



NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

This last fortnight has been another busy one. We always have much to celebrate: dance across the school, mini ball tournament, preparation for market day, sharing Maths fun, waiata, new whānau to welcome, leading by students for Indian Independence day plus lots of laughter and imagination.

Education in the news

Each week there seems to be constant challenges in the news relevant to our context. We work hard at our kura to stand up for what is important for our tamariki, particularly in relation to Te ao Māori. We have heard about the removal of Te reo from some readers and history being rewritten. Our kura remains on its journey to continue to revitalise Te Reo Māori. All kaiako learn Te reo Māori. We will continue to have a co-governed Board. We will continue to provide Māori immersion education and have a vision to grow our rūmaki.

Our strategic plan says: 'We **uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi** as a commitment under which Māori and non-Māori may live together in the spirit of honourable relationships, with the promise to take the best possible care of each other. We have a strong partnership and engagement with Mana Whenua (Te Ātiawa and Taranaki whānui). Through education, connection and sharing we understand our roles as Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti.'

It is helpful to remind ourselves of the commitment we have made and to keep working together to make it true.

Board of Trustees time to vote

Time to vote for the parents who you would like to be on the Board. Have a read and consider who will help guide us. You will have received an email asking you to vote. If you need help to access this then please come to the office and we will help.

Paid Union Meeting

Thank you for your support in picking up your children on Tuesday while we attended a paid Union meeting. 'Back our future' is the catch phrase and rightly so. Each of these requests have an impact on the future we want. The reminder is that there is more impact when we work together. Support staff, kaiako, Principals and (we hope), our communities. Our care for your tamariki is vital and our aim is to do the best job we can. The issues we are standing up for are important ones:

- Advocating for a teacher aide in every class
- Value education fairly by ensuring fair pay.
- Upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Defend quality early education

Newtown streets

Many of you will have noticed or heard about the increase in those who are homeless living on the Newtown streets. The board and school staff are mindful of the messages we give to our tamariki. We want them to confidently feel safe in this suburb. We also want them to see the person first and to be people of compassion and care. We want to be known for looking after each other in the community. Please let me know if there are times when interactions may be tricky so we can support the ākonga in knowing how to respond best.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Stay warm if you can.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

WHANAUNGATANGA
CONNECTED

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

Important dates

- 22 August - Dance showcase
- 26 August - Artsplash
- 28 August - Market Day
- 10 September - Board Voting Closes
- 12 September - Onesie Day
- 12 September - School Social
- 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

- Kaanavi Naahamma
- Ezekiel Zapanta

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.



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



Te Rā Māketē

Newtown School is having a Market Day to fundraise for the 2026 Year 6 camp.

Students will be able to eat, buy, play!

Thursday 28th August 2025
Starts at 11:30am ends 1:00pm

- Children will exchange money for 'Newtown Bucks'
- Newtown Bucks are non-refundable, **please consider it a donation.**
- Everything is between \$1 and \$8. Send what you can spend.



A vertical illustration of three children dancing on clouds. At the top, a boy with dark skin and black hair, wearing a yellow shirt and black pants, is in a dynamic pose with one arm raised. In the middle, a girl with dark skin and black hair, wearing a pink jacket and green skirt, is in a graceful pose with arms extended. At the bottom, a boy with dark skin and curly black hair, wearing a yellow and green striped shirt and black pants, is in a pose with arms raised. They are all on blue, fluffy clouds against a light pink background with musical notes.

4 CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE AND A BISCUIT IN THE STAFF ROOM DURING THE EVENT :)

KIA NGĀKAU HIIHRI
CURIOUS

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

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ARTS

ARTSPLASH CHOIR

The fabulous Artsplash Choir are performing at the Michael Fowler Centre on Tuesday 26th August at 5pm. Come support our young performers! Tickets can be purchased through [Ticketmaster.co.nz](https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz).

SPORT

Key dates coming up for sport:

- Tuesday 2 September – Southern Zone Swimming
- Monday 8 September – Futsal Festival Jrs
- Tuesday 9 September – Futsal Festival Srs
- Pedal and Scooter Ready – 8 September until end of term.



Introducing the parent candidates standing for the 2025 School Board Parent Elections

Voting for Newtown School Board is now open!

You should have now received voting papers by email from **My School Election** (or by post if you opted for a postal vote). Please check your spam folder if not.

You can vote for a **MAXIMUM** of **2 candidates standing for 18 months** **AND** for a **MAXIMUM** of **3 candidates standing for 3 years**.

Candidates standing for 18 months You can vote for up to 2 of these candidates	Candidates standing for 3 years You can vote for up to 3 of these candidates
 Nadia Abu-Shanab	 Fatima Osman Amin Sheikh
 Amro Gamal	 Josephine Beaumont
 Chantelle Samules	 Robert Brian Neilson
 Paul Wilson	 Trey Tanuvasa
	 Naomi Taylor



Contact Returning Officer, Sarah Brooks, at sarahb@newtown.school.nz with any questions

YOUR VOTE MATTERS



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

We have so many people in our community to be thankful for.

Thank-you to our parent helpers on recent trips, sports events & organising committees

Thank-you to Alex at Lift Education for the generous book donation

Thank-you to *Do Some Good* who supply us with fruit & food making a real difference to our tamariki's day

Thank-you to our community volunteers who regularly give their time to work with our students

Thank-you to our board members who give so much to oversee the running of the school

The Newtown School Exhibition Wall

Drawings by Reuben Justin
Monday August 25th - Mon 6th September

Reuben Justin from Whānau Pōhutukawa just turned 7 and this is his first solo exhibition. There are drawings of lions, sharks, leopards, flies, spiders, horses, bees, human portraits, crickets, beetles, fantails, giraffes, camels, trees, T Rex dinosaurs, and more. These drawings have been created during the weekly drawing classes throughout 2025 on Wednesday afternoons run by myself, resident artist Paul Forrest. As you'll see he has a natural gift and relishes any provocation and he takes instructions really well. A great listener. It's a delight and privilege to be nurturing this talented young man. Yet another example of the great creative talent we have in our midst at Newtown School. Make a point of coming along to view this very accomplished body of work on The Newtown School Exhibition Wall.

- Paul



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