



NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a great start we have had to term four. This is often our favourite term as we plan outings, soak in the sunshine and get active.

Welcome

This term is known for the arrival of many new students and whānau. Please make an effort to connect with people you may not know yet. It really makes a difference.

Athletics

The highlight of this week would have to be Athletics. We got to see many students shine and it was a time where we celebrated many types of success. We saw:

- Grit and determination
- Doing our best
- Taking risks
- Perseverance
- Encouraging others

Thank you to the many parents who supported this event. Huge thank you too to Rhys and Mitchell who were the main organisers and put many extra hours into making sure this event ran as well as possible!

Strike

Next Thursday 23rd school will be closed as teachers, principals, support staff from our school stand together for securing a teachers assistant in every class, to ensure the Government upholds Te Tiriti in education and pay conditions. You are welcome to join us in support.

Thank you for your support for our kura in little ways like remembering hats and in big ways like looking after each other.

Have a restful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki

Tumuaki | Principal

Important dates

- **23 October** - STRIKE (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **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 (booking details to come)
- **4 February 2026** - First day of Term

Welcome to our new students

Nevon Ranatunga	Hibo Ibrahim
Amare Watene	Ahmed Ibrahim
Cian Nankivell	Mahalia Cohen
Kahurangi Coddington	Noori Cameron
Piata Bracken-Joblin	Nuha Hasnun
Zander Peach	Aadrika Valiya Veettil
Mia Brock Flores	Aria Franklin
Ayva Tawhai	Javier Prisk
Muktar Ibrahim	Kaanavi Naahamma
Farhan Ibrahim	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 by 9am.



04 389 6667



away@newtown.school.nz

School Notices

HATS TO BE WORN EVERYDAY IN TERM 4

NO HAT, NO PLAY!

Hat-\$15 office



REMEMBER EVERY DAY



NAME YOUR CHILDS CLOTHING



SCHOOL CLOSED for STRIKE on 23rd October

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.

The majority of our staff will be involved in this action on this day. Newtown School will be closed as there will not be enough non union members to safely open. skids are providing care in the hall from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, which will be in addition to any before or after school care sessions. To book: https://enrolmy.com/skids-sknz/activity/1076-Teacher_s_Strike_Day_Programme_23_October_2025_Newtown



Sign the petition to support here:

<https://action.nzei.org.nz/petitions/back-education-that-works-for-all-tamariki>

Read more here:

<https://www.nzeiteriuroa.org.nz/campaigns/back-our-future-kimi-haeata>

'I support the teachers and the strike. Kaiako love and care for my tamariki every day. They love and care about our whānau too. They have nurtured te reo Māori back into our whare and into our whakapapa. Their work is intergenerational and there are no words for how grateful we are. They deserve to be supported, have the resources they need for the job, and to be paid a decent wage.'

- Naomi

Recent measles cases have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa. If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116. Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school for at least eight days.

MEASLES

Measles is one of the most dangerous and contagious diseases. If you are not vaccinated and come into contact with someone who has it, you are very likely to catch it and pass it on to others.



Measles can cause a rash, flu-like symptoms, or more serious problems like brain swelling, chest infections, or death.

The best prevention is two MMR vaccinations. The MMR vaccine protects against 3 viral infections – measles, mumps and rubella. If you are unsure how many your family have had, check with your healthcare provider. Vaccines are free for tamariki and adults who have not had two doses.

Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 if you have symptoms and need advice or see www.ProtectAgainstMeasles.org.nz

Health New Zealand
Te Whaitu Ora

VOMITING & DIARRHOEA ALERT

We have a number of students who are unwell with vomiting and diarrhoea.

Reminder: it is important you keep your children home for **48 hours** since they have last vomited. This stops any further germs spreading. Please let us know if your child is home for this reason so we can track how many are unwell with this.

Free health advice
when you need it
Healthline
0800 611 116

Healthline

Healthline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on **0800 611 116**. Call Healthline if you need advice about a child of any age who is unwell, hurt, or has any symptoms of sickness. It's free to callers throughout New Zealand, including from a mobile phone.

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Speech & Language Support



Our fabulous speech & language therapist, **Phoebe Christensen** (Ministry of Education) will be onsite this coming **Tuesday 21st October from 12:30 - 2pm**. Whānau are welcome to pop in to the library during this time to have a quick chat with Phoebe. She can answer any questions about your children's speech and language and how you can support at home.

Attendance Winners

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

Māreikura & Kate

Come pick up your prizes from the office!

**KIA NGAKAU HIHIRI
CURIOUS**

**Ka mīharo, 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?



CAR WASH 4 PALESTINE

Get ur car, or bike, washed by tamariki of
Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora
Newtown School.

All proceeds will go 2 support Palestinian
children & families.
Minimum of \$10 per car.

**SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER
NEWTOWN SCHOOL
FROM 11AM**

If it is raining it will be postponed

**KIWI TRUST
FOR PALESTINIAN
CHILDREN RELIEF**



Our students' work in the community

TŪMANAKO! - CHILDREN'S ART.

WORKS FOR PEACE.



Come see our students artworks!

Tūmanako Children's Artworks for a Peaceful World is now open at Te Whare Manaaki o Toda at 287 Cuba Street, Wellington.

This gallery is a contemporary art and community space dedicated to inspiring dialogue and action for peace, right in the heart of Cuba Street.

The exhibition will be open in October and November.

Please check on socials - [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) for updates or email galleriesginz.org for opening hours.

KAHUKURA

'The more you look the more you see'



A new public park that has just opened in Newtown at the site of the former Workingmen's Bowling Club in Owen Street. It's a fantastic park with a performance stage, BBQ area, a nature play area, a circular path for the local youngsters to ride their bikes and scooters and it's a sheltered sunny spot perfect for family picnics. The park is also the gateway to Te Ranga a Hiwi which is the ridgeline that that looks out over Newtown and is a much loved and explored part of our town belt.

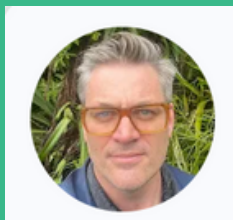
At the beginning of July this year the Wellington City Council commissioned local artist Paul Forrest to create a series of artworks inspired by the lifecycle of our native Kahukura Red Admiral Butterfly which lives on the town belt. Part of the provocation was to collaborate on this project with students from Newtown School. What followed was Paul facilitating a 5 week painting intensive with the afterschool classes run by Ruth Thomas at Newtown School - with 26 of her young artists ranging from 6-11 years old plus a couple of former Newtown School students.

Make sure to wander up to the park at **177 Owen Street** and see the artworks on display. You may be lucky and see one of the many real butterflies that are also enjoying the new park and plants for their pleasure and sustenance.

P.S. An installation of the artworks from this Newtown School collaboration will be displayed at **Subculture on Riddiford Street 2nd - 13th of November.**

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH

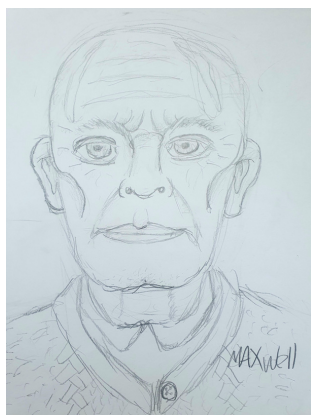


Last week at our Board meeting we thanked our outgoing Board members. Nick Booth, Joe Winkles, Jess Gorman and Steve Kerr. What an exceptional group of people. Our school have been so fortunate to have their care, insight and integrity in governing our school. All have been on the Board for three to six years. That's a lot of time, kōrero, thinking, dreaming and action.

They shared some highlights from their time. These are powerful examples of making change in our community: co governance and a Te Tiriti action plan, increased diverse representation on our Board, supporting leadership and Board to be brave in decisions that are important for our school, a culture of trust, growth of Ngāti Kotahitanga, Equity in Partnership between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti, sandpit, the swimming pool thriving and trust between school and Board. What a foundation has been set for us. Ngā mihi nui.

Exhibition Wall

Artworks by Maxwell Joyce



Monday 13th October - Tuesday 28th October

Newtown school celebrate a new showing on the exhibition wall by Maxwell Joyce from Whānau Waitangi. This is Max's first solo exhibition and it consists of a wide range of exploration of different subjects done to a very high standard that he can be very proud of. We certainly are. Max also has one of his butterfly paintings included in the art installation at the the new park in Owen Street.

"Come and have a look and support his mahi. Yet another great exhibition I recommend you check it out on 'The Exhibition Wall' at Newtown School" says art wall curator Paul Forrest

SPORTS NEWS



Athletics: Thanks to our amazing whānau and children who made Thursday a great day!

Congratulations to our athletes who represented our school at the interzone swimming competition: Ben, Moss, Anya, Sam, Olivia, and Hugo.

Southern Zone Athletics: Wednesday 22 October. You will receive a notice and an email if your child qualified. Please return this ASAP and let us know if you can help!

Interzone athletics will happen on 25 November.

Kōtuitui Football. We are lucky to have football coaches visiting the kura and providing training to our ākonga over the next several weeks. Children will learn skills and ways to play fair. We are excited to have them!

Sport: information about teams and game times will be displayed on the staffroom window.
Netball: Saturdays. Check the window outside the staffroom for more information.

Touch: Starts Week 4 on Wednesdays. Information will be released closer to the time.

Mini Polo: Fridays at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre.

Futsal: Years 1-4 - Wednesdays after school.
Years 5-6 - Thursdays after school.

CYBER CORNER

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.

**KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA
EFFORT**

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

Community Notices

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul presents

Noye's Fludde

17th - 18th October

<https://events.humanstix.com/noyes-fludde-2f7rmtwq/tickets>

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CALL US ON 04 380 0143
MON-FRI, 10:30AM - 4:30PM

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OCTOBER
Creating a CV
Tuesday Oct 14, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Wednesday Oct 15, 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Google and the Internet
Tuesday Oct 21, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Wednesday Oct 22, 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Intro to Smartphones
Tuesday Oct 28, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

NOVEMBER
Intro to Smartphones
Wednesday Nov 5, 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Email Essentials
Tuesday Nov 11, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday Nov 12, 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Intro to Apps
Tuesday Nov 18, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday Nov 19, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

No School, no problem!
sKIDS is open on Thursday Oct 23rd for only \$30!
Join us at sKIDS Newtown from 08:30am-03:00pm for some awesome activities and fun!

Join us at sKIDS Newtown Wildlife Wonders
Thursday 23rd October

Some of the awesome activities you can expect to see:

- Animal Games
- Animal Yoga
- Butterfly Plates

You can add on our **Use then Shine** and **Stay and Play** sessions to extend the day to 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Join us for a **Wild Adventure!**
SCAN TO BOOK ONLINE NOW

Te Whare Hapori o ngā Puna Waiora
Newtown Community Centre

Help us win the People's Choice Award!

Vote for Te Whare Hapori o Ngā Puna Waiora / Newtown Community Centre as your favourite community group and be in to win \$500 at Wellington Airport!

Scan here or follow this link to vote:
bit.ly/42xAQIQ

Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards 2025
People's Choice Award
Vote for us and be in to win!

sKIDS ADVENTURE PROGRAMME

Book now at sKIDS.co.nz/book
6th October - 19th December 2025

0800 274 172

Secure your spot today!
sKIDS.co.nz

TERM 4

6 th - 10 th October	13 th - 17 th October	20 th - 24 th October	27 th - 31 st October	3 rd - 7 th November
STEM Superstars Get ready for a week filled with fun STEM activities! Engineering, compass building, water filtration and more!	Indigenous People Discover the rich traditions of Indigenous cultures through a week of creative art, active play, and storytelling-inspired fun.	Diwali Join us for a vibrant Diwali celebration filled with creativity, culture and fun. Decorate rangoli cupcakes, craft clay diyas and explore the festival of lights!	Halloween Get into the spooky spirit with this week's Halloween fun themed activities, and fast paced fun.	You're the Zest Squeeze the day with a juicy mix of citrus-inspired games, creative crafts, fizzy experiments, and a splash of DIY lemonade fun.
10th - 14th November Sprinkle Kindness Celebrate the power of kindness with a week full of heartwarming activities, thoughtful gestures, and creative ways to make someone smile!	17th - 21st November Disney Week Step into the Hundred Acre Wood for a magical week of Disney fun with Winnie and Friends—packed with crafts, games, and imagination!	24th - 28th November On The Move Celebrating World Transport Day as we explore the exciting ways people and goods travel across our communities and around the world!	1st - 5th December It's Legendary! Experience myths and legends from all over the world with this week's mythical and magical theme.	8th - 12th December Animal Kingdom Dive into the wild with creative challenges, and animal-themed adventures that spark curiosity and bring nature to life!
				15th - 19th December Christmas Week Make spirits bright with our Christmas Week after-school programme

In addition to the weekly theme activities each week, we also have The Taste Factory every Monday from Week 2 to Week 7 and enjoy The Weekender Club every Friday throughout Term 4 — all at no extra cost. Just make sure to book on Mondays and Fridays to take part!

Check with your local SKIDS site for Term 4 school dates specific to your location.

easyswim SWIM SCHOOL

LEARN TO SWIM

32° Warm Water

OUR LESSONS:

- EARLY CHILDHOOD**
AGE: 3 MONTHS - 3 YEARS
Our early childhood programme welcomes children from 3 months to 3 years old. Each child is accompanied in the water by a parent or caregiver, with the teacher also in the pool guiding a fun and structured lesson.
- PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL AGE**
AGE: 3 - 5 YEARS & 5 - 13 YEARS
From beginners to stroke development, children build their swimming skills through fun, age-appropriate activities. They progress through ability-based levels that focus on improving technique and building confidence in the water.
- SHARKS SCHOOL AGE**
AGE: 5 YEARS + SUNDAY FREYREY POOL
Our skill-based programme is designed to develop confident, capable swimmers in the big pool. It serves as a great transition into club swimming, other water sports, or simply as a weekly fitness option for those wanting to stay active in the water.
- TEENAGE LESSONS**
AGE: 13-18 YEARS OLD
Our private pools provide a supportive and comfortable environment for teenage swimmers, with individual lessons tailored to their needs and goals. At easyswim, we believe swimming is a skill everyone deserves to have the opportunity to learn.

PRIVATE & ADAPTED
AGE: 3 YEARS +
Private lessons are a great way to boost progress, with each session customised to suit the swimmer's individual needs and learning pace.
For children with diagnosed conditions, medical needs, or high support requirements, we also offer Adapted Lessons — designed to provide the extra support they need to thrive in the water.

ADULTS
AGE: 20 YEARS +
Adult swimming classes are a great way to build fitness, boost confidence, and feel more at ease in the water. With a focus on technique and comfort, our lessons support adults at every stage — whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills, our private pools offer a relaxed, supportive setting for learning.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
PRE SCHOOL & SCHOOL AGE
Our holiday programmes are intensive block courses that run over 3-5 consecutive days, offering a great way to fast-track swimming progress. These programmes are available at various pools during school holidays.

POOL PARTIES
SATURDAY AFTERNOONS
Easyswim offers private pool party bookings on Saturday afternoons. Each session runs for 1 hour and 45 minutes and includes access to paddle boats in one half of the pool, while the other half is filled with a variety of toys and equipment to keep everyone entertained.

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HONO MAI JOIN THE WELLINGTON TEAM

Want to put some aroha into your mahi?

Volunteer with the CAB

Our service of free confidential information and advice is delivered by 2,000 volunteers throughout the country
Do you want to be one of them?

Contact us at welcab.vb@cab.org.nz
or call us on 04 370 2500

Citizens Advice Bureau
Te Pou Whakawhirinaki o Aotearoa

KIA MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

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