



NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

There is much to be thankful for at the end of Term Three. ...some signs of spring on the horizon; arriving and leaving work in the daylight, blossom, daffodils.

As a community we are fortunate to have diversity, kindness and connection with each other. Thank you for being people who welcome new families, look after each other, make brave choices for change and keep wanting the best for our place.

Board thank you. Thank you to those who stood for election for our Board of Trustees and congratulations to those who were elected. These are exciting times so watch out for communication from them as they form our new governing team.

Kaimahi thank you - our staff work very hard with generous hearts for your tamariki. Planning, listening, supporting, designing learning that meets the needs and interests for all. Take time to thank them and wish them a restful break - they are an awesome staff!

Office staff thank you - you all know how much warmth and care everyone receives from Melissa and Sarah. Take time to acknowledge the energy they give out, alongside endless smiles, ice packs and encouragement.

Ngā mihi nui ki ngā kaikorero o te reo Māori - this week we hope you challenged your whānau to increase the use of your Te Reo Māori. We sang, practised new words, shared mihi and delighted in the language of Aotearoa.

Whānau thank you - Thank you for your support of your children. Thanks for asking how their day was, playing, saying NO when you need to, laughing together, earning money, organising play dates, hugs, asking about learning and having big dreams and hopes for them.

Coming up

Dream catching survey - we are about to create a new strategic plan so we want to hear about the dreams and great ideas you have for your tamariki at our kura for the next three years.

Strike - educators think very hard about needing to strike. Coming up is a historic first - primary school teachers, primary principals, school support staff and Ministry of Education specialist staff will all strike together on Thursday 23 October to urge the Government to address students and educators' issues in education such as addressing learning support needs, reviewing pay equity and creating work conditions that not only attract a new generation but also honour those currently in the profession.

The majority of our kaiako and kaimahi will be involved in this action on this day. School is open for supervision with minimal staff available - the normal programme will not be able to be run. It would be greatly appreciated if you keep your children with you on this day.

Athletics - early next term another chance for students to shine. Watch out for notices.

Have a wonderful, restful break and we look forward to seeing you back on the 6th October.

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

- **19 September** - Last day of Term 3
- **6 October** - First day of Term 4
- **16 October** - Athletics Day
- **23 October** - STRIKE
- **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

- *Ayman Mohamed*
- *Heidan Garces Congo*

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 by 9am.



04 389 6667



away@newtown.school.nz

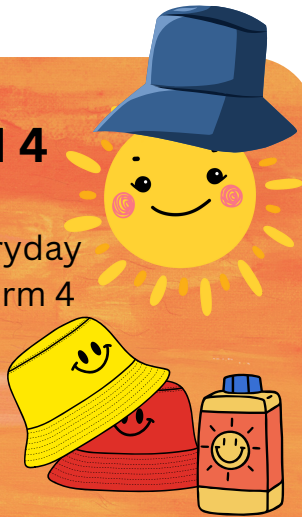
School Notices

SUNHATS in TERM 4

Summer is on its way!

Sunhats are to be worn everyday in the playground during Term 4

No hat , no play!



School hats are available to purchase at the front office \$15

STRIKE 23rd October

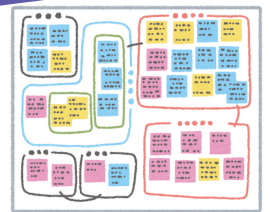


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2026 PLANS

Please let us know if you won't be here next year as we are currently making class lists for 2026.



MINUTE TAKER NEEDED!

We need a Minute Taker for the new School Board. Please get in touch if you have a couple of hours to spare each month. This is a vital position in the running of our school and we'd love to hear from you.



There are confirmed cases of scabies at our school. Please see advice below:

SCABIES

Scabies is a very itchy skin rash (especially at night) caused by a reaction to a tiny mite that burrows under your skin.



Scabies spreads easily between people through close skin-to-skin contact and won't go away without treatment.

Scabies is usually treated with a cream called permethrin which kills the scabies mite. Get this from your pharmacy or on prescription from your doctor. You need enough cream to treat everyone in your household, even if they don't have any symptoms.

For more information see: healthify.nz/health-a-z/s/scabies/

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora



As a community we raised over \$500!!!

Attendance Winners

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

Shirley & Ernest

Come pick up your prizes from the office!

KIA NGĀKAU HIIHIRI
CURIOUS

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

School Notices



F@NS

Friends at Newtown School

We need your support with the following projects!

Stop and Drop

Please be in touch with which day you can help out with Stop and Drop in Term 4.

Grant Applications

We need help with applying for grants to build our fabulous new playground. Is this you?

Raffle Organisers

We need help to organise a raffle to be in with a chance to win a Grocery Grab at Newtown New World. Can you make this happen?



2025 Poari kaitiaki o te kura 2025 School Board

Māngai mātua/ Parent Representatives



Fatima Amin Sheikh



Naomi Taylor



Trey Tanuvasa



Amro Gamal



Nadia Abu-Shanab

Mangai kaimahi/ Staff Representative



Rhys Muir

Tumuaki / Principal



Nicki Read

Congratulations and welcome to our new school board members.

Co-chairs and more information to be announced soon...

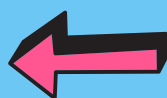
A huge thank-you to our departing board members. Your mahi over the years is greatly appreciated.

Resilience & Our Kids Online

Many of tamariki today are finding it harder to cope with challenges, setbacks, and everyday struggles. In this short video, cyber safety advocate Rob Cope from Our Kids Online explains why resilience is declining and how we can support our tamariki to build grit, patience, and strength by encouraging them to do hard things.



Watch here



For whānau wanting to explore more, Rob's Ultimate Parent's Guide to Understanding Our Kids Online is available. This resource includes a 12-month subscription to Parenting in an Online World 101. If you would like to view the session, please contact the school office to register your interest.

Thank you!

Thank-you to the following generous people who donated to the school disco:



New World Newtown - for snacks
Good Grief Baking - for more yummy snacks
Coffee Supreme - for the coffee
Darrell Smith - for the fabulous lighting!



**NEW WORLD
Newtown**

**KIA MANAHAU
RESILIENT**

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

Community Notices



Family Friendly Fun Days!
These School Holidays with
Conservation Volunteers
New Zealand



Need to entertain the kids these school holidays? bring the whole family along to one of our conservation events.

We have planting days, coastal dune restoration, weed control events. Something for everyone, at various locations around Wellington.

Check out our website ConservationVolunteers.co.nz for all the available days, or email Wellington@cvmz.org.nz

What to bring

- Sturdy, comfortable, closed-toe footwear
- Long trousers and long-sleeved shirts
- Sun protection
- Rain jacket
- Snacks
- Water bottle

We provide all the tools including gloves, spades, vests and sunscreen. Plus a light morning tea. We can provide transport from the CBD, spaces are limited though so let us know if you would like to reserve a seat.

For any enquiries, email Wellington@cvmz.org.nz



Explore - for whānau with autistic children

There are cool free courses whānau can attend to learn and connect with other families

6 sessions cover the following topics:

Introduction to autism
Social communication
Sensory processing
Thinking and learning
Supporting stress, anxiety, and behaviour
Next steps – into the future

<https://explorewellbeing.org.nz/our-services/autism-support/exploring-autism-0-9-years/>

Science ROADSHOW

9:30am -- 4:30pm daily
Admission \$10 per person
A great hands-on entertaining and educational school holiday science experience for the family!

22 SEPT - 3 OCT Astoron Centre,
corner Featherston & Bunny Streets

Spring school holidays
20 September-5 October

As seen on the screen

We're bringing the screen to life at your local library!

Join us for a fun-filled programme of activities based around film, gaming, and TV. From TV-themed craft sessions and scriptwriting workshops to game-based LEGO building and stop-motion filmmaking, there's something for everyone!

Visit wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays or scan the QR code for event times and locations.

Nau mai rā tātou katoa
Everybody is welcome.



Wellington City Libraries



🏀 CAPITAL BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS 2025 🏀

Walter Nash Centre | Term 3 Holidays (Sep-Oct)

Fun • Friends • Skills • Confidence

Camp Dates

★ All Star Camp (Y6-8) → Sep 22-23

★ Level Up Camp (Y7-9) → Sep 25-26

★ Swish Camp (Y3-6) → Sep 29-30

★ Bounce Camp (Y1-3) → Oct 1

★ Girls Got Game (Years 5-10) 24 Sep

📅 All registrations go in the draw to WIN prize packs!

💰 Financial Assistance Available

Times are tough — we get it. Apply for support through the JT Trust to help make camp possible.

📄 Apply at: www.jttrust.co.nz

📄 Register now:

capitalbasketball.org/bnz-kiwi-hoops-sign-up

📱 Stay connected:

Instagram: @capitalbasketball | Facebook: Capital Basketball

📄 Special 2025 Camp Singlet!

Exclusive Capital x Triple Threat reversible singlet — available as an add-on this year only.

🔥 Don't miss your chance to Level Up these holidays!

holiday programme

Harbour City Gymnastics is running a holiday programme over the Term 3 break!

Your little gymnast will experience unique and challenging circuits, specific coaching tailored to their level, creative activities, and free play in our fully equipped facility.

Spaces are limited!
Visit hcg.org.nz/holiday or contact office@hcg.org.nz to register.

Who? Ages 5+
Where? Harbour City Gymnastics, Hospital Park
Dates Term 3 School Holidays
Time 9AM - 3PM
Cost \$45 per day

QR code for registration.

Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?

Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotearoa, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please visit
www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

KIDS FEST

sKids Holy Cross Miramar
2 to 6 Athens Street, Miramar
Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October 2025

0800 274 172
Site Ph: 027 644 2388

WIN \$300

Scan to book online!

MON 22 SEP	TUE 23 SEP	WED 24 SEP	THU 25 SEP	FRI 26 SEP
FILM FIESTA Lights, camera, action! Kick off Kids Fest with a thrilling Film Fiesta — team up to star in a mini movie, conquer Mission Impossible style races, and dive into epic movie-themed adventures!	KALEIDO-FEST Step into our dazzling festival of colour with Kaleido-Fest! Make colourful abstract glass inspired cookies, and show off your best dance moves with our mini disco.	MAKER DAY BAKE & TAKE: THE EYE TOTE BAG Maker Day is a fun celebration of creativity and art! Design a useful eye tote bag to take home, create your own mini camera, and enjoy exciting hands-on projects.	COOK & CREATE PREMIUM INCUBATOR: DONUT BREAK Make your donut dreams come true in our delicious workshop — how many will make it home to mum and dad? Then, it's a delicious day of creative treats!	TICKET TO RIDE Gear up for Ticket to Ride! Bring your wheels — bikes, scooters, skateboards, or skis — for thrilling bike trials, wild obstacle courses, and STEM challenges, and awesome creative fun all day!
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MON 29 SEP **TUE 30 SEP** **WED 1 OCT** **THU 2 OCT** **FRI 3 OCT**

BUZZ & BLOOM
Buzz & Bloom Day! Celebrate spring with a garden tour, nature fun, science experiments, exciting games, and hands-on challenges to engage your day!

SAVOUR MUSIC
BAKE & TAKE: AFRICAN TRUMPET
Put your own African trumpet pieces & rhythms to the test! Make your own trumpet in the style of a drum, explore vibrant rhythms, musical games, and more!

TALKS & TREASURES
EXCURSION: CIRCA THEATRE
Joining the Circus & Treasures Day! We're off to Circa Theatre to see Kiva Big Hunter! Back at school, the fun continues as we bring stories to life with awesome hands-on creativity and play!

MEDICINE MAGIC
Welcome to Medicine Magic! Become a little knight or royal queen with awesome costume creations, and dive into a day of epic medieval fun, games, and more!

FUN FAIR FABLE
Celebrate the holidays with Fun Fair Fable! Enjoy a nature market, seasonal games, exciting competitions, and lots of fun to wrap up your holiday break with a bang!

TŪ MĀTAU ORA

KI O RAHI

FRIDAY

AFTER SCHOOL OCTOBER 31 - DEC 3

WAKEFIELD PARK, ISLAND BAY, WGIN

MIKED GRADE
YEAR 6 & 7
REGISTER NOW!

More information and registration
matuora@gmail.com
www.tumataura.org
tapu-te-ranga-taonga-takaro/

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 MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

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