



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

Comparing the last two weeks at our kura with the news is significant. Yet again there have been a host of headlines involving education in the media, most of them negative. You may have heard comments about significant changes being made to our curriculum. As carers and educators of your children we will remain focused and uphold what is important.

As I walk around with the many new whānau to our kura I see:

- Football coaching
- Virtual reality experiences
- Poetry sharing and creating
- Maths problem solving. A gift on my desk was to decide if this statement is true or false: $25x(25+100 \text{ divided by } 2) \text{ divided by } 2 \times 100=93,750$
- Shared reading with absorbed faces
- Students returning back from trips to our significant local places
- Focused groups making kawakawa balm
- Waiaata in every space
- Sign language, te reo Māori, + many other languages
- Cooking, gardening, biking, building
- Students helping each other
- Learners off to test water to ensure we are kaitiaki

We are confident in the learning your children experiences every day. We want them to be confident, curious and to belong.

We will continue to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi in everything we do. In what we teach, the way we live and as it says in our strategic plan: **'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 will continue to think critically about the way we teach and how we can always do this to the best of our ability for the best outcomes for our children. **'We strengthen our practice to teach together in ways that make a positive difference for all ākonga.'**

We will continue to work together to talk and act on what is important for our community.

'We share aspirations, resources and knowledge that will improve learning for all.'

Please listen to the headlines with a curious mind and ask us what we think. Let us share what we know about the excellent job we do for you all.

Kia pai tō wiki mutunga.

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

- **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

Muhammad Dawre

Eve Gribben

Aviv Artamonov

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

Teaching Teams for 2026

We are delighted to let you know the teaching teams for 2026.

There are very few changes of people or spaces except our current Pīwakawaka building is being renovated for most of next year therefore this team will be using our prefabs.

There are further part time positions yet to finalise and of course our amazing support staff team!

Class lists are currently still being finalised. We will let you know your child's 2026 home class in the next few weeks.

Additional information will be in the next newsletter about Hine Te Tana, our resource teacher of Māori and Jenny Curtis, our Resource teacher of Literacy.

We are very fortunate to have such a strong group of kaimahi.

Whānau Tūi	Whānau Pōhutukawa	Whānau Piwakawaka	Whānau Harakeke	Whānau Waitangi	Ngati Kotahitanga
Karen	Mary	Megan	Kiran	Alice C	Maraea
Debbie	Kath	Maddi	Doreen	Rhys	Venise
+ roll growth teacher	Maddi		Luke	Mitchell	Susie
				Luca	

Office Angels	Melissa	Sarah B	
He Ranga Tupu kaiako and release teachers	Mitch	Alice V	
Leadership Team	Nicki	Danielle	Debbie



At the end of 2025 we farewell Lily Whitehouse. She has secured a job at Kapiti Primary so will be leaving our kura. We are very thankful for her three years with us and her huge contribution in many whānau spaces, Mātawaka, kāhui ako cultural leading, production and dance and as an excellent teacher. She will be missed by many.

At the end of the year we also farewell Chantel Berg, who is heading off on further adventures. This time, possibly to the South Island. We have been grateful for her expertise, embracing of learning a new curriculum, team, country and as much Te Reo Māori as she can every day. Thanks for your hard work, care and coffee making skills!

We wish our 2026 masters students, Amber and Oliver, well with their first jobs. We will miss you all but we know you'll come and visit.



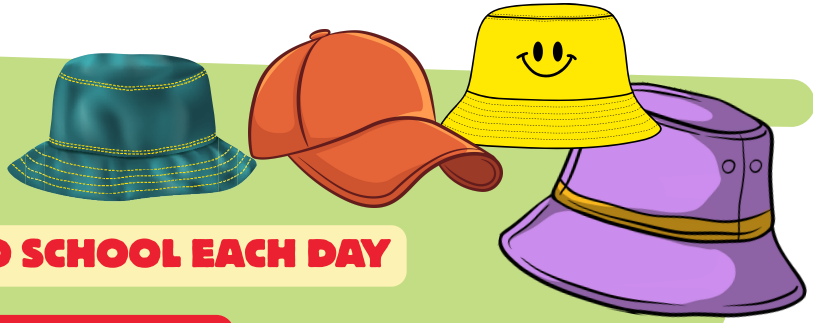
KIA MANAAKI RESPECTFUL Ka whakamana tātou i ngā rongo o te katoa. We value the thoughts and feelings of each other.

School Notices

REMEMBER!

TO BRING A HAT TO SCHOOL EACH DAY

NO HAT, NO PLAY!



HEALTH NOTICE

- Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.
- Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash: [Measles – Health New Zealand](#)
- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on **0800 611 116**.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).

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.

Call Healthline **0800 611 116**

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



BOOK WEEK IS COMING UP IN WEEK 7

Are you available to come in to read to our students during Book Week? We would love to have your help - please let us know in the office if you or some-one in your whānau can help. Watch this space for more information to come about dress up day



Save
THE
Date

Year 6 Leavers Evening
Wednesday 17 December
Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 18 December

Attendance Winners

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

Cisco Colwell & Tui Taylor-Bain

Come pick up your prizes from the office!

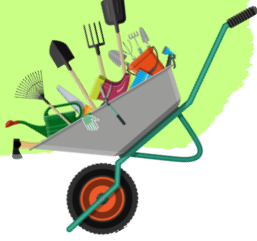
KIA NGĀKAU HIIHiri
CURIOUS

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

School Notices

Garden Gear needed

We would love the following; small trowels, spades and garden forks, kids garden gloves, netting, grass clippings.



CYBER SAFETY

Tamariki are growing up in a fast-paced, digital world where instant gratification is only a click away. In this short video, cyber safety advocate Rob Cope from Our Kids Online explores how constant online stimulation can impact resilience and how we can help our tamariki develop patience, perseverance and confidence by doing hard things and embracing challenges.



WATCH
HERE



or at this link

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.

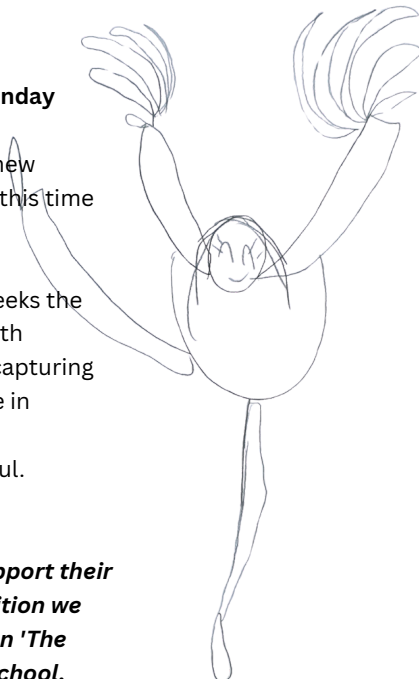
Exhibition Wall

Let's Dance!!!!

Wednesday 29th October - Monday 10th of November

Newtown school celebrates a new showing on the exhibition wall this time by some very talented artists from Whānau Tūi and Whānau Pōhutukawa. Over the last 2 weeks the students have been working with drawing tutor Paul Forrest on capturing the delicious freedom of dance in drawing. "I love the joy they have captured so well" says Paul.

Come and have a look and support their mahi. Yet another great exhibition we recommend you check it out on 'The Exhibition Wall' at Newtown School.



**KIA MANAHAU
RESILIENT**



Thank-you to our Friends at New World Newtown for their support of our school through their community Wishing Well initiative!

Volunteers needed



Soft Plastics Champion

We would like to start collecting soft plastics and are looking for a parent who could collect these once a week and drop off at New World.



Gardeners and Cook volunteers

Come and help us in our sessions! **Mondays and Thursdays.**
We also need help to water our gardens after school during spring and summer.



Please contact Tania taniaa@newtown.school.nz if you can help with any of the above.





SPORTS

Netball Years 1-4. Draw: <https://www.mknetball.co.nz/#>.
EBIS. Saturday mornings.

Touch Draw: <https://totaltouch.fmweb.nz/wellington-draws-juniors/wakefield-park-juniors>.
Wednesdays. Wakefield Park.

Mini Polo: Fridays. Kilbirnie Pools

Ki-O-Rahi - Fridays. Wakefield Park.

Futsal - Wednesdays for years 1-4. Thursdays for years 5-6.
Akau Tangi Stadium.

Check the staffroom window for more information including draws when available.

If you would like your child to join these kaupapa, message sports@newtown.school.nz.

Thank you!

A warm thanks to all who volunteered to help with School and Southern Zone Athletics this month!

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

Around our Kura

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEET MONICA



Kia ora!
I'm Monica, the new teacher in Tui.
I'm a Canadian educator who moved to Wellington in July this year. Since arriving in Aotearoa, I've had the opportunity to relieve in several schools around the Wellington area. After just one day relieving in Tui, I knew that Newtown School was exactly where I wanted to be. The vibrant students, welcoming staff, and strong sense of community made it feel like home right away. I'm so grateful to join such a caring team and can't wait to learn and grow alongside the incredible teachers here.
I graduated from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver in December 2023 and have worked both as a Learning Support Teacher and a relief teacher during my time in Canada.
I was born and raised in Vancouver, and while I'm Canadian, I grew up speaking Polish as both my parents immigrated from Poland. This background has inspired my passion for supporting English Language Learners and celebrating linguistic diversity in the classroom.
In my spare time, I love spending time outdoors, painting, discovering new bookshops, and trying out new recipes.
I'm so excited to be part of the Newtown community and look forward to getting to know you all as we begin this journey together!

HE WAKA EKE NOA

CAR WASH 4 PALESTINE

Kia ora koutou, ko Tui tōku ingoa, he uri ahau nō Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa. E 11 ōku Matariki, ko Ngāti Kotahitanga tōku akomanga. Hi, my name is Tui I am from Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa. I am 11 years old, and my class is Ngāti Kotahitanga.

I am writing to tell everyone that we fundraised \$1000 for food parcels for kids and families in Gaza. I organised the Car Wash 4 Palestine because of what is happening in Gaza. It is wrong and I wanted to do my part to help the people there.

I want to thank Hāneta, Alto, Te Aroha, Alfie, Daisy, Moria, Zeeya, Mila, Naya, Roscoe, Maggie, Whina, and Florrie. These are the tamariki that helped at the car wash. Thank you to the mātua who helped too, Matua Michael (Daisy's dad), Whaea Tanya (Te Aroha's māmā), and a special thanks to my whānau. I want to thank St Tom's Church for their support and mihi to Whaea Nicki and my two kaiako, Whaea Venise and Whaea Maraea.

These are all the people that made it happen.

Kaua e wareware, he waka eke noa. Don't forget, we are all in this together.
Nā Tui



Community Notices

CAN YOU HELP?

TONIGHT



TOMORROW



Sunday



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