



NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,
What a lovely sunny afternoon to end our week.

Highlights

- **Passion.** The number of schools across Aotearoa who have also written a statement reinforcing their commitment and value of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This is close to our heart. What an inspiration!
- **Generosity.** The amount of gifts given to others in our community to pack a bus full. Thank you for your contributions.
- **Participation:** Celebrating with all our amazing ākonga who have represented our kura in Term 4 sports - mini polo, futsal, touch, ki o rahi. Huge aroha to our whānau who have helped to make our sports a great success.
- **Community:** A huge thank you to "Do Some Good" crew for all the work they did in filling our sandpit, painting a wall and weeding our garden - we so appreciate you.
- **Bravery and delight:** What a joy to see our ākonga excited about their new spaces for 2026 and to be welcomed by their next years' kaiako. Some wonderful whanaungatanga happening. Further transition afternoons to come.
- **Recognition:** Kaiako have invested time in producing learning records for ākonga - watch out for these coming in two weeks time - they paint a wonderful picture of learning and do our ākonga proud.
- **Welcome:** What a privilege to welcome many new whānau to our kura this week, ready to start in the new year. We have also had some new ākonga joining us in Tūi starting their school journey.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai.

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

Have a restful weekend and see you all on Monday.
Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

Important dates

- **10 December** - In-school transition afternoon visiting 2026 classes
- **16 December** - Whole School Cards of Awesome Celebration @ school
- **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 student

Tuấn Nguyen

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

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2025

Newtown school closes at 1pm on Friday 19th December 2025

skids will be providing care in the hall from 1pm. To book, please contact skids as below



Early closure on Friday,
19 December 2025

Join us at skids Newtown from 1pm to take part in an exciting range of activities from our Adventure programme



Friday - 19th December
TIME - 1.00-3.00pm session

Activities from our amazing Adventure Programmes:



You can add on our Stay and Play session to extend the fun to 6:00pm

Join us for a fun afternoon
SCAN TO BOOK ONLINE NOW



2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Tuesday 3 February - Whakawhanaunga
Getting to know each other

Wednesday 4 February - First Day of Term 1

Public holiday: Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February (School Closed)

Thursday 2 April - Last day of Term 1

Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Staff only day: Friday 29 May (School Closed)

Public holidays: Anzac Day observed - Monday 27 April
& King's Birthday - Monday 1 June (School Closed)

Term 2

Term 3

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

No public holidays

Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

Staff only Day - Friday 23 October (School Closed)

Public holiday: Labour Day - Monday 26 October (School Closed)

Term 4



Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora

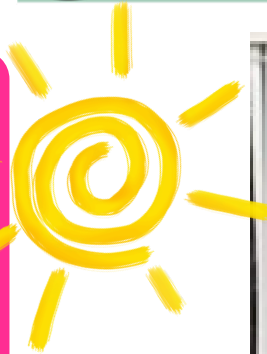
Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

Newtown's Got Talent!

Everyone is welcome... 9.30-10.45 in the hall on Wednesday 3rd December, showcasing the talent across the school.

Wednesday 3rd
December
9:30-10:45am



please
RETURN
YOUR
LIBRARY BOOKS



Thank you!

It's nearly the
end of the year.

Please look for any
school library books
and reading books and
return them to school.

Attendance Winners

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

Mariana Jones & Qasim Mubarak

Come pick up your prizes from the office!

KIA NGĀKAU HIHIRI
CURIOUS

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

Around our kura

NEWTOWN SCHOOL'S BOOK WEEK
THANK YOU TO...

Our Visiting Story Tellers / Readers - You are all awesome! Jo (Zoe D's grandmother), Amy (Ernest & Maude's Mum) and author, Hannah Clarke. Hannah also kindly donated a copy of her book - *The Vibes Book*, to our school library. Ngā mihi nui Hannah! Thanks for sharing your stories and volunteering your time!

The Newtown Library and Wellington City Libraries: A big thank you to Merritt, for visiting Waitangi and waving the start flag for our Book Week! Newtown Library hosted Pōhutukawa for a library chat and book reading session - special thanks to the 'Witch of Wellington Library' aka Zoe (Peter's mum).

The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie for providing spot prizes for Dress-up/Parade Day. Thank you for your support Susan, during Book Week and throughout the year!

Jess Gorman for driving Book Week 2025, for co-ordinating our visiting readers and keeping us in the loop.

And to you, the parents, caregivers and whānau of the Newtown School community. Thanks for supporting Book Week 2025 at short notice and jumping in with both feet! "Big ups" to you all!

Ngā mihi nui, Mary & Sam.



Thank-you to Leigh from Do Some Good and her team of volunteers who came along on Wednesday to help around the school. They painted, weeded and even topped up our sandpit. We are very grateful for the help!



Thank-you to our community for all of the donations brought in to Pack the Bus for Wellington City Mission. Newtown School filled around 35 crates! All donations will directly benefit local children and families who need it the most.

Anyone who missed the Bus can donate any unwrapped new toys, non-perishable food items and grocery items directly to the Wellington City Mission.



KIA MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

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

Around our kura



A massive **congratulations** to Renisalia and Zeeya who represented our school in REGIONAL ATHLETICS! Both have worked hard to push themselves and continue to show our school values through competition.

Thanks to our teams that represented us in this term's futsal competition at Akau Tangi!
Oioi!
Kōwhai!
Tōtara!
Pōhutakawa!
Tūkāuki!

Ngā mihi nūi to all the whānau helpers who had a part too!

'Artworks by the Waitangi crew'
Monday November 24th - Tuesday December 9th
The Newtown School exhibition wall



Newtown school celebrate a new showing on the exhibition wall in the current ongoing exhibition of some very talented artists from Whanau Waitangi. Currently on display are drawings by Moira Schneider, Daisy Hollings-Baird, Nazeeya Humaira Adhikara and Mila Ward. Before the end of term we're taking this opportunity to celebrate the artistic talent of our senior students in Waitangi before they move on to other schools. We're so lucky to have shared this rich part of their journey with them.



Garden Goodness

Wellington High School's Year 11 Horticulture class visited our school last week. They brought seeds they had propagated and helped our students plant them. This was a wonderful sharing of time, skills and friendship between these two groups of students. Thank-you Wellington High School!



Tūi heading off for a swim with Nicole and Divya

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

Community Notices

Well Homes

Do you have a healthy home for you & your tamariki?

Well Homes is a FREE service that may be able to help your whānau with:

PROVIDING:

- Building
- Education
- Drainage
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- Heating
- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Security
- Soundproofing
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- Waste

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- Income
- Legal
- Medical
- Police
- Problems
- Referrals
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- Welfare

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- Insurance
- Legal
- Police
- Problems
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- Support
- Welfare

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Te Whānau Ora
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

WELLINGTON TIMEBANK PROUDLY PRESENTS

GOOD STUFF GIFTSHOP

10th ANNUAL MARKET

SATURDAY 29th NOV
10AM - 3PM

HANDMADE CRAFTS • JEWELLERY • CARDS • ARTWORK
PRESERVES • BOOKS • MORE!
HENNA • FACEPAINTING

PLUS VISIT OUR CAFE WITH DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FOOD & BAKING!

ALL WELCOME!
NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
1 COLOMBO ST, NEWTOWN
ACCESSIBILITY FRIENDLY VENUE

wellington timebank

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skids

Programme Manager | Miramar
Wellington, New Zealand
Part-time

We are looking for someone to fill the position as Programme Manager at skids Holy Cross Miramar.

Junior Adventures Group Programme Manager | Miramar | SmartRecruiters

...the charity you wished you had as a kid

WORD, a youth mountain bike charity offering skill-building, confidence-boosting programmes for young people aged 7-17 across Wellington.

Our holiday programmes provide a safe, structured, and highly supportive environment for young riders of all levels—ranging from first-time trail explorers to more advanced riders keen to develop their technical skills.

All details and registrations can be found at word.org.nz.

COMMUNITY SNORKELS
TAPUTERANGA MARINE RESERVE
6 DEC, 14 & 21 FEB

FREE EVENTS!
ALL GEAR & TRAINED GUIDES PROVIDED, AGES 8+

MORE INFO / UPDATES
mountainstoseawellington.org/events

Greater Wellington
Water Safety

Dive into Taputeranga Marine Reserve and take part in a free snorkelling event this summer!

Beginners welcome! MTSW provide all the necessary gear and experienced guides to ensure your safety and enjoyment in the water. Participants just need to be at least eight years old and confident swimmers. Those under sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.

Registrations open at 9.45am. Come down to book a snorkel time for the day, as spots may fill up quickly. Bring your togs, towel, refreshments and make a day of it exploring the activities and environment at Taputeranga Marine Reserve.

Cancellations/Postponements

Events are weather dependent. Stay updated by checking the Mountains to Sea Wellington Facebook event listings for any cancellations, postponements, or location changes.

These free events are brought to you in partnership with Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Find out more:

<https://www.mountainstoseawellington.org/events>



Community Christmas Gathering

Island Bay Community Centre,
Friday 5th December 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Please join us for a special free Christmas event including: the Island Bay Community Choir, storytelling, drinks/nibbles and more! For further information contact: 04 383 7464 or email: islandbaycc@wcc.govt.nz

Nau mai rā tātou katoa
Everybody is welcome.

Wellington Community Spaces
Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council

The Man Whose Mother Was a PIRATE - The Musical

5th-14th December
Hannah Playhouse
Tickets: PirateMotherMusical.com

Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
New Zealand Government

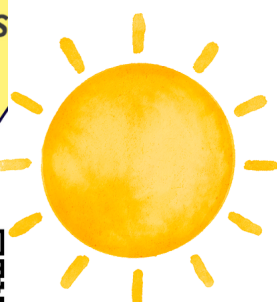
New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Whakapapa ki Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

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Fully Funded Peer Support Training - Apply Now!

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