



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**TERM FOUR:**

**18 October - 15 December 2021**

- **3 December** - Learning Records come home
- **6 & 7 December** - Learning Conversations
- **15 December** - Last day of Term 4

**TERM ONE 2022:**

**3 February - 14 April 2022**

- **3 February** - First Day of Term 1

KIA WHAKAPAU KAHA - EFFORT

**SCHOOL TIMES**

SCHOOL STARTS 9.00AM  
 INTERVAL 11.00-11.20AM  
 LUNCH 12.45-1.45PM  
 SCHOOL FINISHES 3.00PM

**ABSENCES**

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING TO BE AT SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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 TEXT: 020 40175659  
 EMAIL:

AWAY@NEWTOWN.SCHOOL.NZ

**PRINCIPAL - TUMUAKI KŌRERO**

Kia ora koutou te whānau,

I have the pleasure of reading every one of our tamariki's Learning Records and signing certificates that acknowledge a wide range of their successes and achievements. As I do this, I get to celebrate each of our learners awesome mahi and thinking about their learning. I get to feel pride, like I'm sure you do, about what our amazing tamariki can do.

I get to work with amazing staff who put in so many hours that are often not recognised or realised and I get to share in their joys as they facilitate and encourage the curiosity of your tamariki. I see first hand the values that your tamariki display, it's fantastic being a school principal!

Over the last couple of weeks, our whānau teachers have been finalising progress and achievement data and completing Learning Records. The end of year Learning Records will be shared with you in on Friday 3 December.

We are underway with using our data to guide and inform our work for next year. It is pleasing to see solid growth and achievement school wide, while identifying areas where we need to improve. Additional information about end of year learning conversations along with the interview booking information for Monday 6 December and Tuesday 7 December is in this newsletter.

Your child's whānau placement for next year has been completed and planning is well underway for 2022. Whānau placement information will be issued with your children's Learning Record at the end of week 7 (Friday 3 December). Our students will meet with their 2022 teachers and whānau classmates starting from next week.

The last few weeks of the school year are always busy and we are doing our very best to ensure many opportunities to celebrate and have fun as much fun as possible for our children. Please bear with us as we do our best to adapt and modify these celebrations to meet the present Covid guidelines that schools are required to follow.

Thanks again for your ongoing and amazing support to keep everyone safe here at Newtown School.

A reminder that the last day of term 4 this year is Wednesday 15th December, 3:00 pm finish.

Noho ora mai ra | Mark Brown, Principal - Tumuaki

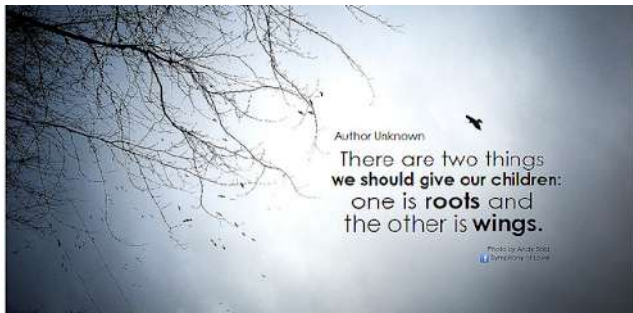
## Learning records - coming next week!

Next week your child will bring home their **END OF YEAR LEARNING RECORD**. Our learners constantly surprise and delight us with insight into their learning. Your tamariki are amazing (which you already know!). The comments are from your child, about their learning and discussed with their teachers. On the back their teachers have commented on additional aspects of learning. The value of these precious opportunities for conversations with your tamariki cannot be measured. Many whānau have told us what pleasure they are to read and share. We agree.

Our teachers take time because they:

- want to hear what your children say.
- believe in the power of learners knowing about their learning.
- love hearing the insight, pride and joy in what your children are proud of.

**Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who believed first.**



**ACTION TIME:**  
**Read this together-Don't miss out!!**  
**Take time to listen and notice.**  
**Ask more questions about why this matters.**

**If you wish to korero with a whānau teacher (this does not have to be their home class teacher) instructions for how to book your time are below.**

### **To book a Learning Conversation - this is optional**

Time has been set aside on

**Monday 6th and 7th December from 3:15pm until 5:15pm.**

use the link and code below,

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

Enter Our School Event Code: **pah4v**

If you have any questions, please contact the school office

### **COVID - 19 Update:**

Some parents have asked "what would happen if there was a case at Newtown School?". As always we would follow the advice of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. For your information, this link outlines the process as directed by the Ministry of Education.

#### **What to do if there is a case of COVID-19 in your school or kura**

- The MOE and MOH would support us to work our way through this process based on public health advice.
- We would support communications to the school community based on this public health advice. This communication would be via text message directly to whānau, email, and Facebook posts.
- Closing the school may or may not be required and would only occur in consultation with direction from Health or in discussion with the Director of Education.
- On page 3 of this link, you will find the latest advice from the MOE with regards to reducing the risk of transmission. This information is linked to the rollout of the new traffic light system. We are sure that more details will follow in the coming days/weeks.

Thank you for all our parents who attending recent school trips and activities for complying with the new covid requirement of informing our office of your vaccine status. You can now show us your Covid Passport or Vac information.



## My Vaccine Pass - Tech Support!

**Not sure how to use the new vaccine passport?  
Need some help downloading the app?  
Can't figure out how to log in? What's a 'Real Me'?  
Don't even know what the app is, exactly?**

Smart Newtown is here at 9 Constable Street, for one-on-one support for your vaccine passport questions and can help you to set this up.



Come and see the friendly and knowledgeable team anytime during general opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-6pm  
Wednesday, Friday 12.30-6pm  
Saturday: 10am-2.30pm

The team can help you sign up for your Covid Passport (My Covid Pass), download it to your phone, print it out and laminate (please bring some cash for this \$1.20 for black and white, \$2.20 for colour)

We recommend you call up on 04 380 0143 or email at smartnewtown@gmail.com to book in a time.

For more information about Smart Newtown check out [here](#)  
This service is free and operating under Level 2

Check out the Facebook event [here](#)

## BOOK AMNESTY

We need your help in finding our missing reading books and library books!

**Check under beds and behind couches - all those secret places where books love to hide.**

Please return them to your teacher  
No questions asked!



A big thank you to Lance for the sports scholarships he handed out to some of our students this week. The scholarship money can go towards all things sports



Public consultation is underway by Let's Get Wellington Moving around mass rapid transit, which is the very latest type of public transport that will move more people around more quickly and reliably.

More of us need to leave our cars at home to make a real dent in our carbon emissions and will only do it if we have superior public transport.

Great public transport encourages housing development as people want to live close to it, and we have a housing crisis so this is hugely important.

As a member of our school whanau we urge you to have your say on the proposed four options – all of them connect the railway station to Island Bay and go right past our school, all of them will transform the way we, and our children, will get around the city.

Let's Get Wellington Moving is made up of Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, with the support of mana whenua partners.

They need to pick which option goes to the next stage and gets built – and they need feedback from the public to help them decide.

We will make a submission on behalf of our school but it's all about people power so make sure you have you say before consultation closes on 10 December 2021.

You can go online to give feedback [here](#) or pop into the office where we have some brochures is you want to find out more or fill in a printed version.



**IT'S TIME TO TRY!**

**2022 Weetbix Kids TRYathlon**  
 Sunday, 27 March 2022  
 Kilbirnie Park, Kilbirnie  
**Entries are open now!**

- The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child.
- Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.
- Participants need to be aged 6 years old on event day to complete the Splash&Dash
- Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for Newtown School when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes.
- If someone you know requires financial assistance to enter the TRYathlon, should it be subsidised entry fees or funding for necessary equipment, then you can apply to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation for assistance. Visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundationfor](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundationfor) details.

Come and give this a go!  
 To enter the TRYathlon visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz/](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/)  
**If you would like to join the Newtown School Group, please click [here](#)**



With Christmas just around the corner why not look for gifts at The School Fundraising Shop NZ. With every purchase they will donate 10% of the purchase price to our school. To start shopping click [here](#)

Please **NO PARKING** in the school carpark, on the yellow lines or the private car parks on Emmett St while picking up or dropping off your children to school

WHĀNAUNGATANGA - CONNECTED



### THE PRIZES

As you take part in the Adventure, you will earn prizes that must be collected from your local library.

These prizes may include up to 20 collectible **badges, books, stationery, Ben & Jerry's ice cream vouchers**, and more, as well as tickets towards one of four **Grand Prize draws** at the end of the Adventure.

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PRIZE SPONSORS:**

**ADVENTURER'S GUIDE**  
1 DECEMBER 2021 - 31 JANUARY 2022

- READ BOOKS -
- COMPLETE QUESTS -
- WIN PRIZES -

Wellington City Libraries Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council

## Wellington Library Challenge

### IMPORTANT STUFF

(IN FINE PRINT)

- The Summer Reading Adventure is open to kids aged 5-13 who use Wellington City Libraries.
- The Adventure ends at 11.59pm on 31 January 2022. Books read and challenges completed after this date will not count towards earning prizes.
- Grand Prize winners will be drawn and notified over the first two weeks of February 2022. All decisions are final.

**1 WELCOME, ADVENTURER**

Visit [wcl.beanstack.org](http://wcl.beanstack.org) to create your account and get started on your Adventure.

You only need to create **one account** per family.

You can also download the app on **Google Play** or the **App Store**.

**2 READ, WRITE, DRAW**

Every time you read a book, make sure to **log it** on the website or app. You'll win prizes each time you reach a new **reading milestone**.

You can also choose to **write, draw, or film** a book review when you log a book for the chance to win even more prizes!

**3 COMPLETE QUESTS**

You can also take part in **activities** across three different questlines. You can follow:

- The Way of the Librarian** to explore our libraries.
- The Voyager's Journey** to explore nature and the city.
- The Castellan's Vow** to explore your home and back yard.

## Summer Fun Holiday Adventures

(Open: 7am and Close 6pm) Teaching Confidence & Respect

**WEEK 5**

- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Wellington Anniversary Day (Public Holiday)
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Nature, Science and Technology: Learn some amazing tricks in nature, science and technology.
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Price: \$4 Games \$15 ONE! Enjoy a day of shared fun and adventure challenges with the community.
- Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Natural Creations Creating Art to say: 'Thank You' to those we love.
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Last Supper: Relax and enjoy a shared lunch with the Priest! Pride Fair: Turning Junk into another person's treasure.

**STANDARD FEES:** \$324.16 per cub/wk or \$551.07 for two siblings/wk. \$91.04 per cub/day or \$137.77 for two siblings/day.

**WHEN:** Dates: Dec 20th - 24th 2021 to 3rd - 28th Jan 2022. Enrol by 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021.

**WHERE:** Western Suburbs (Wilton/Otam School), Southern Suburbs (South Wellington Intermediate School - SWIS)

**WHAT TO BRING:** Jacket, spare clothes, sun hat and water bottle. Limited spaces, enrol now at [www.pridelands.co.nz](http://www.pridelands.co.nz) 7's & C's applies.

**EARLY BIRD ENROLMENT DISCOUNT:** Only \$275.34 per cub/wk or \$466.41 for two siblings/wk. Only \$68.88 per cub/day or \$117.70 for two siblings/day if enrolled and paid by 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Payment Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021. Additional siblings will incur further charges, please see website for further pricing.

**15% Off for Wild Card holders**

Plan B: Some activities including clay trials may need to be swapped for other exciting ones!

## Pridelands Holiday Programme

**WEEK 1**

- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021** Woolly World! Checkout the planet's strangest creatures and create your own.
- Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021** WHICHI! Fuel your summer adventures with these amazing recipes from Kai Cubs Cooking Adventures for families.
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2021** TRIP DASH Christmas Shopping with fish and chips at the park.
- Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2021** Fastest Fish How long can you go?
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021** All I Want for Christmas... IS CHRISTMAS LUNCHE HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**WEEK 2**

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022** IGL Challenges Have the Last Laugh.
- Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Fun and Thrills Enhance your core strength through a series of fun challenges.
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** TRIP DASH: Seabrook Beach Visit Seabrook beach and explore the community of Seabrook.
- Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** One artist Paint other worldly images beneath icebergs, under water sinkholes, ancient submerged cities and even caves.
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Pride Lands Cultural Day Celebrations Dress up. Eat up. All things cultural.

**WEEK 3**

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Sporty Stuff Join in the action.
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Challenge Day: A Day of Interactive Fun and Activities Overnight Sleepover (Optional & Booking Required for this activity): Camp with your friends and enjoy a variety of night activities.
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** TRIP DASH: Wednesday YOU CHOOSE, WE GO!
- Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Zombie Escape Let the apocalypse begin!
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Enrol Games Just Do It!

**WEEK 4**

- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Fairy Princes Kito making challenges, can you fly?
- Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Pride Gallery Create a variety of new amazing colours and textures.
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** TRIP DASH: PRIDELANDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE Do something selfless for your community.
- Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Wipe Out Challenges Let's Go!!!!
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022** City of Townies Go nuts, go crazy, go wild, and go mad on your creative challenges.

**save the date**

## School Term Dates for 2022

- Term 1: Thursday 3 February - Thursday 14 April
- Term 2: Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July
- Term 3: Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September
- Term 4: Monday 17 October - Friday 15 December



**Please remember to bring a hat to school everyday in Term 4!**

These are available to purchase in the office for \$12

You can wear any hat that has a full brim which covers your ears and the back of the neck

**NO HAT, you PLAY in the SHADE**

KIA MANAHAU - RESILIENT