to see!



sKids will be available from 13:00 pm onwards where your child/ren can participate in some exciting activities through our child-led adventure programme. Don't worry, our regular sessions will operate as normal.

BOOK NOW



sKids RISE THEN SHINE STAY PLAY

## Housing experiences of children with disabilities and their whānau



### Do you have a child with a disability?

#### Who are we?

We are a research team from He Kāinga Oranga- Housing and Health Research programme at the University of Otago Wellington. We are researching how children with disabilities and their whānau feel about the houses they have lived in.



#### What do we want to know?

We want to know whether children with disabilities and their whānau have houses that are accessible, and what works and what doesn't work for housing for children with disabilities.

We hope to use this research to advocate for a housing system that better supports children with disabilities and their whānau.



#### About our survey:

We are looking for parents or caregivers with children with disabilities to participate in our anonymous online survey, which has short answer questions and multiple choice questions.

The survey asks you about your experiences and opinions around housing, and some demographic questions. Our survey will take about 10-20 minutes.

Once you complete the survey, you can choose to add your contact details to enter a draw to win one of two \$50 vouchers from a supermarket of your choice (Woolworths, Pak'nSave or New World).

If you have any questions, or would like to do the survey over the phone, please email [mary.buchanan@otago.ac.nz](mailto:mary.buchanan@otago.ac.nz)



To participate in the survey, follow this link:

<https://redcap.otago.ac.nz/surveys/?s=XF4WFXPX9F9FFDR>

Responses needed by 5/1/2025



## WCL Summer Reading Adventure

This summer, Wellington City Libraries is inviting kids, teens and adults on a Summer Reading Adventure! From the 1st of December 2024 – 31st of January 2025, you'll be able to log your reading, write, draw or film book reviews, and complete activities and challenges to earn rewards like collectible badges, free books, ice-cream vouchers, and go in the draw to win one of our fabulous Grand Prizes.

Visit the library website today at [wcl.govt.nz/summerreading](http://wcl.govt.nz/summerreading) to pre-register for the Summer Reading Adventure, or visit any of our libraries from the 1st of December to pick up your Adventurer's Guide and get started.

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