



# NEWSLETTER

## **Message from the Principal**

Kia Ora Whanau and Families

Thank you to all the parents and students that attended the Family Fun night last week. All our staff appreciated the large number of parents that attended the 'meet the whanau teachers' section of the evening. Thank you to the F@NS parents who ran a fundraising table at the Fun Night. Proceeds from their fundraising will go towards purchasing new uniforms for our kapa haka group.

We invite all parents to attend, with your child, Parent Interviews - Learning Conversations on the Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 March. Details of this school event are include in this newsletter. (on page 2)

Why we do this?

- To celebrate the effort your child puts into learning.
- To provide an opportunity for you and your child to talk about their active learning goals
- To see, over time, how much each child learns.
- For you to encourage and tell your child what you are proud of.

On the afternoon of Thursday 15 March, the majority of our teaching staff will attend a 'Paid Union Meeting' from 1.30 - 3pm. School will be open for all students to attend school in the afternoon.

While I know that it seems only a short time ago that we started term1 , our Easter break will soon be here. If you are planning a break away, or child care please realise that our school is will have a Staff Development Day on Thursday 29 March (school will be open for instruction for those students needing supervision). School will be closed for Easter from Good Friday, (March 30) through until Easter Tuesday, 3 April. We will welcome students back to school on Wednesday 4 April. Then school will close for two weeks from Monday 16 April, with Term Two starting on Monday 30 April.

**Noho ora mai ra,**

**Mark Brown**

**Principal – Tumuaki**

## **Farewell Helen**

**The Newtown School community wish to extend our best wishes to Helen as we farewell her.**

**We wish to acknowledge the long years of service Helen has given our school.**

**Helen was a former pupil at Newtown.**

**Helen was first employed in 1988 as the school secretary, and has been a valuable staff member.**

**Her depth of knowledge from such a long association with our school will be missed.**



**Helen Kawai**

# Garden to Table

We are very fortunate and excited to be a Garden to Table School again this year. The programme is supported by Healthy Futures from the Wellington Hospital. We are always in need of parent involvement for this programme to be a success. Our programme runs from 9:20 - 11:00am on Monday mornings.

## To Help:

We would love your support during the sessions to work with small groups who are planting or cooking. You can also help by supplying offerings of seedlings or seeds for our vegetable gardens.

If you are able to support this programme please contact:

Laura in Waitangi [laurag@newtown.school.nz](mailto:laurag@newtown.school.nz) or Tim [timc@newtown.school.nz](mailto:timc@newtown.school.nz)

Looking forward to seeing you involved.

Thank you  
Tim Crawshaw



## Parent-Teacher Interviews Learning Conversations

We encourage all parents to attend these formal learning conversations so that you are fully aware of your child's progress and achievements.

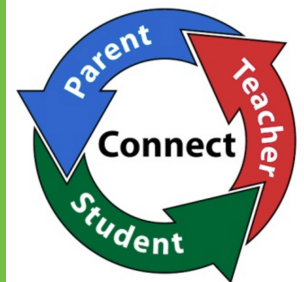
To book an interview time please follow these instructions

- 1<sup>st</sup> <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Enter Our School Event Code: **h9shy**

### Interview Days

- **Tuesday 20 March** 2:15pm-7.30pm  
(last interview starts 7:15pm)
- **Wednesday 21 March** 3:15pm-6.15pm

Each learning conversation will be 15 minutes long.



The Newtown School community, wishes to acknowledge the **very kind donation of \$5000** from the **WF Anderson Trust**. This donation will go towards the purchase of new kapa haka uniforms and library books. William Anderson was formally a school principal at Houghton Valley and prominent resident of Island Bay. The Trust has donated to eight local schools over many years.

## **Paid Union Meeting for Newtown School teaching staff**

On the afternoon of Thursday the 15 March, the majority of our school teaching staff will attend a 'Paid Union Meeting' - from 1.30 to 3pm at the ASB stadium.

Our school will be open for all students to attend school in the afternoon.

## **Newtown students gift toys, to cyclone hit Indian children.**



One of our school support staff members, Craig Lauridsen, and his daughter, visited a school in India recently, which had lost its roof, due to a cyclone last year.

A group of year 5 and 6 students made the soft toys to give to these Indian girls.

Thank you Craig for taking the gifts to India and thank you girls, for your generosity!

## **Staff Professional Development Day - Thursday 29 March.**

The Newtown School Board of Trustees, has approved at its last meeting, a staff professional development day, to be held on Thursday 29 March.

This day will allow our staff, professional development time in readiness for the move in early May to our new school.

Extensive planning and preparation are well underway for the exciting move into the our new buildings.

School will be still open for instruction, for any students needing to be supervised on this day.

# Curriculum Corner!

*Our core values for all students at Newtown School are.*

**Being curious** - *We wonder, take risks and innovate.*

**Resilient** - *We keep trying and learn from what we do.*

**Connected** - *We belong and learn together.*

**Effort** - *We give our best in everything we do.*

**Respectful** - *We value the thoughts and feelings of others.*



A very special welcome to these new students to our school this week;

Olhran and Aayra

Congratulations to all our very proud students, that were presented with their 'Principal Award' certificates, at our last school assembly.

## Term Dates 2018

**Term 1 - Wednesday 7 February to Friday 13 April**

**Term 2 - Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July**

**Term 3 - Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September**

**Term 4 - Monday 15 October to Thursday 20 Dec.**

Thank you to all our parents who support all our sports teams.

To all the coaches, we appreciate time time, skills and energy you give our students.