

Notice and invitation to all Newtown School parents/whanau

Time	Programme for Monday 18th March School Day Together we acknowledge our school diversity and solidarity with our Newtown School muslim communities.
	Candle will be burning in office/foyer Assalam Alaikum-peace be with you - نختار السلام
8.15 - 8.55	All students and parents will be greeted and welcomed to school by staff.
9.00 - 9:10	<p>Whānau will gather together to preface purpose of of our special assembly -acknowledge sadness and remember what is important -we do this to remind ourselves of other people who are hurt and show we care -quiet occasion</p> <p>Briefly outline Key messages: <i>We choose kindness</i> <i>We choose to understand and accept others</i> <i>We choose diversity</i> <i>We choose friendship</i> <i>We choose community.</i> <i>Reassuring we are safe-it's OK to feel sad, there are lots of people who help keep us safe, notice the network of people who are now choosing to help. We need each other in a community.</i> <i>When things like this happen, people work really hard to make sure it won't happen again. They learn lots about it and use this information to keep everyone safe.</i></p>
<p>9am assemble in hall 9:15am in school hall with parents invited</p>	<p>Special Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - karakia for peace - Key messages spoken and reminder of what our school believes - E tu kahikitea E tu kahikitea-<i>Stand like the kahikatea (tree)</i> He whakapai- <i>ururoa to brave the storms</i> Awhi mai awhi atu- <i>embrace one another</i> Tatau tatau e! -<i>We are one together</i> - Sit in silence to think about others and friends and family. - Walk out to song 'I wish you peace- The eagles
Parents 9:30	Parents are invited to stay with their children while they are active with activities and/or have a cup of tea in our school staff room.
9:30-Chalk/Banner if choose to	<p>Banner per whānau to work on throughout the day so kids can ask questions if need to. 'We choose _____' Hang them over our balcony so parents can read them.</p>

2:40 School Photo Koru courtyard in front of new building	<i>All hold hands, standing in koru, take photo from balcony</i>
A school learning space and staff will be available for any students throughout day who may prove to need extra support. If students do express a need to be quiet/pray, then they can use Moana as a calm, quiet space.	

Parents/whanau may find these links useful in support of your children.

[How to talk to your kids about: Trauma - The Parenting Place website](#)

[Helping children deal with trauma – Ministry of Health website](#)

[Talking to children about terrorism and trauma — Children’s Commissioner NZ Facebook page](#)

[Child psychologist message](#)