



NEWSLETTER



Tumuaki Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week I have had the experience of stepping into the office role a bit more than usual when Melissa or Sarah have been away. Apart from realising that I am not that great at bandaids, answering the phone, responding to requests from tradies, parents, teachers and students(all at once), while attempting to reply to one email...what it did is remind me is how fortunate we are at Newtown School to have such talented and patient people as the first welcome to our kura. Thanks Sarah and Melissa—we appreciate you.

What's been happening?

We've had plenty of visitors at school recently. We are grateful for those who contribute to the learning of our students beyond our staff. It makes a difference.

Inner Wheel-This week I attended a meeting to promote what is important about our community to Inner Wheel. A room of forty women listened to some parts of what makes our kura unique: living Te Tiriti o Waitangi with integrity, learning Te reo, the many journeys of our families, relationships, staff heart and shared spaces, richness of learning, restorative practices and swimming lessons. The evening concluded with a presentation of a 'cheque' of \$2000 to contribute to swimming lessons for those who can't yet swim. They raised funds for our learners and have come to read with our students each week. We now have forty more fans for Newtown school.

Wellington College students coaching basketball with our senior students. Coaching the future is its name.

Newtown New World-supports us with a % of each person's club card use being given back to the school. Watch this spot for information about a grocery grab opportunity next term.

Council continues to support us in many ways-notice the bike track has had a facelift. We even had the pleasure of Yadana returning to inspire our students to have a say about public transport.

African Connection visited us to share their precious Swahili language, some drumming, dancing and drama.

Playground

Plans are starting to redevelop the top playground. Thank you to **Lowes and Co** for being the first to contribute towards the development of our playground with a generous **\$1000 donation**. A huge thank you! Keep reading for more information below about how you can get involved and contribute!

CELEBRATIONS this term

Thursday 3rd April-Cross Country and wheels fun

Tuesday 8th April 2:30pm-Raukura reveal

Wednesday 9th April -1-4pm Eid celebration. Food, fun and games. Please bring some food to share with others for lunch.

Thank you all for your continued support and ideas for making our place thrive.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Nicki

Tumuaki | Principal

**WHĀNAUNGATANGA
CONNECTED**

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

Important dates

- 10 March to 4 April - Bee Healthy Dental Van onsite
- 3 April - Cross Country
- 11 April - Last Day of Term 1
- 28 April - First Day of Term 2
- 2 June - Kings Birthday-Public Holiday (School closed)
- 3 June - Staff only Day (School Closed)
- 27 June - Last Day of Term 2

Welcome to our new students

- Amara Teokotai-Brown
- Misa Nguyen
- Callie Vargas

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

How your child starts the day is important. Being at school in time to start the day with their classmates and teachers sets them up for a positive day of learning.

Please aim to have your students at school by 8:40am ready in class by 8.55am.



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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SCHOOL Notices



PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

We are embarking on a big project to redevelop the top playground. Watch out for the 'Have your say' and start thinking about ideas that will make our playground awesome OR if you or your company would love to contribute towards our playground fund please get in touch. Every little bit helps!

HEALTH NOTICE

There are some tummy bugs around the school community at the moment. Please remember to advise us if this is the reason for your child's absence and to keep them home for 48 hours from their last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

This is a good time to remind your child to wash hands to help stop the spread.

HAND WASHING

Regularly washing hands prevents the spread of a range of illnesses including colds, flu and tummy bugs.



Wash your hands before preparing or eating food and after blowing your nose, coughing and sneezing, and visiting the toilet.

1. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water.
2. Dry your hands for 20 seconds with a dry towel or paper towel.

If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitiser. Look for one with 60-80% alcohol. Hand sanitiser is a good alternative however it is not as effective against viruses as soap and water.

For more information: healthify.nz/haورا-wellbeing/h/hand-washing/

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

To get the ball rolling on the School Playground Replacement Project, local Newtown residents and Real Estate Agents Mike Robbers & Socheata Tep from Lowe & Co have **pledged \$1000 to get us started**. They will donate a further \$50 for each appraisal and \$1000 for each sale of Newtown houses for the duration of the project. (Conditions apply) Get in touch with them for more details.

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LOST AND FOUND



We have a large amount of lost property collecting at school. Please regularly check for any lost clothing. We also have a number of items in the office like..

Snapper cards, wallet, watch, Jewellery.

Come see us at the front office

Cultural Celebrations

EID AL-FITR

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan and is known as the "festival of breaking the fast". Join our Muslim community in celebrating.

WHERE: Newtown School
WHEN: Wednesday 9th April
1-4pm, Food, fun and games. Please bring some food to share with others for lunch.



LENT and EASTER

Lent is observed by our Christian whānau from many different ethnicities.. Lent is a special time for Christians where they often choose to give up something they enjoy or they focus on acts of kindness, prayer and looking after others. They get their hearts ready for Easter. Easter is the end of Lent and the most important time for Christians. It is about new beginnings.



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

SCHOOL

Thank-you to our ROAD PATROL teams who are back on duty! You are making a valued contribution to our community. We appreciate your care.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Have you written to Nicki recently? Check the mail board!

Our staff are always learning too. This visitor was our special guest at our latest Roots of Empathy training :)



BOOKS!!
Please check at home for any school books and return them by the end of term.

Check out the books our amazing teachers recently won for the library!

Bike Fix Ups: Can you help?
Pop into the office and leave your name or email taniaa@newtown.school.nz

We are very lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteers at our kura (school). This week we welcomed our newest volunteers. Our students loved their time reading with these wonderful people.

Thank you to the Inner Wheel for their generous donation of \$2000 towards swimming lessons for children who cannot yet swim!



E hoa mā, nau mai, haere mai!

Please join us alongside Taranaki Whānui Te Āti Awa to share in karakia and karanga to bless the completed Berhampore to Newtown route.

The blessing will begin at 5.15am, Tuesday 1 April

Meet outside the Newtown Community Centre on the corner of Rintoul Street and Colombo Street, Newtown. Speeches will follow inside the Newtown Community Centre, then breakfast and inu will be served.

For catering purposes please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

RSVP by Friday 28 March to: newtownberhampore@wcc.govt.nz

Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

FREE FARES

We are the Aotearoa Collective for Public Transport Equity

We are calling on the Government to stop public transport fare hikes!

Hainatia te petihana - Sign the petition

Scan the QR code above or visit Action Station's website as well as our social media pages to sign and share our petition:

<https://our.actionstation.org.nz/p/Stopthefarehikes>

For more info: *see Francie (parent) Newtown Community Centre*

SPLAT!

SPLAT! DRAMA AT YOUR SCHOOL:

- Open to students of all backgrounds and experience levels
- Free Trial Class for new students
- Held once a week for 8 weeks a term
- Open to new students at any point
- Taught by experienced teachers
- Inclusive, encouraging and most of all FUN

OUR TERM 2 PLAY: **DIAPERS TO ADVENTURES**

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Easter Countdown

- 26 March**
WEEK 1: Egg-citing Experiments
Join us in making some fun and squishy stress balls!
- 2 April**
WEEK 2: Bunny Bake Off
Come and make some crunchy and chocolaty Easter Egg Nests!
- 9 April**
WEEK 3: Egg-streme Games
Take part in our fun Easter-themed games, like bunny hop race and bunny carrot toss!

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

Welcome back to Alice **Staff spotlight**

Kia ora e te whānau,

I'm Alice, often known as Alice V to distinguish me from the other Alice who teaches in Waitangi.

I grew up in Tāmaki Makaurau and moved to Te Whanganui-a-Tara 7 years ago. I think it's the perfect little city - I love having the town belt, city centre, and south coast on our doorstep.

This year I'm teaching on Wednesdays and Thursdays as part of the He Ranga Tupu team. I spend one day a fortnight in Pōhutukawa, Harakeke, Waitangi and Huarewa. I'm really enjoying getting to work with different age levels and helping to nurture te reo Māori at our kura.

Outside of kura, I spend most of my time with my 2-year-old daughter, Raff. We live just a few minutes from school so you will often see us at Carrara Park, Newtown Library, the school bike track, or checking out the op shops - come and say hi!

Ngā mihi,
Alice



He Ranga Tupu

He Ranga Tupu - Everyone is now in the swing of our new team approach to learning te reo, school wide. The team comprises of four kaiako with a high level of competence in te reo and they work in each akomanga on a fortnightly basis - using pūrākau, kemu, korikori tinana, waiata and small group teaching. The team teach in a bilingual format throughout the day while the everyday kaiako have classroom release time. It is a fun filled day and heartwarming to hear te reo being spoken and sung proudly and loudly by so many. Kaiako are doing a great job keeping the momentum going in the time spent away from the He Ranga Tupu team and we all strive for the excellence modelled by our students and kaiako of Ngāti Kotahitanga.



Raukura Reveal

In Week 10 - the last week of term we will be revealing our art work called "He Tohu Maungarongo". This piece came about out of conversations last year in November when kaiako māori noticed there was nothing locally to acknowledge the significance of the Raukura and Parihaka. In a somewhat organic way children and adults worked together to plan what could be. An artwork that acknowledged mana whenua in this rohe, Te Atiawa and that created a connection and sense of belonging for our tamariki and whānau who whakapapa to Te Atiawa me Taranaki whānui was created. It also gives a place for us to physically refer to, in our teaching and learning.

Exhibition Wall

'Maggie the Magnificent'

Tuesday 1st - Friday 11th of April

The Newtown School exhibition wall
For the last 2 weeks of term one we celebrate the magnificence of Maggie Hovey from whānau Waitangi.

I've watched Maggie now aged 10 create and evolve as an artist over the last 5 years at Newtown School.

Whatever Maggie explores in her drawings she constantly comes up with surprises and presented with flair and magnificence. Now our eyes can feast on them.

Come and have a look and support her efforts. Yet another great exhibition I recommend you check out on 'The Exhibition Wall' at Newtown School. Only for two weeks until the end of term.

'Maggie the Magnificent' on the Newtown School exhibition wall. Opens this coming Tuesday the 1st.



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

Garden Goodness

A Taste of Newtown: a whānau picnic
Sunday 6 April, 3-6pm

Come along to this event at our school - tickets available here for a koha.
<https://events.humanitix.com/a-taste-of-newtown-a-whanau-picnic?hxchl=hex-pfl>

Can you help volunteer? Register here: <https://forms.gle/s2GiM93ZMospkuVr6>



NEWTOWN WHĀNAU PICNIC

Come and share in a gorgeous menu of locally grown & handmade dishes! Including dumplings, pizza's with passata made by the tamariki of Newtown and other local schools, plus fresh dips, breads, salads & tasty desserts!

BYO plate, cutlery, and cups - though we will have some on hand for those who are unable to bring their own.

JOIN THE GUEST LIST

3 pm till 6 pm
April 6th 2025
At Newtown School Hall

Visit www.seedstofeeds.nz/events for more information

Logos: SEEDS TO FEEDS, GARDEN TO TABLE, kaibosh FOOD RESCUE, NEIGHBOURS ACTION, COMMUNISENSE



Corks needed!
 Please bring in any corks and old skewers so that we can make these for the gardens, thanks!

A group of ākongā from Ngāti Kotahitanga had the first chance to put on beesuits and get into our beehive last week - check them out!



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Sports News



This year we had 30 students take part in the Weetbix Tryathlon! What endurance, strength, and resilience you demonstrated. Well done to all of you!

Term 2 Sports
 We will be offering netball and basketball. Keep an eye out for more details coming home.



GIRLS FUTSAL FESTIVAL

These amazing girls attended the Girls Futsal Festival celebrating the spirit of our female footballers. Go girls!



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING Thursday 3rd April

Juniors (Years 0-3: Ahi Kā, Tūi, Pōhutakawa and Pīwakawaka) will run around kura from 9am to 10am.

Seniors (Years 4+: Huarewa, Harakeke and Waitangi) will go to McAlister Park at 10am and run the track there.

If whānau can help support their tamariki on the day, please let their home class teachers know or email Mitchell and Rhys at sports@newtown.school.nz.

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