



10 February 2017

School News

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

WELCOME to the 2017 school year!

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to all our families and especially those new to Newtown School and our community.

A special welcome to our new staff members: Tom Leeper, Whanau Waitangi; Ann Kendon, Whanau Tui; Diana Cloete , Whanau Pohutukawa and Toby Ammundsen, Whanau Pohutukawa. All have qualities and attributes that will enhance our school.

My sincere thanks to staff who have been at school over January preparing for the new school year. At Newtown we certainly are well prepared for and are looking forward to the year ahead! Some very exciting programmes have been planned for this term. Whanau newsletters will explain to you in more detail what is planned for your child.

A huge thanks to parents that have purchased stationery, and are making sure that your children are at school in time to meet and greet their friends **before the 8.55 bell**. Being well prepared helps students to settle into routines and have a positive start to the school year.

Please look at the up coming events. Next week we have two important events. **Wednesday 15th February** is the first meeting of **F@NS**. I encourage parents to support or become involved in this parent group. They support our school in some amazing ways. On **Thursday 16th February** are families are invited along to the Family Fun Night. This is a great chance for you to be introduced to new staff and meet your childrens whanau teachers. Our upgraded playground will also be open to view and play on!

I'm excited to be starting another school year with our Newtown staff and families. 2017 will finally see the building of our 'new' school. When finished for the beginning of the 2018 year, Newtown will have a state of the art educational facility for our learners.

Noho ora mai ra,

Mark Brown

Principal

**Kia ora koutou families, friends and whānau of Newtown.
We celebrate our diverse community.**

Greetings to you all **Kia ora!** **Talofa Lava** **Mālō e lelei** **Bula**
歡迎 **Hallo zusammen!** **မင်္ဂလာပါ** **¡Hola a todos!**

Buon giorno! ကုရု ကျိ **Kia Orana** أهلاً وسهلاً **Hoan nghênh**
Vanakam خوش آمدید **soo dhaweyn** ようこそ **Goedemorgen!**

maligayang pagdating καλώς ορίσατε **Merhaba** नमस्ते
Өглөөний Мэнд! **Zdravo!**

We are pleased to welcome these new pupils and their families to Newtown School and we look forward to their journey of growth and learning with us.

Charlotte Allain-Paisley, Olive Allain-Paisley, Zachariah Anthony, Rocky Bell-Norris, Kowhai Herangi, Capri Holmes, Lahrelle Johnson, Elyon Leota, Shalom Leota, Shammah Leota, Joshua Linwood, Bhavishya Medarametla, Rohit Medarametla, Karla Mitipelo-Narsi, Tara Monaghan, Rawiri Reardon-Rippon, Sammy Tahata-Tawhai, Hang Zhu



- Building has finally started – It has been over 5 years since the old school was demolished due to earthquake risk.
- Naylor Love are constructing our new school.
- The building will be completed in early January 2018 in time for the new school year.
- Many of the prefabs that have been on site for 5 years will then be removed at the completion of the project.
- Comprehensive health and safety provisions have been put in place to ensure that all our students, together with the general public are safe.
- A crane will be constructed in the school court yard within the building fence during the coming months.
- One of the first major construction tasks is the insulation of 180 piles. The piling will take appropriately 4 weeks.



Playground upgrade is nearing completion. The new all weather turf provides for a high level of safety – its amazingly springy!

Family Fun night and Meet the Whanau

Thursday 16th February

5pm to 7pm

All parents and students are invited to attend our beginning of the year Family Fun Night.

This is an excellent opportunity for you and your family to meet with your child's teachers, find out how their whanau is planning their learning while your child is having fun on our new playground.

A free sausage to everyone that attends or bring your own dinner!

A note will be sent home next week with more details.

Maximising our school playground space – while our school is rebuilt during 2017.

Even though our playground has been reduced in size due to the new building construction site, great ideas from staff, students and parents have come up with some interesting ways to utilise our reduced space. These ideas, together with our much improved all weather adventure playground allows us to 'spread' our students comprehensively across our school site.

Some of our ideas include: using the whanau decks, smaller areas around construction site fences, classroom use, organised lunchtime activities, use of Mercy Park with staff supervision, music groups, slightly shortened lunch time, quiet areas, hall activities, team game areas, new sports equipment purchases.

We will be reviewing and changing playground spaces and activities to create a variety of places for our children to spend morning playtime and lunchtimes.

School Organisational Structure for 2017

Our Whanau and Learner Teams.

Te Whanau Tui - Year 0/1

Whanau Teachers: Rebecca Power, Janette Roberts and Ann Kendon

email: tui@newtown.school.nz



Te Whanau Harakeke- Year 1/2

Whanau Teachers: Kelvin Harper, Karen Fredrickson, Melissa Mota and Laura Schulze

email: harakeke@newtown.school.nz



Te Whanau Pohutukawa- Year 3/4

Whanau Teachers: Alice Cooke, Nicole Lyons, Diana Cloete and Toby Ammundsen

email: pohutukawa@newtown.school.nz



Te Whanau o Waitangi Year 4/5/6

Whanau Teachers: Debbie Purves, Nicki Read, Tim Crawshaw and Tom Leeper

email: waitangi@newtown.school.nz



Ngati Kotahitanga Year 1-8

Whanau Teacher: Matua Fraeser Williams

email: fraesarw@newtown.school.nz



Specialist Teachers: Sally Hunter, Karen King Sarah Meek, Linda Martelletti and Kimi David



Our school learning community very warmly welcomes four new staff members to our school. Each has been selected because of their successful teaching experience, professional and personal attributes and qualities.



Tom Leeper
Whanau Waitangi

Kia ora Newtown whanau, Ko Tom Leeper ahau.

Whanau Waitangi

This is my sixth year in teaching and I'll be working with our Waitangi students this year. I'm excited to be a part of a team committed to making a positive impact in our community, supporting students to challenge themselves and make the most of the learning opportunities available to them.

I am passionate about music performance and composition, physical education and health as well as science and social studies. In my personal life I am an avid musician (guitar, ukulele and keys) performing with groups and theatre companies. Team sports, especially football and cricket, are important to me as well as generally being active in the stunning natural landscape we are lucky enough to have access to in NZ. I also have an ongoing interest in sustainability, specifically how individuals can take positive steps to diminish their impact on the environment through small scale, community orientated garden projects. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

Nga mihi Tom.

Kia ora Ko Ann tōku ingoa.

Whanau Tui

I started off teaching in Leeds in the UK and moved to Wellington 20 years ago. When my eldest was born I joined Playcentre and stayed on after my children left, working in various roles for Wellington Playcentre Association. Returning to teaching a few years ago, I have been relieving at Te Aro, Kelburn and Thorndon Schools.

I'm passionate about nurturing children's creativity whether it's in the Arts, Literacy, even Science and Maths.

I live with my husband, Phil, who teaches Chemistry, and our two teenaged daughters. When I'm not teaching I like to spend time in the outdoors. We go on family tramping trips and like orienteering. I've been studying Te Reo Māori last year and had so much fun I've signed up for this year.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all when I take up my part time job at Newtown School in 2017.

Ngā mihi Ann.



Ann Kendon
Whanau Tui

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Toby Ammundsen
Whanau Pohutukawa

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Kia ora koutou.

My name is Toby Ammundsen and I have recently moved back to Wellington from Nelson.

Having previously lived in Wellington I am familiar with everything that this awesome city has to offer. I have travelled all over the world and enjoyed every part of it. I am a passionate football and golf player, and I love history, music and writing. I am excited about joining Newtown School and the wider community.

I look forward to meeting you all and contributing to what is already an amazing school!

Nga mihi Toby



Diana Cloete
Whanau Pohutukawa

Kia ora Ko Diana tōku ingoa.

Whanau Pohutukawa

My is Diana Cloete. I have been teaching for two years and have most recently been at West Park School in Johnsonville teaching Year 4 students.

I am excited to join Whanau Pohutukawa and get to know all the fantastic students. I am passionate about fitness, reading, shopping and the outdoors. I am looking forward to getting to know the Newtown School community.

Ngā mihi Diana

All Newtown School parents are asked not to drive into or use Emmett Street when dropping off students.

Health and Safety notice to all parent.

Special School News

Kia Ora Whanau and Families

We wish to advise all school parents, not to use Emmett Street or the car parks of Newtown School or St Anne's School .
This due to the extreme traffic congestion.

We suggest you use the 'drop off zone' outside our school hall in Mein Street.

Walking, biking and scootering to school are healthy alternatives to get to school also.

Noho ora mai ra,

Mark Brown, Principal – Tumuaka

Emmett Street entrance to St Anne's School is a private road, not for general public use.





Every Minute Counts!

All children need to be at school by **8.45 am**.
This will ensure they are ready for learning.

Learning Sessions Times

It's great walking around our school grounds in the morning and seeing children being able to take their time to organize themselves in their whanau for the day, being able to play with friends or take time to show families around their whanau.

Please ensure that your child is able to start the day in this positive manner by getting them to school before the bell rings at **8.55 am** each morning.

All children need to be at school by **8.45 am**.

8.55 am First Bell

8.55 - 11.00 am First learning session

11.00 - 11.30 am Morning tea break

11.30 - 12.45 pm Second learning session

12.45 - 1.30 pm Lunch break

1.30 - 3.00 pm Third learning session

School Lunches offered at Newtown



W R A P I T U P S U S H I :

www.wrapitup.co.nz

There are 5 delicious varieties and 3 pack sizes, all supplied by O'Sushi in Newtown. Free Delivery to school.

Vegetarian (pack of 4) , (pack of 4) for Salmon and Avocado.

Starts service from 10th February – this Friday!

Order and pay online by 9 am Friday mornings.



**Our first FANS meeting of the year is on
Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm in the staff room.**

Everyone is welcome!

Friends @ Newtown School (or “FANS”) is a group set up by parents and whānau to support and contribute to our school.

At this meeting we’ll be talking about our upcoming Ethnic Food Fair, fundraising, and planning other events for the year.

If you have something you’d like to discuss, or want to know more, just come along or email friends@newtown.school.nz .



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WHAT IS FANS ALL ABOUT?

Friends @ Newtown School (or "FANS") is a group set up by parents and caregivers to support and contribute to the day to day life of the school.

FANS aims to:

- Increase our students' readiness for learning by having strong links between home and school.
- Promote a 'sense of belonging' for all parents and whanau at school.
- Enrich our school environment by the support, participation and contribution of the whanau/families that make up our school community.

FANS has four main focus areas:

- Supporting school events (such as the Disco, Music Week and the Food Fair).
- Good communication between the school and whānau/families.
- Providing volunteers and assistance when the school needs help.
- Fundraising, to provide additional educational resources and opportunities.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

This group is for everyone and there are lots of different ways to participate. FANS meetings are held once a month in the school staffroom. We would love to see you at FANS meetings but if meetings are really not your thing don't let this put you off from getting involved – attendance at meetings is definitely not compulsory!

To join the FANS mailing list or for more information send us an email at friends@newtown.school.nz or talk to Helen at the office. The following parents and caregivers have roles on FANS for 2017 and are all happy to answer any questions:

Jessica Gorman - FANS Co-ordinator	Maria Cotter - Communications
Rachel Arms - Meeting Minute Taker	Amelia Handscomb - Event Programme
Melissa Kooiman - Finance	Lucy Kebbell - Event Programme Co-ordinator & Board of Trustees Liaison
Zoey Milne - Policy	Victoria Esson - Board of Trustees Liaison
Helen Moriarty - School/Whanau Liaison Coordinator	Karen O'Leary - Board of Trustees Liaison

Coming Events

Wednesday 15 February

Thursday 16 February

Wednesday 22 February

20 to the 24 February

27 February – 23 March

1 and 2 March

Tuesday 14 March and Wednesday 15 March

24 March

F@NS Meeting School Staffroom 7.30pm

Family Fun Night/Meet the Whanau

Board of Trustees Meeting

Senior School camp for Year 6 students

Mobile Dental Clinic Van at school

Enrolment Scheme consultation

Parent Teacher Conference – Goal Setting

F@NS Food Fair

Thank you families...

Absent Students:

To report your child absent you can either

Phone: 389 6667

Email: admin@newtown.school.nz

Text: 02040175659



2017 School Term Dates

Term 1 2 February to Thursday 13 April

Term 2 1 May to 7 July

Term 3 24 July to 29 September

Term 4 16 October to 19 December

From **27 February – 23 March**, the Dental Therapists will be stationed at our school in the mobile Dental bus outside our school hall.