



Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora
Newtown School

Love learning, love life!

Kia ora whanau, parents and caregivers

A very warm welcome back to 2109! We hope you have had a lovely restful summer break. We are looking forward to seeing our tamariki back at school.

Below is the information you need for the start of the year.

First day of School:

The first day of school for all children is Monday 4 February 2019.

School will start at 9am as usual.

There will be a powhiri for all new children, whanau and teachers from 9.15am. You are all invited to attend the powhiri.

The day finishes at 3pm.

Note that Waitangi Day is on Wednesday 6 February and school is closed.

Every day

Please remember to pack the following:

- **Sunhat** with a wide brim (named) - no hat, only allowed in the shade. School hats are available for \$10 from the office.
- Sunscreen on before school
- Togs & towel (both named)
- Clothing that covers up on sunny days (little shoulders get burned fast!)
- Extra set of clothing and underwear for junior students (named)

From the School Office

The school office will be open:

8.30am - 3pm on Thursday 31 January

8.30am - 3pm on Friday 1 February.

We will have EFTPOS available (no credit) in the office as well as online payments through Kindo (credit cards) from 31 January 2019. To use Kindo, please go to www.kindo.co.nz.

Stationery Packs & Digital fee

Stationery Packs will be available for purchase from Thursday 31 January. They include everything your child needs to start 2019 at school. The packs will be distributed to the children on the first day. If you want to cover the books, please see your child's teacher.

The digital fee is to pay for online learning subscriptions such as Seesaw, Mathletics, Hapara and Reading Eggs. It is a one off fee for all children for the school year.

New Entrant & Tui	\$30
Harakeke	\$35
Pohutukawa	\$35
Waitangi	\$35
Ngati Kotahitanga	\$35

School Donation

The voluntary donation for 2019 information is below. This donation helps to provide things such as:

- Sports equipment
- Library books
- Environment studies
- Playground equipment
- Musical instruments and lessons
- Kapa haka
- And more...

Your donation is much appreciated by the Board of Trustees.

You will be issued with a tax receipt for any donation payment which allows you to claim a portion of the donation back from IRD.

Donation suggestions are as follows:

One Child	Two Children	Three or More Children
\$20 per term	\$30 per term	\$40 per term
\$80 for the year	\$120 for the year	\$160 for the year

Please speak to Trish or Melissa, in the office, if you would like to make the donation by automatic payment instead of a one-off donation.

Absences

Remember to contact us if your child is going to be away from school.

In your message please include your child's name and teacher and the reason for the absence.

Phone: 04 389 6667

Text: 020 40175659

Email: away@newtown.school.nz

Medication

Please come to the office on or before the first day if your child requires regular medication at school.

Contact Details

If your contact details have changed, please let us know via admin@newtown.school.nz or at the school office.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4 February.