



NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a great start to a new term. Everyone returned with big smiles and stories from their winter break. We have welcomed many new families into our kura. Keep an eye out for them and share a smile. This action crosses culture as the action of welcome. As always, there is plenty happening at school to be aware of. Keep an eye on communication coming your way; emails and paper!

Whakamōhio-thank you to all those who have managed to connect with the teachers this week to talk about learning. We know how important these conversations are for everyone.

Board Elections are coming soon. We are ready for nominations for people who are interested to help and lead this fantastic community and school.

Website and logo-we are discussing the changes needed to be made to our website so it better reflects who we are plus is easier to navigate. Please use this [link](#) to share what you think would improve it.

F@NS-last term we restarted our parent and teacher group. Their next meeting will be happening soon. Keep your eyes open for more information.

Tūmeke Tumuaki Day-what a treat to receive some flowers, songs created for me, cake, shared morning tea and hear some lovely compliments and thanks for the role of being Principal. Some weeks the variety and challenge of this role is significant with conversations, problem solving and prioritising.

Some advice given to leaders that might be useful for us all:

- prioritise stillness, even in small moments,
- stay connected,
- when things shift, lean into our kaupapa. Stay a person anchored in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, remaining principled, not panicked,
- choose what truly needs our energy.

Have a go at living these and let me know how it goes.
Have a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

"Nicki is a hero because she is kind. She helps kids feel happy
Love Aman"

"Nicki is a hero because she is brave. She welcomes people to Newtown School
Love from Safa"

"Nicki is a hero because she is my friend. Because I can write to you when I am sad she understands
Love yasmeen"

"Nicki is a hero because she is brave. She talks to people she doesn't know every day.
By Maude"



Important dates

- **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

Welcome to our new students

- Emmanuel Jerin
- Rangiora Timo
- Delta-Breaz Jackson Nuku
- Shaima Al Sanabreh
- Aisha Jayadi
- Bhudevi Iddamaloda
- Ernie Tucker
- Anna Renji
- Tūhoe Gumber
- Jade Merval

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

School Notices:

Attendance Winners

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

Adna & Aidan

Come pick up your prizes from the office!

Stop and Drop Zone

Great news - the days of traffic issues in Emmett Street are over!

Newtown School are trialling a new stop and drop zone for the school.

It will operate in **Mein Street** from 8:20am until 9:00am.

Parents are invited to pull into the space and drop off their children. We will ensure they make it safely into school.



SCHOOL



Inspire
PHOTOGRAPHY

School Photos are available to purchase!

To view and order your photographs:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.inspirephotocart.co.nz>
2. Enter this access code in the box: newt4b75

Managing Head Lice/Kutu

Facts

- Head lice are small insects (2-3 mm long).
- Anyone can catch head lice, they crawl between heads during close contact.
- They can be spread by sharing hats, combs and brushes which they can live on for 24 hours.
- Swimming/bathing does not remove head lice or nits.

What to look for

- White specks attached to hair close to the scalp (nits).
- Brown/grey insects moving in the hair, most commonly behind ears, around the bottom of the hairline and on top of the head.
- Small red marks on the scalp and/or neck (bites).
- The child notices tickling or itching on their head.
- The child is scratching their head.

For more information: kidshealth.org.nz/how-get-rid-head-lice

You can get treatment for nits at your local pharmacy or through your GP.

School Website Development

We want to hear what you think, you have the opportunity to have a say about our website.

Please follow this link

<https://form.typeform.com/to/uPLSHqCd>

Workingmen's Bowling Club - community engagement

Following guidance from our mana whenua partners Taranaki Whānui, the preferred name for the park is *Te Tini o Kahukura*, with *Paekahukura* as a secondary name option.

About the Names

Te Tini o Kahukura means “the many or multitudes of Kahukura.” The name riffs off the Taranaki rūpū Te Tini o Hākuturi, which refers to the many guardian spirits of the forest. In this context, the name recognises not only the many kahukura butterflies (New Zealand red admirals) that will be visible in the park’s art installations, but also the many different users of the park space — tamariki, whānau, communities, artists, and visitors.

The alternative name, Paekahukura, is also rooted in te reo Māori naming traditions. It riffs off Paekākā (part of the Wellington Botanic Garden) and draws inspiration from Paekākāriki. It references the kahukura/red admiral butterfly and evokes the idea of a pae or gathering of them — rather than the concept of a “park” — adding a sense of place and purpose.

A series of sculptural Kahukura butterflies by local artist Paul Forrest have already been installed in the park. These works celebrate the kahukura and form part of a wider creative and educational story.

The park will soon also include mural work with local school children, and interpretive signage that tells the story of the kahukura and its ecosystem.

Feedback

We’d love to know if Te Tini o Kahukura resonates with you and your community, or if you have any reflections or suggestions we should consider. Please send your feedback to workingmensclub@wcc.govt.nz by 04 August if you have any suggestions.

KIA NGAKAU HIIHII
CURIOUS

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

Join our school board

Kia ora koutou

School Board Elections are coming up, we need passionate, committed people from our wider community to step forward.

Nominations are now open. This year marks a shift to a mid-term or staggered election cycle, a change that supports greater continuity and stability in governance.

The Board is made up of elected and co-opted parent and kura whānau representatives, the principal, a staff representative. We currently have five elected parent representatives, as well as co-opted whānau reps, including two who represent positions for Whānau Ngāti Kotahitanga

This is an important opportunity to help shape the direction of our kura and ensure our governance reflects the voices and values of our diverse school community.

You should have received a nomination email. If not, please contact our returning officer sarahb@newtown.school.nz

He waka eke noa



A board's strength comes from its community

Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a Newtown School board member



Sport

It was all smiles when Newtown Kārearea (Yr 3/4) basketball team won their division! What a fun tournament with the team learning to work together and grow in skills and confidence. A huge thanks to coach Pat Leota (Malachi's dad), all of our whānau support and to Wren (in Waitangi) for designing the team t-shirts. The team wore them proudly!

Absent from the photo: Zaira Qadri, Malachi Leota and Henry Stewart.

Basketball



Fantails Football

Newtown MILO Fantails Hub - MILO Fantails is a New Zealand Football programme designed to attract new female players to the beautiful game.

Venue: Newtown School, **Ages:** 5-11, **Day:** Wednesdays, **Dates:** 23rd July - 10th September, **Times:** 3:15pm - 4:15pm, **Duration:** 8 Weeks (\$5 per session) **Cost:** \$40 - [Click here to register](#)



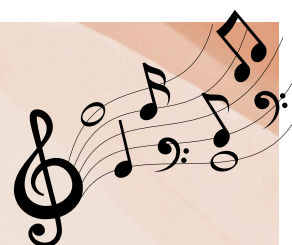
Notices

Artsplash Choir Tickets

Newtown School Artsplash - 5pm at the Michael Fowler Centre on 26th August

Tickets for Artsplash 2025 will be sold through Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.co.nz from Monday the 21st of July. Whānau/families will be able to purchase tickets for Choir/Wearable Art and Dance/Wearable Art concerts online and have them available on their mobile device.

Ticket cost: Ticket cost: \$10.00 | Ticketmaster Transaction Fee: \$5.00



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.



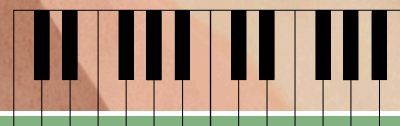
Piano Lessons

Sophie Wooles teaches piano at Newtown School during the term time.

Sophie has over 20 years of experience as a piano tutor and teaches a mixture of classical and contemporary material, and helps tamariki to build a strong foundation in music

Her in-school lessons cost \$220 per term.

If you'd like more information please email Sophie at swooles11@gmail.com



The Newtown School Exhibition Wall

'Drawings by Daisy Hollings-Baird'

Monday July 21st - Monday August 4th

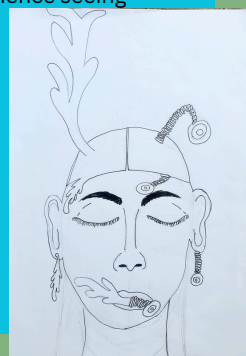
Newtown school celebrates a new showing on the exhibition wall by Daisy Hollings-Baird from Whānau Waitangi. This stunning exhibition opened last week but has another week to run so please make an effort to come along and view Daisy's exceptional body of work. The variety of exploration is inspiring with great attention to detail and finish. Well worth checking out.



'Insects and other things' by Connor Arnold

Monday August 4th - Mon 18th of August

Connor Arnold from Whānau Waitangi is one of our most talented and hard-working artists at Newtown School. Connor is constantly drawing and refining their skills. Now from August 4th we are very lucky to experience seeing artworks by this exceptional 11 year old artist. The drawings on display were produced during the first 2 terms of this year when the focus of the specialist drawing classes with Paul Forrest was insects. From there the provocation was to create their own insects. It's been a delight to watch Connor excel with their creative skills whilst at Newtown School.



KIA MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**EVANS BAY
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL
WHĀNAU
OPEN EVENING**

Monday, 28 July 6pm - 7:30pm

- ✓ Experience specialist classes
- ✓ Learn about elective options
- ✓ Meet our friendly, inclusive staff
- ✓ Hear from the people who matter most, our students
- ✓ See the opportunities on offer

www.facebook.com/ebis.school.nz
www.instagram.com/evansbay_int

We welcome all prospective parents, caregivers, whānau and students.

**South Wellington
Intermediate**

**OPEN
EVENING**

6 Aug

6 - 7.30pm

All prospective students and whānau are invited to see what SWIS has on offer!

30 Te Wharepōuri St
Berhampore
office@swis.school.nz



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OPEN DAY**

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Girls Years 1-13, Covid Preschool
2026 SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

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TO SWIM**

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REWA REWA, TAWA AND PLIMMERTON SCHOOL POOLS

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SWIM TIMES**

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

For more information call 04 234 7946
or email book@easyswim.co.nz

\$4 per swimmer

Private facility
Heated pool 32°

easy swim
SWIM SCHOOL

sKIDS **ADVENTURE PROGRAMME**

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14th July - 19th September 2025

0800 274 172 Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your service for detailed information.

TERM 3

14th - 18th July
Vive la France
Celebrate Bastille Day and the French Revolution through hands on crafts, games and story telling.

21st - 25th July
Space Week
Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure! Learn about planets, astronauts and space missions through fun games, crafts and activities!

28th July - 1st August
Amazon Antics
Explore the rainforest and play fun games that explore the Amazon environment. Create flicking frogs, dirt pudding and build the tallest Kapok tree!

4th - 8th August
Sweet Treats Week
It's Sweet Treats Week! Cooking, STEM, Team Challenges and activities to make you feel good!

11th - 15th August
Blast From The Past
Welcome to our totally rad trip back in time - get stuck into cave murals, stone crafting and sing-along to 90s karaoke! It's a step back in time all week long!

18th - 22nd August
Kindness Crew
Celebrating World Humanitarian Day on 19th August, we will be honouring the people who help during emergencies and disasters.

25th - 29th August
Daffodil Day
Explore with us the significance of Daffodil Day through engaging activities including crafts, puzzles, poetry, and baking!

1st - 5th September
Inventors Lab
This week celebrates inventions, sparking creativity and inspiring future problem-solvers each day.

8th - 12th September
Safety Week
Teaching kids essential life skills through fun, hands on activities, from first aid to basic fire safety and emergency responses.

15th - 19th September
Aroha ki te tangata
Celebrate Māori Language Week, International Charity Day and Father's Day with a variety of crafts, games and mindfulness activities.

<https://www.skids.co.nz/about-us/terms-conditions/>

Te Ō Newtown Kindergarten

At our Kindergarten you will find:

- Up to 20hrs free education and care each week
 - All of our teachers are fully qualified
 - We make sure learning is fun!
- We focus on children developing social skills, strategies and empathy
- We have a big and beautiful outdoor space
 - Shared decision making
- We provide a multicultural learning environment
 - You are welcome to visit us

Session hours: 8:30am to 2:30pm
Please contact us:
04 389 8245, 9 Hospital Road, Newtown
teonewtown@wmkindergartens.org.nz

WHĀNAU MANAAKI

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