



# NEWSLETTER



## Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are back in the rhythm of a school week and there has been plenty of action in the last fortnight. Sometimes in this job I am struck by the privilege of the many dimensions of relationships that I get to be part of and witness. This last week in particular has demonstrated the many threads of our kura with the way people weave together for the good of our tamariki.

**Camp:** This week our year 6 and 7's have been out at Camp Wainui for three days. We stay in cabins, walk up the streams, tackle team challenges, share food and are surrounded by our beautiful native forest, filled with the sound of cicadas.

What an amazing group of young people; caring and supportive of each other, willing to try new activities, making new friendships and with great manners to all those helping them. We catch many glimpses of the people they will be in the community and it is something to be glad for.

Thank you to our parent helpers who generously take time off work and share their energy, care and heaps of encouragement for our young people. They get to see first hand; new friendships, challenges faced, anxiety overcome and lots of laughing. Thank you to the staff who organised and led the camp—they are exceptional. They have demonstrated patience, joy, expertise, inclusion and insight for each child. How fortunate are our tamariki to be nurtured and led by these awesome humans. As a leader in a school watching this in action, brings joy.

We love that the kaiako from kura come and visit us at camp. Watching them jump in the kitchen to cook our crumble, cheer on those children facing challenges, inject some energy, do some dishes and rescue us with the forgotten items, shifts the energy for all! Back at school life continues with walks up Matairangi in the rain, exploring, writing, maths problems, practicing kapa haka, designing a new art piece.

One **outstanding experience** this week was a visit from the NZ Opera who performed a play written by Rutene Spooner called Hinewhaititiri and The Weather Gods. It was exceptional - the reo, the interactiveness and the singing were all very impressive. So many people thought it was an amazing experience and were moved to tears by the blending of four outstanding voices.

**Newtown Festival.** Thank you to those kaiako who have been preparing our kapa haka to open the Newtown festival on Sunday. Come on down to support our tamariki as we open the Festival on the stage just outside our kura at 10am.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Whaea Nicki  
Tumuaki | Principal

## Important dates

- 2 March - Newtown Festival
- 10 March - Bee Healthy  
Dental Van onsite
- 12 March - School Picnic  
(rescheduled)
- 16 March - Weetbix  
Tryathlon
- Week 9 - Cross Country  
(more details to come)
- 11 April - Last Day of Term 1
- 28 April - First Day of Term 2
- 27 June - Last Day of Term 2

## Welcome to our new students

- Shujia Tat
- Adam Gamal
- Arvin Vineesh
- Juwana Jeril

## 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.**



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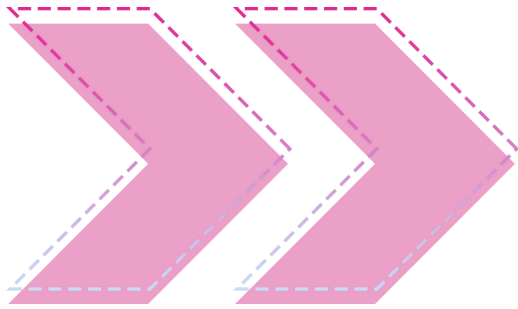
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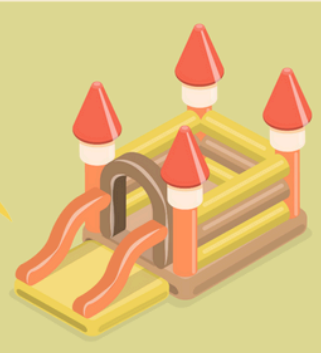
## School Notices

### SCHOOL PICNIC POSTPONED



### NEWTOWN SCHOOL WHĀNAU PICNIC

all welcome



**BRING  
YOUR  
OWN KAI  
&  
JOIN IN  
THE FUN**

### NOW DUE STATIONERY FEE \$35

Payment covers everything your children need in class

Online Payments

### ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name: Newtown School Board  
Bank: BNZ  
Account number: 02 0576 0022421 00  
Reference: Family name  
Code: Stationery

Eftpos & Cash payments available in the Office

### THIS SUNDAY

Come on down to support our tamariki as our Kapa Haka open the Festival on the stage just outside our kura at 10am.



Bee Healthy Dental Van will be onsite 10 March - 4th April checking all children's teeth.

You will be notified if your child requires any dental work.

### NOW DUE YEAR 6 CAMP FEE \$100

Eftpos & Cash payments available in the Office

Online Payments can be made to:

**Account Name:** Newtown School Board  
**Bank:** BNZ  
**Account number:** 02 0576 0022421 00  
**Reference:** Family name  
**Code:** Camp

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

# School Notices

## LUNCHTIME SWIMMING

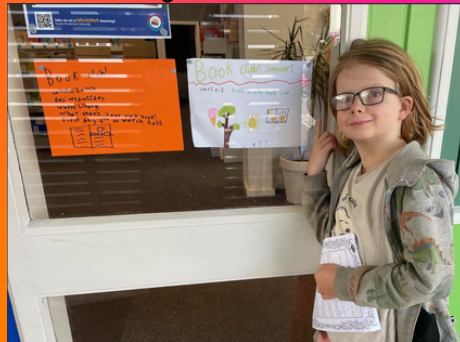


It's back!  
If students would like to swim on a Thursday lunchtime then make sure they have their togs at school so they can join the fun.



## Book Club

Finn has a great new initiative he is setting up. Check out the details below:



### BOOK CLUB!

**WHEN:** lunch

**WHERE:** library

**WHAT:** make your own book!

**FIRST DAY:** 5th of March 2025



## Movin' March

It's that time of year where we encourage our students to walk or wheel to school.

Students will earn stamps on a passport. Once full students receive a small prize or go into the draw for a new bike! Please save filled cards to return to me. Students can complete more than one card - I have spares.

For the students who come by car or live directly across the road from school they can earn stamps by walking around the playground at the start of the day or having whanau park two or three blocks away so they can walk.

I will be handing out a few spot prizes and stickers to students coming and leaving school at various times over March.

Mary Bluck



### NGĀTI KOTAHITANGA FUNDRAISING STALL AT NEWTOWN FESTIVAL

Nau mai haere mai. Come and support Ngāti Kotahitanga - our akomanga rumaki - this year at Newtown Fest.

At the Riddiford St entrance to Newtown School, by the Tangata Whenua stage.  
10am till lunchtime.

Fundraising to take tamariki to noho marae.

#### Available to buy:

- Seedlings
- Moko (temporary)
- Poi
- Kaupapa patches

#### Please bring cash.

Prices from \$3 - \$30

*Ngā mihi nui*

*Ohu Pūtea*

*Te whānau o Ngāti Kotahitanga*



KIA MANAAKI  
RESPECTFUL

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

# Around our kura & beyond

What a great fortnight for our Newtown School students and teachers.

Our Year 6s went to camp and had an amazing time. Thank-you to our incredible teachers for all their organising and to the incredible team of parents who helped create a wonderful experience for our community.

While on camp, our Year 5s were out adventuring to Matairangi, Prince of Wales Park and Zealandia!

Those of us at school had time in the library, a visit from the NZ Opera, cooking, gardening, art, swimming, as well as our regular classroom activities.



## Year 6 Camp



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

# Around our kura & beyond



## Year 5 Adventures



## Staff spotlight

### Welcome to our Masters student Amber

Kia ora Newtown School Whānau!

My name is Amber, and I am a Master's student training to be a teacher this year. This year, I am incredibly lucky to be working alongside Whānau Waitangi with the Year 5/6s.

Outside of the classroom, you'll often find me in the kitchen trying out new recipes, curled up with a good book or out on the field kicking a ball around. I've always had a passion for sports and grew up playing everything from cricket to Irish dancing to hockey, so I'm excited to get involved in school sports and cheer on our tamariki!

I am looking forward to the year ahead, building connections and learning alongside the incredible students at Newtown School. Please come and say hi if you see me around, I'd love to get to know more of our wonderful whānau!

Ngā mihi,  
Amber



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

# Arts News

## ART OPPORTUNITIES AT NEWTOWN SCHOOL

### Paul Forrest's Drawing Classes

"I'm delighted to announce the renewed sponsorship from a family trust (Thankyou Dayal Govan) and the new funding from The Real Art Trust have made it possible for me to continue and increase the drawing classes I teach at Newtown and Berhampore Primary Schools for another two years. The demand due to fantastic results has been quite something. I'm so humbled by the support I've been given to help the tamariki in our local community shine with inspiration and self confidence." - Paul

**Look out for more drawing classes across the school soon!**



## OPERA AT NEWTOWN SCHOOL

On Wednesday we were incredibly lucky to be able to watch a performance by NZ Opera called Matāio written by Rutene Spooner. It was inspired by the story of Hinewhaititiri and The Weather Gods performed in a mix of both te reo Māori mē te reo Pākeha. The tamariki and kaiako alike were enthralled by the waiata, puppets and interaction. What an amazing event!



A beautiful creation from our Tūi students

## AUDITIONS

If your child was inspired by this performance please see this notice from NZ Opera about possibly taking part in a NZ Opera performance of La Bohème!



As part of our casting, we will be assembling a small, children's chorus of unbroken voices. Children between the ages of 8-14 years are invited to apply to audition at  
**Te Whanganui-a-Tara | Wellington**  
**Saturday 22nd March | 11.00am – 1.00pm**  
**Venue: Te Whaea**  
**11 Hutchison Rd Wellington**  
For more information please email [karen@nzopera.co.nz](mailto:karen@nzopera.co.nz)



## Exhibition Wall



### 'Arti's Art'

**Mon 24th March - Mon 14th of April**  
**The Newtown School Exhibition Wall**

This week Newtown school celebrate a new series of artworks by 13 year old Arti Mahato, a former student of Newtown School and one of the 2023 recipients of the two prized annual art awards given out every year. One of the conditions of the award is that the recipients had to continue to showcase their artworks on the schools' exhibition wall even after they have left the school. This so we can see what they come up with when they're using the high quality art materials they received as the prize plus it's such a buzz to watch extraordinary talent as they continue to master their craft. Do make a point of coming to see her work and support her efforts. They're inspirational.

'Arti's Art' on the Newtown School exhibition wall. On now.

-Paul

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

# Sports News



Check out team lists and draws here each week

## TERM 1 SPORTS

Check out team lists and draws in the window behind the small playground

## COMING UP...

Watch this space for more details on cross country in week 9 and the tryathalon on 16 March :)

## SPORTS COORDINATORS

Any further enquiries can be made to our sports coordinators at [sports@newtown.school.nz](mailto:sports@newtown.school.nz)

# Garden Goodness



We need help to build a new gate to our compost and bee area. We also have some small building projects that are garden related. Pop in and see Tania or Nicki to find out more, email [taniaa@newtown.school.nz](mailto:taniaa@newtown.school.nz)



## Keen to garden or cook at our school?

We run sessions on Mondays and Thursdays and are always keen for whānau to join us. Contact Tania.



Unsprayed grass clippings and sawdust, eggshell, coffee grounds, soft potatoes from your cupboards, excess fruit from home fruit trees to teach preserving. Please bring to the compost area.



## Composting at school

Thanks to our flash new composting set up, we're ready to accept food scraps from 20 households within our school community.

If you don't have a compost bin or worm farm at your home and currently put your food scraps into your rubbish bin please come and see Tania or email her at [taniaa@newtown.school.nz](mailto:taniaa@newtown.school.nz).



# Community Notices

**AOTEAROA CHILDREN'S DAY  
NEWTOWN  
FESTIVAL  
TAMARIKI & RANGATAHI PROGRAMME**

**RĀTAPU, TUARUA O POUTŪ-TE-RANGI  
SUNDAY 2 MARCH  
NEWTOWNFESTIVAL.ORG.NZ**

## TAMARIKI & RANGATAHI SHOWS

- Mihi Whakatau w/ Te Kapa o Ngā Puna Waiora --- 9:30am Tangata Whenua Stage  
 Fun & Funner --- 10am Rintoul St Stage  
 Move It Danceworks --- 10am Community Stage  
 Orlefa Dance Ensemble --- 10am Little Poland  
 Wellington Youth Circus --- 10am Circus Hub Stage  
 Legacy Taekwon-Do --- 10:20am Community Stage  
 Paul Klaass --- 10:30am Buskers Pitch  
 ODA Dance Studio --- 10:50am Community Stage  
 Burnt Indigo --- 11am Wilson St Stage  
 Circus Hub Students --- 11am & 3pm Circus Hub Stage  
 St Anne's School --- 11:20am Pasifika Stage  
 Dance Fun For Kids --- 11:30am Little Poland  
 The Dangerous Darlings --- 11:30am & 4pm Buskers Pitch  
 Newtown School --- 11:38am Pasifika Stage  
 NOVA --- 11:40am South Stage  
 The Side Characters --- 11:45am Rintoul St Stage  
 DJ Kedron & DJ Nico (Mum vs Son) --- 11:50am South Stage  
 St Anne's Samoan Aulavalou --- 11:58am Pasifika Stage  
 Circus Hub Trainers --- 12pm Circus Hub Stage  
 Mr Fungus --- 12:15pm & 2:30pm Buskers Pitch  
 St Anne's Aoga Mata --- 12:20pm Pasifika Stage  
 WCSCC Dragon & Lion Troupe --- 12:20pm Eastern Sound Collective Stage  
 South Wellington Intermediate School --- 12:30pm Pasifika Stage  
 BANANA JOLIE --- 1pm & 3:15pm Buskers Pitch  
 Circus BBQ Party --- 1pm & 4pm Circus Hub Stage  
 Laura's Funny Farm --- 1:50pm Circus Hub Stage  
 Samoan AOG Gospel Band --- 2:10pm Pasifika Stage  
 JOLA BURNS --- 2:30pm Rintoul St Stage  
 Star time! --- 2:45pm Emmett St Stage

## FAVOURITE ALL AGES STAGES

- Tangata Whenua Stage --- Riddiford St north, outside Newtown School  
 Circus Hub Stage --- St Anne's School grassy area, end of Emmett St  
 Pasifika Stage --- Mercy Park, end of Emmett St, beyond St Anne's grounds  
 Rintoul St Stage --- Rintoul St  
 Community Stage --- cnr Riddiford & Constable St  
 Buskers Pitch --- McDonalds carpark

## FUN & FREE WHĀNAU ACTIVITIES

- Mana Makopuna VOICES --- St Anne's grounds  
 Little's Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Bouncy Castle --- St Anne's grounds  
 Sports & Games, Handball, Flamingo Scooter Track --- St Anne's grounds  
 Seaweed Festival Activities --- Normanby St  
 Shoot The Knight --- Donald McLean St laneway  
 Rollerskating & Handball --- Gordon Pl  
 Fire & Emergency's Fire Trucks --- cnr Gordon Pl/St

## WHERE TO CHILL OUT

- The Meeting Room at St Anne's Hall --- end of Emmett St  
 Time Out at Newtown Community Centre --- cnr Rintoul & Colombo St  
 Quiet Space at Newtown Library --- 13 Constable St  
 Family Zone at Salvation Army --- 4 Normanby St

## 'Newtown Open Studios Weekend' !!! Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of March Midday - 5pm

**NEWTOWN OPEN STUDIOS 2025**  
Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 March  
12 - 5pm

Thanks to Te Whāroa Hopoi o ngā Puna Waiora - Newtown Community Centre  
Rice Pudding gallery and the Paribū Family

Proud to be aligned with  
**NEIGHBOURS AOTEAROA**

## NEWTOWN OPEN STUDIOS 2025

SAT 8 & SUN 9 MARCH  
12 - 5PM

Follow the trail through Newtown  
meet artists and buy work directly from them.  
**TOUR DE STUDIOS**  
Meet up with the Art Group at Peoples  
Coffee at 12.30pm on Saturday 8 March  
and visit artists with them.

Artist	Medium	Location
1 Te Hopoi Collective	Multiple mediums	North end of Owen St marianne@tehopoi.co.nz
2 Duncan Sargent	Ceramics, painting	Rice Pudding Gallery, 91 Constable St duncanjamesargent@gmail.com
3 Tia Sullivan	Oils, acrylic, collage, charcoal	Rice Pudding Gallery, 91 Constable St tsullivanartnz
4 Margaret Franken	Pounamu	Rice Pudding Gallery, 91 Constable St margaret.franken@gmail.com
5 John Sheehan	Pounamu	Rice Pudding Gallery, 91 Constable St john.jode@xtra.co.nz
6 Kidank	Jewellery	Rice Pudding Gallery, 91 Constable St ricepudding91@gmail.com, @ricepudding91
7 Short Morris	Painting, woodblock printing	76 Constable St shu-morris@hotmail.com, @shuzy
8 Joel Rays	Ink on paper	76 Constable St joelrays@gmail.com, @thuisstudio
9 Biddy Bunzl	Painting, ceramics, prints	108 Owen St, entrance on Harper St biddybunzl@gmail.com, biddybunzl.com
10 Paul Forrest	Butterfly sculptures, painting	16 Harper St & Carrara Park paulforrest.artist@gmail.com, paulforrest.com
11 Craig Beardsworth	Paper collage	Newtown Hall, 71 Daniel St craigbeardsworth@gmail.com
12 Piper McKerracher	Acrylic, watercolour	Newtown Hall, 71 Daniel St piperck02@gmail.com, @piperiamart
13 David Hayes	Photography (silver based)	Newtown Hall, 71 Daniel St djhayes@corcon.net.nz, davidhayesphoto.wordpress.com
14 Mandy Gray	Mixed-media sculpture	Newtown Hall, 71 Daniel St mandy91@gmail.com
15 Mike Delany	Painting	Art24.7 gallery, 247 Riddiford St @mikedelany
16 Marc de Boer	Multiple mediums	Art24.7 gallery, 247 Riddiford St @marcdeboer

Buses to Newtown 1 3 4 18 23 29

Newtown Open Studios @newtownopenstudios #newtownopenstudios

Now's your chance to experience a very cool art walk in wonderful Newtown Saturday and Sunday March 8-9. Midday -5pm. Plus it's free to experience. 16 talented local Newtown artists showcasing the best of their creativity to our local community. Included in the art walk is a series of beautiful kaleidoscopes of over 70 butterflies in the garden setting at our own Paul Forrest's famous butterfly house in Harper Street and out through his magic gateway into Carrara Park where he's installed more butterflies in the playground and some huge paintings mixing bird photographs and abstraction to draw the eye. It's always a real treat to meet artists in their working space plus it's a great opportunity to discover some of the magical gardens that their studios are set in. A great event for the whole family to enjoy. There are paintings, drawings, collage, photographs, ceramics pounamu, and native NZ butterfly sculptures. - See Newtown Open Studios Instagram and Facebook for a map and list of artists The annual Newtown Open Studios is happening on the weekend of 8 & 9 March. Midday-5pm

**WHĀNAUNGATANGA  
CONNECTED**

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



# Community Notices



**FUN DAMENTALS**  
**BNZ KIWII HOOPS**  
**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME**  
**YEARS 0-2**

**DATES: 25TH FEB - 8TH APRIL**  
**VENUE: AKAU TANGI SPORTS CENTRE (COURT 2)**  
**TIME: 3:45PM - 4:30PM**  
**COST: \$35**

WELLINGTON BASKETBALL logo and BNZ KIWII HOOPS logo.



**FUN DAMENTALS**  
**BNZ KIWII HOOPS**  
**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME**  
**YEARS 3-4**

**DATES: 24TH FEB - 17TH MARCH**  
**VENUE: AKAU TANGI SPORTS CENTRE (COURT 2)**  
**TIME: 3:45PM - 4:30 PM**  
**COST: \$35**

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**Flavour detectives**

Join us in Term 1 as we explore the yummy foods of Italy, India, and Mexico! Learn new cooking skills and take home recipes.

Book online | [skids.co.nz](http://skids.co.nz)

skids logo



Victoria University Coastal Ecology Lab

**ANNUAL OPEN DAY**  
**Saturday 8 March**  
**10am-3pm**

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON  
 TE HERENGA WAKA  
 NEW ZEALAND

Bring the family for a fun and educational day to celebrate NZ Sea Week!

- 👉 Interactive displays showcasing **marine biology research** at VUW
- 👉 Touch tanks of marine creatures
- 👉 Our virtual reality diving experience
- 👉 And much more...including a sausage sizzle

\*396 The Esplanade, Island Bay




**THE TINY SHOW**

FRINGE Company of Giants

Meet a quiet clown and her troupe of toys as she recounts familiar fables and tales. Encounter a jealous witch, a lonely wolf and a very sorry piggy. Be dazzled with sassy looks and spine-tingling harmonies. This clown can sing, dance and eat pink wafers like no one else.

The Tiny Show debuted at the Whangarei Fringe Festival 2022, where it received the 'Best Performer award'.

Suitable for deaf and hearing audiences aged 3 years and up.

Saturday 1st March 2025, 10:30am | 3:30pm \$15  
 Sunday 2nd March 2025, 10:30am | 3:30pm Te Auaha, 65 Dixon Street, Te Aro

Get tickets  
[tickets.fringe.co.nz/event/4466151/](http://tickets.fringe.co.nz/event/4466151/)



**Flutter** Koha show

Sunday 23rd February  
 Saturday 8th March  
 11.30am  
 Zealandia  
 Te Māra a Tāne

FRINGE ARTS FESTIVAL

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