



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! هāloa jHola a todos!

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

maligayang pagdating καλώς ορίσαστε 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.*

23 February 2017 # 2

## School News

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

We are about to complete our first month at school. The school is **very busy with active learners** and staff. Augers well for a successful year of learning..

I wish to **sincerely thank all the parents** that supported our recent Family Night and Meet the Whanau. The highlight was the opening of our redeveloped playground. I was impressed with the number of families that gave positive feedback on the meeting with whanau teachers – and hearing the values and programmes we are promoting here at Newtown.

This week all whanau have received information around our impending Enrolment Scheme proposal.

**The BoT wish to invite you** to one of our information sessions on the afternoon of Wednesday 1 March and evening of Thursday 2 March. Please take the time to read the information or attend one of the sessions.

I attended the recent **F@NS meeting and was impressed** with the large number of enthusiastic parents planning activities for students and school community. Our school is most appreciative of the time and energy this group of parents give to support our school. We look forward to the Food Fair on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Keep this evening free so that you can attend and support F@NS. Our **Year 6 students headed off to school camp** at Camp Wainui on Wednesday. One of the highlights for our students will be attempting and successfully completing the high rope adventure challenge. They were certainly a happy group that left in the bus... a mixture of excitement and anticipation.

**Have a great week everyone.**

Noho ora mai ra,

Mark Brown

Principal

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Nhi Vu, Ikhsan Taufik, Dwayne Peniata, Lenny Joyce



**Year 6 students departing by bus to Camp Wainui, very excited about the challenges to face and overcome at Camp.**

# Newtown School Redevelopment

## Stage One Update # 2

Pile driving is the major task to be completed over the next three weeks.

160 piles will be driven down approximately 14 metres to form part of the foundations.

\$500,000 will be spent upgrading the exterior of the hall, Whanau Tui and administration block during the school holidays.

**Matua Toby and his Whanau Pohutukawa students check out the safety doors and rules around the construction site.**



**Watching the construction.**



**Pile driving.**



**Site management and project team.**

# Beginning of the school year parent – home class teacher interviews.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 pm – 6pm  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 pm – 6pm



Booking information will be sent home next week to book online.



## CHANGE OF WHANAU DETAILS

It would greatly assist us if you could please advise the office if you have any changes of address, phone numbers, email or emergency caregiver details.

In the event of an emergency, sickness or injury we need to be able to contact someone who can collect your child.

*Thank you*

## MEDICATIONS

All students are required to hand in prescribed medications to the office.

Office staff will only administer medicines to students once a form has been completed and signed by a parent or caregiver.

The Newtown Board of Trustees along with the Ministry of Education are planning for our school's future.

Our BoT are planning two information sharing sessions.  
You are most welcome to attend...

**3.15 - 4.00pm, Wednesday, 1st of March,**  
in the open classroom of Whanau Tui.

and/or

**7.00 - 8.00pm, Thursday, 2nd of March** at the  
Newtown School Hall.

*Members of the French community will be present to discuss or answer any questions from parents, regarding the potential establishment of a 'special programme' (French Language bilingual class).*

*BoT will have maps on display of our proposed 'home zone' and explain enrolment scheme process and our school future plans.*



# **At Newtown we are all active learners... Here is a selection of this week's activities. Learning is fun!**



**Problem Solving – Fern, Ngaio and Ava.**

## **Curiosity Monday**



**Constructing a lever machine.**



**Creating a rhythm and beat with Nicki...**



**A team bake...**

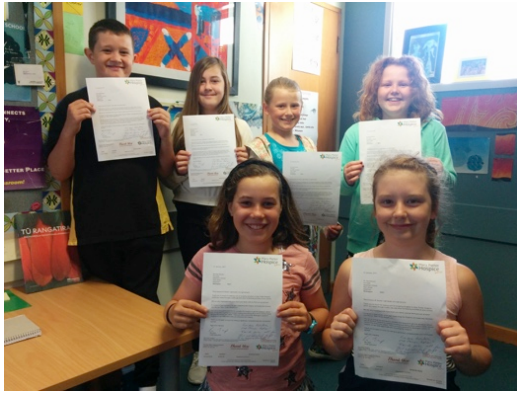


**Leadership training at Camp Wainui.**



**Active writers and thinkers.**

# At Newtown we are all active learners...



Congratulations to our group of Year 5/6 students who raised over \$336 dollars for the Mary Potter Hospice . This was a student initiated and organised activity. They collectively baked, cooked and produced produce to sell at school at the end of last year. **Tipene, Ruby, Estella, Hazel, Mya and Claudia (Skye not present)** proudly display their 'Letters of acknowledgement and appreciation' from the Mary Potter Hospice CEO.

*This group were also supported by 5 students who are now at SWiS. I also wish to acknowledge their contribution .*



Tui Ukulele group practicing and making music after school on Monday. This has proven to be a most successful activity with the group growing to near 25 students. Shane is a fantastic tutor... his enthusiasm is contagious!

It is wonderful to see so many students learning and playing music in our school this year.



The students of Whanau Harakeke have developed with their home class teachers a '**Te Tiriti o Whanau Harakeke**'. These are the actions they have agreed to be active learners - who are **connected, resilient and curious** (*our school values*).

**Mia, Tiana, Naomi and Aditya** proudly point to the large post displayed on the deck of Harakeke for all to see.



# Teacher Assistants and Support Staff 2017.

Introducing our fantastic Support Staff who provide valuable support to our students and staff.



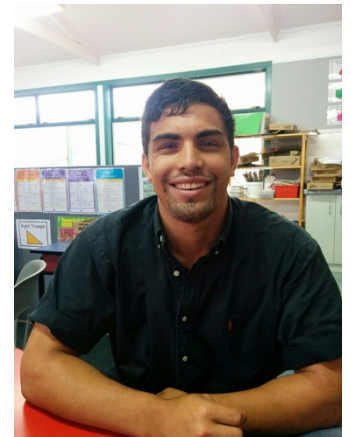
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Ceri Armit  
Jillian Forbes  
Kat Hall  
Whaea Susie  
Helen Kaiwai  
Bev Teautama  
Neesha Patel  
Ruth Thomas-Maxwell

Jonty Cook  
Elijah Williams-Stewart  
Whitney Bedford  
Nicole Schotters  
Adam Hayman  
Sam Sun  
Divya Kamaraj  
Mayumi Young



**Adam**

Introducing Adam Hayman and Elijah Williams- Stewart who both work to support individual students.



**Elijah**

## Coming Events

22 to the 24 February

27 February – 23 March

1 March and 2 March

Tuesday 14 March and Wednesday 15 March

24 March

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

Our school has received 2017 from the Regional Public Health's School their latest SCHOOL HEALTH E-NEWSLETTER Term 1

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/rebeccap%40newtown.school.nz?projector=1>

## Thank you families...

### Absent Students:

To report your child absent you can either

Phone: 389 6667

Email: [admin@newtown.school.nz](mailto: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.