



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau,

Wow, what a week. There are no words to best describe the impact of the hikoi for our nation, city, kura, whānau and children. What an opportunity to have rich conversations about what is happening, to explore understanding, to notice passion and to reflect on what we each of us believe and to choose our actions.

As a leader of a school, it can be challenging to find the best way to represent and inspire a community. I was encouraged to receive the messages below from staff, families and community members.

'So great Newtown School is supporting this kaupapa'

'Thanks so much for supporting and talking about this important kaupapa too, it's given us encouragement to be there.'

'I feel very humbled to have been able to go and stand together as Tangata Tiriti i Aotearoa. This isn't politics. It's human rights'

'How comforting and nourishing Newtown's communication has been around the hikoi. It has lifted my spirits. Newtown school is a moral leader. It is at times like this that true leaders stand out. You are brave and bold.'

As we near the end of Term Four and this year, keep an eye on notices.

Celebrations

- The bees have arrived and happily settled in. Thank you Mark Brown, Tania Austin and Bas!
- The compost hub is formed
- Achievement data has been analysed-watch this space for some sharing in the next newsletter
- Kidswrite publishing

Coming up

- School celebration for Cards of Awesome
- Learning Records come home
- End of Term Four

Thank you for your ongoing support and dreams for your children. Have a relaxing weekend and see you Monday

Ngā mihi nui,
Whaea Nicki
Tumuaki | Principal

Important dates

- **Friday 29 November** - Practice Emergency Drill
- **Tuesday 10 December** - Whole School Trip to the zoo.
- **Wednesday 11 December** - Year 6 Leavers Dessert Evening
- **Friday 13th December** - Final Assembly 2024
- **Monday 16th December (half day - 1pm finish)** - Last day of Term 4
- **Wednesday 5th February** - Meet the teachers (more details to come)
- **Thursday 6th February** - Waitangi Day
- **Friday 7th February** - First day back for 2025

Welcome to our new students

- Kotoha Tesoriero
- Astrid Nolan

Attendance

It is really important that all children attend school every day unless they are sick. Every day attendance increases learning.

If your child is going to be away please call or email us.



04 389 6667



away@newtown.school.nz

School Notices



PRACTICE EMERGENCY DRILL

**FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT
2:30PM**

On 29 November all primary contacts will be contacted to say that we are running our practice emergency drill.

THIS IS NOT A REAL EMERGENCY.

This is a planned exercise to prepare our school for the process of reuniting students with their families following an emergency.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN:

1. ALL PRIMARY CONTACTS WILL RECEIVE A TEXT MESSAGE AND EMAIL ASKING YOU TO COME AND COLLECT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN IMMEDIATELY
2. WHEN YOU ARRIVE PLEASE FORM A QUEUE AT THE DOOR OF YOUR CHILD'S WHAANAU. HARAKEKE TO USE ORANGE STAIRS. WAITANGI TO USE EXTERNAL STAIRS.
3. CHILDREN WILL BE KEPT INSIDE THEIR WHAANAU UNTIL YOU SIGN THEM OUT. PLEASE GET YOUR YOUNGEST CHILD FIRST.
4. PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WILL NEED TO SIGN THEIR CHILDREN OUT WITH THEIR CLASSROOM TEACHER
5. ANY CHILDREN THAT ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY HOME WILL NEED A LETTER SENT TO THE OFFICE - ADMIN@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ - **THIS WON'T HAPPEN IN A REAL EMERGENCY**
6. THOSE CHILDREN ENROLLED TO ATTEND SKIDS ON THIS AFTERNOON WILL BE SIGNED OUT BY SKIDS AND TAKEN TO THE HALL AT 2.30 - **THIS WON'T HAPPEN IN A REAL EMERGENCY**

Important: Car parks have been removed out the front, please use kiss & drop on Mein Street

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke



KIA NGĀKAU HIHIRI CURIOUS Ka miharo, ka tūpono, ka auaha tātou.
We wonder, take risks and innovate

School Notices

If your family is able, please send your child along to school on Monday 25th November with a new unwrapped toy &/or non-perishable food items to donate to the Wellington City Mission. This event is open to the whole community, so feel free to join us to help 'Pack the Bus' and share widely.



'PACK THE BUS'
at
NEWTOWN SCHOOL
Monday 25th November
11:15am

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THE BREEZE
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PACK THE BUS IS HERE!
Be ready and help make someone else's christmas this year!

WHAT IS 'PACK THE BUS' ?

We all know that Christmas can be a tough time of the year for many, and The Breeze Wellington is on a mission to make it much better for local children and families around our region!

The Breeze will be at Newtown School on 25th November at 11:15am, and invite our community to pack their bus with new, unwrapped toys, and non-perishable food items, to deliver some holiday magic to those who need it the most via the Wellington City Mission.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE BUS

The Bus will be parked up at Newtown School from 11:15am to 11:45am. There will be children entertainers, christmas carols, and the opportunity for kids to walk through our fully decked out Christmas bus.

PHOTOS & FILMING

Families who do not want their children to be photographed or filmed by The Breeze for their social media, please contact sarahb@newtown.school.nz

WHAT TO DONATE

Most Needed Items for Christmas



- 01 NEW TOYS:**
 - Toys for 0-12months & 12-18 months e.g. Lamas range, wooden toys, twirling rings, bath toys
 - Clothes for boys aged 10-17
 - Clothing vouchers
 - Movie vouchers
 - Family games/puzzles
 - LEGO
 - Beauty Products/Body Gifts
 - Showergel packs
 - Perfume
 - Make-up packs
 - Hair products
 - Jewellery
 - Gifts for pre-teen boys
 - Tech gifts
 - Portable speakers
 - Headphones
 - Game consoles (hand-held or family)
 - Sensory toys
 - Slime
 - Thinking putty
 - Sensory Mats (Kilise different textures)
 - Fidget spinners
 - Rubik's cube toys
 - Chew Toys (Teething toys)
 - Reflective balls
 - Pin art boards
 - Electric pets
- 02 FOOD: CHRISTMAS TREATS**
 - Christmas cakes
 - Christmas desserts
 - Fancy crackers/biscuits
 - Chippies
 - Nuts
 - Chocolates
 - Pavlova/meringues
 - Relishes/chutneys
- 03 GROCERY: ESSENTIALS**
 - Sanitary Products
 - Canned Food
 - Rice
 - Pasta/Pasta Sauce
 - Cereals
 - Spreads
 - Sweet Biscuits/Crackers
 - Canned Meals/Soup
 - Hygiene/Cleaning Products
 - Beverages e.g., Milo, Coffee
 - Snacks e.g., Muesli Bars
 - Baking Products

Please note: No opened or expired goods.

Visit WellingtonCityMission.org.nz to learn more about how you can restore connections for everyone.

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KIA MANAAKI
RESPECTFUL

Ka whakamana tātou i ngā rongo o te katoa.
We value the thoughts and feelings of each other.

Teaching Teams for 2025

We are excited to share our teams for 2025. You will recognise the names, however may notice some of our teachers have travelled with their classes. We are looking forward to next year with the skills and strengths of our staff.

Whānau Tūi	Whānau Pōhutukawa	Whānau Piwakawaka	Whānau Harakeke	Whānau Waitangi	Ngati Kotahitanga
Karen	Mary	Megan	Kiran	Alice	Maraea
Debbie	Kath	Lily	Doreen	Rhys	Venise
+ roll growth teacher	Maddi	TBC	Luke	Mitchell	Susie
Teachers supporting across school: Lauren, Mitch, Sally, Rekha, Lisa. Specialist resource teachers: Hlne (Māori), Jenny (Literacy)				Luca (Welcome)	

There are some further part time positions as we work towards staffing needs. Teacher release increases to 5 days each term for full time teachers. There will of course be our amazing support staff team too. Watch in the next newsletter to find out who they are...

Welcome Luca

Kia ora e te whānau. Nō Ingarangi me Kōtirana me Parani ōku tūpuna. I whānau mai au ki Wairarapa. I tupu ake au ki Wairarapa me Whangārei. Kei te Ngā Puna Waiora ahau e noho ana. Ko Harnden me Archer ōku ingoa whānau. He Tangata Tiriti ahau. Ko Luca tōku ingoa.

Kia ora e te whānau - I am so happy to become part of the amazing team of kaiako and kaiāwhina at Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora Newtown School starting in term 1. I grew up in Whangārei and te Wairarapa with my mama, dad, and 6 siblings, but have lived here in Te Whanganui-a-Tara for 10 years. I live in Newtown so I'm sure you'll see me around at the vege market, op shops, and cafes. I have previously taught as a year 7-8 teacher and as an early childhood teacher with under 5 year olds. I graduated from Victoria University in 2019 after studying psychology, education, Aotearoa history, and teaching. I love swimming at the beach with my friends, preparing kai with whānau, making art, live theatre and music, reading, and being in nature. I am also learning to skateboard but I'm quite slow so maybe some tamariki can teach me! I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all in this exciting and fun-filled year ahead of us. Thank you for having me as part of your learning community. Ngā manaakitanga, Luca.



KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA **Ka whakapua i ō tātou kaha i ā tātou mahi katoa.**
EFFORT **We give our best in everything we do.**

Some Staffing Changes for 2025

At the end of this year **Juliette Davies** is leaving her Reading Recovery role. We have been exceptionally fortunate to have her on our staff for four years. She has made a difference for our learners in every situation she has been in - teams, individuals, staff, school wide. Juliette has the ability to problem solve and resource others so that learners always get a better deal. We will miss her insight, talent, incredible hard work and difference she makes for all.

Chantal Selby is returning to Australia to teach. She has been an asset to the Tūi team and has seamlessly been part of our staff. We will miss her hard work, focused dedication to learning, organisation and experience.

Kat has now completed her masters experience with the fantastic Tūi team. We have watched her hone the craft of teaching and she leaves us having gained sound learner focused teaching practices, confidence in decision making and a consideration of culturally responsive pedagogy.

Cole Hanfling is planning on relieving next year. We will miss Cole's care, warmth and support of those around him. He is always on the run and has contributed much to the Waitangi team and across our school. We will miss him.

CHANGE

Each year this is a message we share to remind us of the impact of transitions and change. They are an important part of life. At this time of term our tamariki begin to discuss the end of the year. Sometimes their behaviour can be a little different; a few more tears, grumpiness, friendship niggles or going quiet are some of the signs. Our role as adults is to reassure and provide tools for making change healthy, positive and to help manage their responses.

Here are some ways we can reassure and inspire our children around change:

- Reassure and make sure they know and understand what is coming next and give them something to look forward to.
- Help them to put how they feel into words.
- Remind them - their current teachers will share what they love about them with next year's teachers.
- Give them room to explore and imagine - don't rush them, give them time to think, talk and wonder about the next step.
- Preview positive possibilities for what is next.

State the positive-there are always things to look forward to...make a list!

Around our kura

Hīkoi for Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The hīkoi was a chance for us as a country to show our support for Te Tiriti o Waitangi. As a school we supported those staff and families who wanted to attend. While some of us joined the hīkoi, others of us supported from school with signs and Waiata out the front of the school.



WHĀNAUNGATANGA
CONNECTED

He iwi tahi tātou, he ako tahi tātou
We belong and we learn together

From promoting our donation drive for the Wellington City Mission around Newtown, to cooking. Excursions to Zealandia and the old Prison Gardens, local history walks, learning about and marking out Waitangi awa , creating marble art, designing intricate tunnel systems. Our students learn in many ways.



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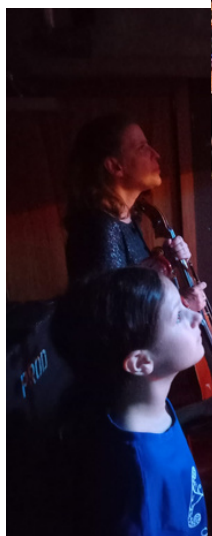
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From the concert hall to drumming in the playground



Arohanui Strings and Orchestra Wellington

Three of our students were lucky enough to play with Orchestra Wellington at the Michael Fowler Centre recently. Anika, Mila and Tui joined students from the wider Arohanui Strings whānau to play in front of an audience of 2,000 - what an incredible experience! Congratulations to you for your bravery and talent.



‘Past and Present’ by Roman from Whānau Waitangi

PAST

Dame Whina Cooper was a proud Māori woman who made history. In 1975, she started a march from Northland all the way to Wellington. The reason why she marched all the way down here was because Pākehā were taking too much land from the Māori people and she wanted her and her culture to be respected, so she started a protest that changed history. I think that she had a lot of courage and she was determined to make everything right again.

PRESENT

David Seymour is the minister of regulations and his party recently suggested the Treaty Principles Bill which would rewrite the ideas of the Treaty of Waitangi. Lots of people are against them changing what the treaty says and they are protesting to oppose a controversial bill that could drastically alter the way the country's founding treaty between Māori people and the Crown is interpreted.

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EFFORT**

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Sports News

Congratulations to these athletes who competed in the Inter Zone Athletics!

Jahvae

Christa

Reni

Hāneta

Tyler J

Kade

Umar

Renisalia

Tehani

Maggie

Sekati

Lervander

Sam F

Hāneta

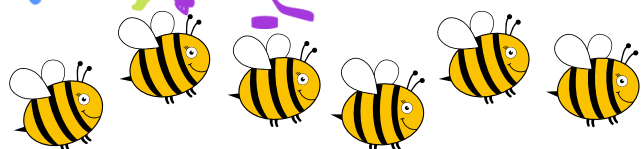
Zeeya

Violet

Adna



Garden Goodness



Welcome to our new arrivals, the bees

Our long awaited bees moved to our school bee apiary (by the carpark) this week. They have settled in nicely and we look forward to learning all about them. Please take care around this space.

Thanks for your kindness and help - we're so grateful to;

Kate, mum of Hugo and for sewing and gifting these beautiful aprons (made from teatowels) for our garden to table sessions.

Langi, dad of Pippa for his builder skills to finish the beehive area

Finn, Thea's dad; Alysha, Kades mum and Basil, keen volunteer for prepping our new compost area

Nicole, Millies mum for your help with our garden sessions.



Garden Tools

Do you have any small have any small trowels or spades you don't need?
We'd love them for our sessions.

Working bee

Monday 25 Nov: 3.15 - 5pm: Building new compost bins. Let Tania know if you can join in - taniaa@newtown.school.nz (Rainday, Wed 27 Nov).

Penpal School: Orakei School in Auckland

This term our Y3 Piwakawaka students have been writing and swapping letters with students in Auckland, sharing stories about gardening and cooking - such a delight to receive handwritten mail!



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Staff Spotlight

Welcome Selin



KNamaskaram and Kia Ora Koutou !

This is Selin here, coming all the way from tropical lush state of Kerala in southern India. This is my first year in Aotearoa as I pursue my higher studies in Health Psychology.

As a new Teaching Assistant, I'm here to cheer for our tamariki in Tūi and Pohutukawa and make humble contributions to their learning and growth. I find that my training and career in psychology and behavioral therapy from India is a great foundation for my role here.

The diverse and welcoming environment is so encouraging and inspires me to learn alongside everyone.

Most of the time in school, you can find me doing some activities with my young buds. Outside school, my "me-time" involves a lot of music, singing, reading, watching movies, and strolling by the beach.

Looking forward to a beautiful journey together!

Ngā mihi nui,
Selin

Exhibition Wall

'Space people' by CC

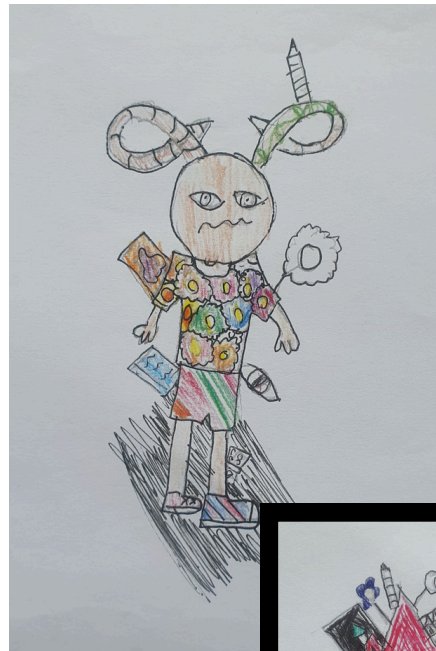
Friday 22nd November - Thursday 5th December

Newtown school celebrate a new showing on the exhibition wall this time by CC from Whanau Harakeke.

It's always a delight for me to see what a talented 8 year old young artist like C C comes up with. She's entitled her first ever solo exhibition 'Space people' where she has drawn her human and animal characters with things growing out of them as they transform before our eyes. Maybe future AI inventions or transformers of the future.

I'm very proud of CC and I look forward to watching this young creative talent blossom during her time ahead at Newtown School. Come and have a look and support her efforts. Yet another great exhibition I recommend you check it out on 'The Exhibition Wall' at Newtown School. Only for 2 weeks so make sure you do.

-Paul Forrest



KIA MANAHAU E hia hinganga, katū tonu, ka ako tonu
RESILIENT We keep trying and learn from what we do