



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

This is the last whole school newsletter for this term. Although this is a shorter term, we have still seen plenty of learning; outings to important places, winter sports, music opportunities, leadership, friendship and play.

Matariki A record number of whānau joined us for Matariki breakfast. Who wouldn't want to share their breakfast with 300 ākonga and their whānau? This week to celebrate Matariki we've had fried bread and sausages, star stories and crafts, sports and games, shared soup and gardening-what a brilliant way to be a community! Take time as a whānau to be together over Matariki, remember those who have passed and dream for the coming year.

Learning Records Next week all students will receive their Learning Records by email. Please make sure you take time to read this together. These are an opportunity to hear how your tamariki perceive some of their learning. Often they comment on their progress, skills and noticing about themselves or the learning-they are proud! I was inspired reading through the records by the fantastic programmes our teams provide. It is easy to hear challenges, creativity and interesting content. We are rich in real life maths, awakening imaginations, growing literacy skills, art and music. I read about challenges being overcome and school values being understood and upheld. Our teachers are deeply caring and excellent at their craft. We are fortunate to have such skilled teachers. Thank you!

Samoan Language week Last week was a treat to watch our Samoan students lead us in song, dance and food. Thank you to the Samoan group of parents who provided a delicious feast, decorated the hall, invited their families to help and remind us of the joy and importance of knowing and celebrating our culture.

Whakamōhio -talk with the teachers!

Book a time to talk in week 2 next term with the teachers so they can provide further details and share progress, goals and hopes for the end of 2025. Use the following code to get in quick for the time that suits you best.

To book, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code: **rkafr**

Mānawatia a Matariki mā Puanga!

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

Important dates

- **20 June** - Matariki Public Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **25 June** - Newtown's Got Talent!
- **27 June** - Last day of Term 2
- **14 July** - First day of Term 3
- **22 July & 24 July** - Whakamōhio (Learning Conversation)
- **15 August** - Staff Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **19 September** - Last day of Term 3
- **6 October** - First day of Term 4
- **27 October** - Labour Day Public Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **28 October** - Staff Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **21 November** - Staff Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **19 December** - 1pm finish - Last day of Term 4
- **3 February 2026** - Whakawhanaunga
- **4 February 2026** - First day of Term

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

How your child starts the day is important. Being at school in time to start the day with their classmates and teachers sets them up for a positive day of learning.

Please aim to have your students at school by 8:40am ready in class by 8:55am.



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

Notices

Please take note of our updated list of important dates coming up

Important Dates

DATES COMING UP TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR

Last day of Term- Friday 27 June

Matariki Breakfast: - Thursday 19 June, 7.30am - Meet at the Hall

Public holiday: Matariki - Friday 20 June - School Closed

Term 2

Term 3

Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

New -22 July & 24 July - Whakamōhio Learning conversation

New -Staff Only Day: Friday 15 August-School Closed
No public holidays

Monday 6 October - Friday 19 December, 1pm Finish-Change of date

Public holiday: Labour Day - Monday 27 October - School Closed

Staff only Day - Tuesday 28 October (Change of date) & Friday 21 November(New) -School Closed

Term 4

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Tuesday 3 February - Whakawhanaunga
Getting to know each other

Wednesday 4 February - First Day of Term 1

Public holiday: Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February-School Closed

Thursday 2 April - Last day of Term 1



Whakamōhio: Learning Conversations

Please book your interview for Whakamōhio (15 minute face to face learning conversations):

Tuesday 22 July

3:15- 6.00pm

or

Thursday 24 July

3:15- 6:00pm

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Our children's safety is paramount.

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of safe driving and parking around our kura.

There have been reports of unsafe driving at drop off and pick up times. Please use designated street parking for drop-offs and pick-ups.

SAFETY FIRST

Attendance Winners

These two students have been at school over 90% this term and have been randomly selected to receive a prize this fortnight.

Millaray & Aloysius

Come pick up your prizes from the office!



NEWTOWN'S GOT TALENT!

Wednesday 25 June 9:15am-11am

Whānau welcome to come along to enjoy the performances of Newtown school's talented students.

Ask your child if they are performing!

KIA NGĀKAU HIIHRI
CURIOUS

Ka mīharo, ka tūpono, ka auaha tātou.
We wonder, take risks and innovate



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION - 10 SEPTEMBER

On the 10th of September this year there will be an election for 5 board members from our community and 1 staff member.

The current board of trustees will be holding a special online board meeting to discuss this on Tuesday the 24th of June at 7 pm. [Here's the link to that hui.](#)

Here is a [useful link](#) that provides a lot of detail about becoming a board member.

The board would like to encourage everyone who might want to know more about the way this BOT runs to ask us.

They are happy to receive email at chair@newtown.school.nz



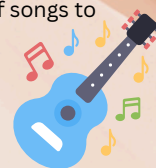
Notices

Artsplash choir

Please ensure that your chorister has handed in their Artsplash choir contract to Kath as she will be making the selection of the 40 who will be attending the Artsplash concert on Tuesday August 26th by the end of this term.

Kath will be away for the first 3 weeks of term 3 so will try and ensure that Artplash choir members have access to the google drive of songs to practise over the holidays and in the first few weeks.

They are sounding absolutely brilliant!



Guitar lessons

We still have some availability for learning guitar at school. Please get a leaflet from the office or visit <https://dynamitemusic.co.nz/newtown/> for more information.

Info Tech Byte

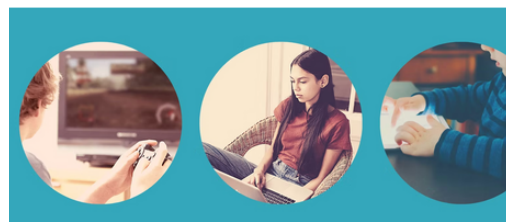
Keeping Our Kids Safe Online

The Ultimate Parent's Guide to Understanding Our Kids Online - Video Access Available

Thank you to the whānau who attended our recent cyber safety evening with Rob Cope at SWIS. The session shared valuable information about how young people are using the internet, social media, and gaming platforms, with a focus on keeping them safe and supported online.

For whānau who were unable to attend, a free video version of The Ultimate Parent's Guide to Understanding Our Kids Online is now available. This includes access to a 12 month subscription to Parenting in an Online World 101.

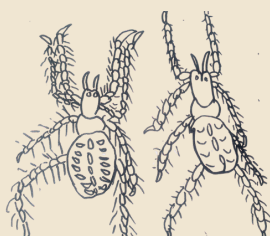
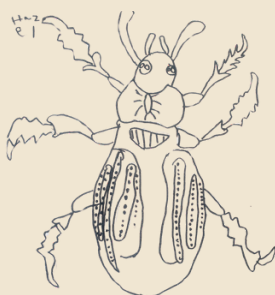
We have a limited number of access spots available. If you would like to view the session, please contact the school office to register your interest.



The Newtown School Exhibition Wall

'Insects by Tūi artists'

Monday 23 June - Friday 27 June



This coming Monday Newtown school finish term 2 with a series of artworks by some now and future creative talent from Whānau Tūi. The drawings have been created as part of the advanced drawing classes hosted by our resident artist Paul Forrest and the last 2 terms the focus was on insects.

"Currently the drawing class in Tūi is the highlight of my week. The levels of concentration and focus, listening skills and willingness to take anything on no matter how complex is a wonder to behold. Never underestimate the ability of our young people to learn. They're hungry for it and it's a privilege to be sharing this part of their journey with them. They teach me a lot too. I look forward to working alongside them over their years ahead at Newtown School." - Paul

KIA MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

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

*Māndwatia a Matariki mā Puanga,
ngā mihi o te tau hou
Happy Māori New Year. Welcome,
Matariki and Puanga.*

About Matariki Puanga

The rising of Puanga (also known as the star Rigel in Orion) and the Matariki star cluster (Plejades, or the Seven Sisters) mark the Māori New Year, a time to remember our loved ones who have passed and to prepare for the New Year, as we enter the colder months.

It is a special time to get together, to restore faith and hope for the future, to celebrate whanaungatanga (kinship), to be with others, to share stories and kai, and plan to work towards a sustainable future.

Puanga is a single whetū (star). It's not part of the Matariki cluster but appears in the evening sky shortly before Matariki rises each year. Puanga can only be seen by a few iwi – those who are in parts of the Far North, Taranaki, Whanganui, Wellington, the Hutt Valley, and parts of the South Island. Puanga is the star acknowledged by our mana whenua iwi Te Āti Awa, while Ngāti Toa acknowledges the Matariki cluster. In Wellington we can see both Puanga and Matariki.

Kaupapa o te wā | Events

Matariki Ahi Kā

Wellington Waterfront
6:00 - 9:00pm

19-22 June

More information can be found at the [Wellington City Council website](#)



Tamariki Time: Matariki
10am - 12pm
Te Papa, Pōneke
Free event



Hākari Below the Stars
5pm - 9pm
Space Place, 40 Salamanca Rd, Kelburn
\$5.50 - \$12.50



National broadcast of Matariki hautapu
6am - 11am
Online Broadcast
[WATCH HERE](#)

Garden Goodness

Introducing your Matariki Soup Chefs

Five of our Piwakawaka students, alongside Ange from Seeds to Feeds and Olivia from Garden to Table prepared the soup we are sharing for our Matariki breakfast. Students from throughout our kura grew Kūmara, Rīwai and herbs, and we received donations from Kaicycle, BGI, Kaibosh. We hope you enjoy it.

We put aside some soup meals to donate to the free food fridge at the Newtown Community Centre.

Together, we have so much to share.

Saved Sunflower Seeds

Seeds from our garden available for koha at front office. All proceeds to the Children's Hospital as inspired by Jasper!

Compost your Food Scraps at School

We have space to compost your food scraps at school, bring them in when you drop off or pick up your children. Contact tania@newtown.school.nz or come and see me at school to be added. Look at the link to see what you can compost (and help save money on rubbish bags!)

<https://kaicycle.org.nz/what-we-accept>

Workshop Opportunity: Writing Fundraising Applications

Wellington Timebank can offer a grant writing specialist to support anyone wanting to upskill in this area, in particular if you'd like to help to apply for funding for our school.

Contact Rowena ro@cahoots.co.nz, 022 389 0069



**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

Many of the values embedded in the traditional practices of Matariki have shone brightly around our kura this fortnight. See what our students have been up to and what they are saying...

Some highlights include our road patrollers looking out for their peers. Our Inter Zone Cross Country runners and our Swim Sports Day swimmers who all showed great team spirit. Celebrating our students who received Awesome Certificates with a shared lunch with Nicki. Our Kapa Haka performers at Matariki assembly. Our community coming together for Matariki breakfast which our whānau made soup for. Sharing skills and knowledge with Matariki activities. Donating soup meals to the free food fridge at the Newtown Community Centre.

Together, we have so much to share.

Kotahitanga
Unity

Tuakiritanga
Identity

Tohatoha
Sharing

Aroha -
Love and
respect for
one another

Wānanga
Discussion

Whakamauma
haratanga
Remembrance

Whakanui
Celebration

Mana Taiao
Environmental
awareness

'I like to run around outside and throwing the ball or kicking the ball. I show the value of respect because if someone fell down, I would help them. It is good to help others so they don't get hurt.' - Piwakawaka student

'The best thing about Newtown school is spending time with my friends. In Harakeke we learn lots of different things...Like science and Sign language. There are loads of people in Harakeke and it feels kind of protected. Like we feel all connected to everyone. That is why we learn more.'

-Harakeke student

I feel good when I represent Newtown School. I have to try really hard to show the values when I represent the school.

-Waitangi student

I love Garden to Table. So far I have pulled out a swede, hugged a beehive, planted cabbages, and used a toothbrush to de-dirt kumara. I think I showed manaakitanga by helping grow food for the community. A couple of our kumara went to the community centre for Soup Thursday. - Waitangi student

You can be smart if you do maths. When we get older I will use maths in work. I would like to be a police officer. When I need to tell people to slow down I will use maths to know how fast they're going. -Piwakawaka student



'It's ok to get things wrong coz it's my first time. It makes us learn. We just keep on trying. That's resilience.'

-Piwakawaka student



In my art I showed where I was from by using the Somalia flag. My artwork made me feel great because people can look at it and know where I am from and what is important to me - my school, my family and my friends.

-Waitangi student

I'm being curious because I asked that much questions, even some of my family go, 'stop asking questions already!' -Piwakawaka student

Hākari
Feasting

Noho tahi
Coming
together

Atawhaitanga
Kindness

In Mātāwaka my friends and I got to go to see Māori instruments because we are all tangata whenua. Mātāwaka is so all the people of the land can be connected.

-Waitangi student

'Reading can cheer you up when you are sad. You also get lots of choices. There are billions of books, so many. The more you read the better you are with words.'

-Piwakawaka student

KIA MANAHAU
RESILIENT

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WOMEN & GIRLS ONLY SWIM TIMES



First Saturday of every month
at Newtown School Pool
12:45pm – 2:30pm
Female staff on duty

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World Kiswahili Day Celebration (BBQ)

A Tribute to Mwalimu Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o

Come and share his life's journey with us

Wapi : 21 St Ann’s Street, Levin
Lini : Saturday, July 5th
Saa Ngapi : 1 pm onwards

Contact: Wanjiku Kiarie 021 209 9914

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Site Ph: 027 644 2388

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sKids Holy Cross Miramar
2-6 Athens Street, Miramar
Monday 30 June to Friday 11 July 2025
HOURS: 7.30AM TO 6PM SHORT DAYS: 8.30AM TO 3PM

MON 30 JUN READY SET EXPLORE MAKE & TAKE: DIY EXPLORER KITS Create your own explorer's gear! Decorate your own belt bag, binoculars, and a compass to prep for your Holiday HQ adventure! SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70	TUE 1 JUL EUROPEAN EXPEDITION Embark on a whirlwind adventure through Europe—storm mighty castles, whip up delicious French crêpes, and build your own Viking boats and spinning windmills! SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70	WED 2 JUL AFRICAN SAFARI EXCURSION: ROXY CINEMAS We're off to the movies today! Then roar into an African safari—paint village houses, craft sunset silhouettes, play Dileto, and explore the magic of towering baobab trees! FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 EXPERIENCE FEE \$20.00 DAILY TOTAL \$85.50 FROM AS LOW AS \$21.70	THU 3 JUL LATIN FIESTA MAKE & TAKE: DECORATIVE MARACAS & HAND DRUMS Unleash ancient magic designing Nazca Lines, shake maracas and drums, dive into Frida Kahlo art, and play thrilling Aztec games! SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70	FRI 4 JUL PARTY IN THE USA Create bold pop art and dive into classic American sports! From basketball to baseball drills, it's a high-energy day packed with art and action. SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70
MON 7 JUL ANCIENT EGYPT Decode a hieroglyphic riddle and build marshmallow pyramids as you step back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Egypt with fun and brain-boosting challenges! SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70	TUE 8 JUL ISLAND ESCAPE Set sail on a tropical island adventure—build mini rafts, decorate tasty octopus cupcakes, design tapa cloths, explore coral reefs, and craft your own stunning Haku Lei! SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70	WED 9 JUL ASIA AWAITS PREMIUM INCURSION: HAPKIDO MARTIAL ARTS WORKSHOP Embark on a magical journey through Asia—make Hinamatsuri dolls, paint glue batik, design a kimono self-portrait, and join a Martial Arts workshop! FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 EXPERIENCE FEE \$11.00 DAILY TOTAL \$76.50 FROM AS LOW AS \$12.70	THU 10 JUL POLAR EXPRESS MAKE & TAKE: SEW YOUR OWN PENGUIN SOFT TOY! Hop on the Polar Express! Craft a cuddly penguin, build icy igloos, and dash through snowy games in a frosty, festive polar adventure day! SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70	FRI 11 JUL FINAL FLIGHT Celebrate your favourite moments by creating souvenir keychains and designing a travel memory book filled with highlights from your epic Holiday HQ adventure! SHORT DAY CHARGE \$60.00 FULL DAY CHARGE \$65.50 FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70

*Based on one child full day at rate 0. OSCAR subsidy eligibility criteria will apply. More families now qualify for OSCAR Subsidy, visit www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy for eligibility and entitlement. Competition T&Cs apply. Winner chosen at random and notified within 10 business days of competition closing. Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your programme for detailed information. Programmes, surcharges, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Special Experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of participation.

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Our Website
www.capitalgymnastics.org.nz

Youth Theatre Holiday Workshop

Monday 30th June – Wednesday 2nd July 2025
Newtown School

Capital Theatre Trust

Capital Theatre Trust Youth Theatre Holiday Workshops

Monday 30th June to Wednesday 2nd July at Newtown School, Mein St, Newtown.

Join Capital Theatre Trust for 3 days of Musical Theatre magic for aspiring youth performers aged 7-13. Led by industry professionals Maya Handa Naff & Hayden Taylor (The Creative Team behind *Mamma Mia* 2025), and Hamish Mouat (Artistic Director of *Encore Theatre Collective* in Auckland). Take a deep dive into learning Musical Theatre skills and material based around popular aquatic movie musicals. Focussed on enhancing confidence and theatrical skills in a fun and positive environment, these workshops are ideal for both newcomers and theatre veterans alike!

<https://musicaltheatreworkshop.lilregie.com/>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Spend your next school holidays with Inverloch Art School!

Children's Creative Holiday Programme DAILY CREATIVE TIME FOR AGES 6-10 YEARS: MON-FRI, 7-11 JULY 9:30-11:30 DAILY	Creative Sewing for Teens WEAR YOUR OWN WORK FOR AGES 10-15 MON - TUES, 30 JUNE - 1 JULY 10 AM - 1 PM DAILY	Zentangle for Teens & Teens MINDFUL PATTERN MAKING FOR AGES 10-15 MONDAY 30 JUNE 10 AM - 1 PM
Jewellery Making for Teens TURN RAW SILVER, COPPER & BRASS INTO SHINY WEARABLE RINGS FOR AGES 13- WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 10 AM - 1 PM	Shashiko & Appliqué UPCYCLING & VISIBLE MENDING THROUGH HAND EMBROIDERY FOR AGES 10-15 MON - WEDS, 7 - 9 JULY 12:30 - 2:30 PM	
Printmaking Workshop DISCOVER DRYPOINT PRINTMAKING FOR AGES 12- FRIDAY 11 JULY 10 AM - 1 PM	Pottery Wheel Throwing for Teens CERAMIC VESSEL MAKING FOR AGES 12- WEDS, THURS, 9-10 JULY 10 AM - 12 PM OR 1 - 5 PM DAILY	

FOR WHĀNĀU

WHERE TAMARIKI AND THEIR CAREGIVERS CREATE SIDE-BY-SIDE

Whānau Sculpture with Clay CREATE A CHIA SEED SHEEP! FOR TAMARIKI & THEIR CAREGIVERS TUESDAY 1 JULY 10 AM - 12 PM OR 1 - 5 PM SUITABLE FOR AGES 6+	Whānau Inky Critters IMAGINATIVE DRAWING WORKSHOP FOR TAMARIKI & THEIR CAREGIVERS THURSDAY 3 JULY 11 AM - 12 PM OR 1 - 2 PM SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+
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