



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

These are significant times for us. This is something we all feel passionately about as a community. It is important to speak up about what is important to us.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

Removing Te Tiriti o Waitangi from Legislation does not Remove our Responsibility

**E kore e piri te uku ki te rino, ka whitinga e te rā, ka ngahoro
Tohu Kākahi**

On the 5th of November we remember Parihaka. Under the leadership of Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi, the people of Parihaka reclaimed their land by ploughing it. In the face of government violence, they built fences, they turned the soil, and they planted seeds.

At Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora | Newtown School we have our own māra. It holds the stories of all the hands that have ever dug in it. We have tools, gardeners, and we get excited when we see things starting to grow. We nurture our māra, working our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi into its soil.

In 2023, Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora sought community, board, and staff feedback on our strategic vision. Our vision was created to inspire and nurture ākonga, so they can contribute and thrive in Aotearoa and the world. Our board, kaimahi, and whānau set strong expectations for our tamariki to value relationships, cultural identities, and diversity. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is fundamental in making our vision a reality.

Te Tiriti gives each ākonga in our kura a place to stand, through the manaakitanga of mana whenua. Our responsibility to Te Tiriti starts from our relationships with Te Āti Awa and Taranaki Whānui as mana whenua of Ngā Puna Waiora | Newtown.

From those relationships, te reo Māori, pūrākau me ngā kōrero tuku iho, and tikanga form the foundations of our kura. These are the pathways through which we understand and uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, giving life to its principles every day. Our tamariki know this. We see it in the way they speak, learn, and interact with one another, in their confidence to stand in their identities, and in the respect they show for the stories and tikanga of Ngā Puna Waiora. Through these practices, our children honour Te Tiriti by recognising mana whenua, valuing te ao Māori, and growing as global citizens who understand their role as Tiriti partners in a shared future.

The government's removal of the requirement for school boards to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi comes after their continued attempts to undermine our constitution. We recognise the harm this deliberate minimisation, disregard, and dismantling of Te Tiriti is causing whānau Māori. An attack on whānau Māori is an attack on all of us.

Removing Te Tiriti from legislation does not remove our responsibility or the work that we are doing. Honouring Te Tiriti means decisions for or about Māori are made by whānau Māori. It means tikanga, mātauranga, reo and taonga Māori are valued and shared with our tamariki.

Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora | Newtown School will continue to strengthen Te Tiriti o Waitangi, empowering tamariki of our kura through their education and our community's commitment to each other.

Our mahi māra is not finished. There are more seeds to sow and there are always plants to water. Our māra needs protection and shelter. It needs us all to show up together with care, courage and action.

Come and kōrero with us, let us know how you feel.
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Te Poari o Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora | Newtown School Board

**WHANAUNGATANGA
CONNECTED**

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

Important dates

- **17-20 November** - Book Week
- **18 November** - Dress Up Day & Street Parade
- **21 November** - Staff Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- **27 November** - Pack the Bus
- **17 December** - Year 6 Leavers Evening
- **18 December** - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- **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

- Ranui Gardiner
- Mohammed Albnayan
- Haolong Li
- Ghena Almoalim



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School Notices

SCHOOL CLOSED
STAFF ONLY DAY
FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2025

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Planting Advice Needed

Can you help us with a planting plan for our school? We want to continue to plant native trees and would love your help. Contact taniaa@newtown.school.nz or come and find Tania at school.

NEWTOWN SCHOOL
BOOK WEEK
NOVEMBER 17TH - 21ST
Check Out Our Upcoming Events for Book Week!

NOV. 17 **Across School Story Telling**
Staff share a favourite picture book.

NOV. 18 **Dress-Up Day & Street Parade**
Dress-up as your favourite book character or Super-hero, or just dress-up.

NOV. 19 **Across School Story Telling**
Staff share a favourite picture book.

NOV. 19 **Story Book Walk**
Walk around school and read a book along the way. Get a map at the school office.

NOV. 20 **Across School Story Telling**
Staff share a favourite picture book.

NOV. 20 **Story Book Walk**
Walk around school and read a book along the way. Get a map at the school office.

NOV. 20 **Visiting Story Teller/Reader**
Sharing a picture book.

NOV. 21 **Across School Story Telling**
Staff share a favourite picture book.

NOV. 21 **Staff Only Day**



Pack the Bus for Wellington City Mission
will be at Newtown School on
Thursday 27th November at 9:45am

Bring any donations of unwrapped new toys, non-perishable food & other gifts to class that morning.

WELLINGTON CITY MISSION WISH LIST

TOYS

INFANTS & TODDLERS

e.g. Sensory toys, Wooden toys, Bath toys, Soft toys

TWEENS & TEENS

Clothing, Tech Gifts, Arts & Crafts, Sports Gear, Beauty Products

GENERAL

Lego, Vouchers, Family Games/Puzzles, Fidget Toys, Pretend Playsets

SOME IDEAS

Beauty Products/Body Gifts

Shower Gel packs, Perfume, Make-up packs, Hair products, Jewellery

Tech gifts

Portable speakers, Headphones, Game consoles (hand-held or family)

Sensory toys

Slime, Thinking puy, Sensory Mats (utilise different textures), Fidget spinners, Rainmaker toys, Chew Toys (Teething toys), Reflective Balls

FOOD

Christmas cakes, Christmas desserts, Fancy crackers/biscuits, Chippies, Nuts, Chocolates, Pavlova/meringues, Relishes/chutneys

PLEASE NOTE: NO HOME BAKING OR OPENED/EXPIRED GOODS
Gifts will be distributed to families closer to Christmas, please keep in mind of anything going off during this time.

GROCERY ITEMS

Sanitary Products, Canned Food, Rice, Pasta/Pasta Sauce, Cereals, Snacks, Sweet Biscuits/Crackers, Canned Meals/Soup, Hygiene/Cleaning Products, Beverages e.g. Milo, Coffee.

OF COURSE, ANY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED. THIS IS JUST A GUIDELINE.

Newtown School on show at
Subculture
10th - 24th November



Paintings by Ruth's afterschool art groups are on at Subculture 180 Riddiford Street. These incredible paintings were part of the collaboration with artist Paul Forrest for the art installations at the new public park at 177 Owen Street. Entitled 'Kahukura- the more you look the more you see' these artworks are a wonder to behold. Make sure you pop along to have a look before November 24th.

Attendance Winners

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

Moana & Max

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

Around our kura

CONGRATULATIONS!

We were very excited to celebrate the official registration for three of our kaiako. It is always special to acknowledge the journey of learning, being part of a teaching team and name the qualities we see in our colleagues. We also recognised the length of years that Sally has been part of our Newtown Community. We are fortunate to have such amazing people as part of our kura.



CYBER SAFETY

Many whānau notice that when tamariki start their day with screens, whether it's YouTube, gaming, or scrolling, moods can quickly become irritable. Early morning screen use gives the brain a fast hit of stimulation before it's ready, making it harder for our kids to transition to school routines, manage emotions, and stay focused throughout the day. A calm, screen free start helps tamariki arrive grounded, settled, and ready to learn. In this short video, cyber safety advocate Rob Cope from Our Kids Online explores how morning screen habits can affect mood and behaviour throughout the day.

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

'Artworks by the Waitangi crew'

Tuesday November 11th - Monday November 24th
The Newtown School exhibition wall



Newtown school celebrate a new showing on the exhibition wall by some very talented artists from Whānau Waitangi. Currently on display are drawings by Millaray Robertson, Moira Schneider, Daisy Hollings-Baird, Maggie Hovey and Millie Lew.

But wait...there's more!! Over the last few weeks of this year, before the end of term we're taking this opportunity to celebrate the artistic talent of our senior students in Waitangi before they move onto other schools. We're so lucky to have shared this rich part of their journey with them.

SPORTS

Congratulations to our interzone athletes representing our school on Tuesday

Mila Johnston - Long Jump
Hugo - Long Jump, Quoits, 100m
Zeeya: High Jump, 200m
Sam: High Jump
Renisalia: Vortex, 100m
Millie: Quoits
Kyle: Quoits
Chehab: 60m



Over the past month Josh from Kōtuitui football came in to teach our kids fundamental ball skills and to practice their whanaungatanga. Kids played, practiced, and dribbled through the day. We are proud of them and thankful to Josh for his mahi!

KIA MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

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

Check out what we've been up to!

POW! PERCUSSION



Newtown School were incredibly lucky to receive a visit from POW! The percussion section of Orchestra Wellington who took us around the world with music and instruments from many cultures. A fascinating event and new experiences for many of our tamariki.

Bee Care



Spring has arrived and there's plenty to do to keep our bees happy. These tamariki have been helping by cleaning the bee frames for them to make honey and raise their babies.



Mountains to Sea

Waitangi students worked with Mountains to Sea and headed out to snorkel at Scorching Bay on Wednesday. We had a perfect day to get into the water and go diving to see what underwater life there was. This is an amazing experience that allows tamariki to venture out of their comfort zone and for some, try something new. We are excited that we get to do this again next week!



Kumutoto Stream (Awa)

Last week Ngati Kotahitangi visited the Kumutoto Stream, which flows through pipes under the ground in Wellington city from Kumutoto Ngahere (Forest) in Kelburn down under the Terrace and Lambton Quay arriving to meet the ocean at Kumutoto Wharf. Imagine if this awa could flow freely once again!

We also looked at the health of the stream by doing a few experiments.



A huge mihi to the Kumutoto Restoration Group for the mahi that they do, Enviroschools and Mountains to Sea for making this happen.

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

Girls! Make lifelong friends, discover the thrill of outdoor adventures, and learn skills that will shape your future.

Pippins (5–6):

- Island Bay Pippins, Tuesdays 6–7pm at St Hilda's Church

Brownies (7–8):

- Tapu Te Ranga Brownies, Tuesdays 6.30–8pm at Berhampore School Hall
- Island Bay Brownies, Thursdays 6.30–8pm at St Hilda's Church

Guides (9–12):

- Dover St Guides, Mondays 6.30–8pm at Island Bay Scout Hall
- Island Bay Guides, Wednesdays 6.30–8pm at Island Bay Presbyterian Church

\$110 per term. For more info or a free visit:

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz> or email

team5.ggnz@gmail.com

YOU BE THE GUIDE



Girl Guiding
New Zealand
Ngā Kōhine Whakamāori o Aotearoa

Berhampore School Britomart Street

Kristmas

KNACK

MARKET

FRI 21 NOV

6–8pm

SAT 22 NOV

9.30am–1.30pm

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VEGAN LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!

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7 - 10 YEAR OLDS

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MINDFUL KIDS
on **EVENTBRITE**
to **REGISTER**
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



SUMMER

FUN

HOLIDAY

DAY

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SOUTHERN PRIDE:
SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (SWIS) HALL,
NEWTOWN

Age Range: 4 – 17 years

Dates: 22nd DEC – 30th JAN 2025 from 7.00am–6pm daily

Fees: Daily \$84.04/cub per session or \$142.87 for two siblings
per session
Weekly: \$336.16 per cub/week or \$571.47 for two siblings/week

15% Wild Card Discount Available for \$70/year from the day of
purchase.

Social Development: Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video
Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating
healthy Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas
provided. No Bag Needed.

Overnight Sleepover (\$110 per night): Camp Elsdon, Porirua –
(Tuesday 13th Jan 2025): Our overnight sleepover will be in
Porirua and our evening activities will be glow worm expedition
walk and evening entertainment will be at the restaurant for a
three course meal.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth
Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is
needed at \$14/hr

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Or Register online: www.pridelands.co.nz
or Visit our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

**Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi (Neurotypical and
Neurodivergent)**

At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent
children and youths with on-on-one support available to those
that need it in our communities.

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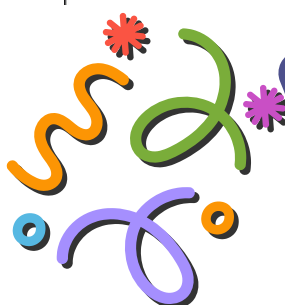
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FUN

KIA MANAHAU
RESILIENT

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