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### Calling All LEGO Lovers

LEGO Show Sunday 2 July at Kohia Terrace School, Epsom  
Tickets \$8 – this is a fundraising event for the Kolonga School in Tonga  
Amazing displays of LEGO, build your own creations and bring them in for judging and prizes, see: [www.fundraisingevent.co.nz](http://www.fundraisingevent.co.nz) for information, entry forms, parking tips, times etc.

Arohanui The Staff of Newton Central School

# NEWTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### THIS NEWSLETTER IS ABOUT:

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*Tena Koutou e te whanau o te kura o Newton Central. He mihi nui he mihi aroha hoki ki a koutou.*

Dear NCS Community Members,

As we rapidly move towards the end of the Term, I'd like to ask everyone for your ongoing vigilance as you move around the school. Unfortunately, we had a child's bicycle stolen recently from the lower school car park during school hours. We ask that everyone ensures that you lock your bicycles/scooters securely to minimize the risk. There are also bicycle racks adjacent to the school library. Also, please note that we are still looking for parent volunteers to help in our school library. We need your help to repair and organize the library more efficiently.

As you know, today is the parent-student conferences. It is extremely important that you meet with your child's teacher to gain insight into your child's progress. If you were unable to make it today, please do everything possible to arrange an alternative time to meet with your child's teacher. By working in partnership with the school, we can have greater success in improving your child's learning.

#### **Absences & Lateness:**

Please note that today is also the official day that all schools around the country must report their school Roll returns to the Ministry of Education. For auditing purposes, if a child is away today, we must have a letter, in writing from the parent, outlining the purpose of why your child is away.

Also, please note the Ministry of Education's policy on attendance [here](#). Please note their response to the following question on the MOE website:

*Can I take my child out of school during term time to go on holiday?*

*No, a holiday is not a good enough reason to take your child out of school, so holidays should be planned outside of term time.*

*Events like a birthday or a special day's shopping aren't considered valid reasons for being away from school either.*

If you feel that the reason for your child's absence has the potential to enhance their educational progress, you may choose to write a letter to the principal requesting special dispensation, outlining the educational benefits of such a trip. It is at the principal's discretion whether to approve such leave.

I had the wonderful opportunity of climbing Maungawhau with whānau members of Te Uru Karaka and Awahou yesterday morning, at 5.30am. It was a moving experience and reinforced my thoughts that we truly have a special little school in the heart of the city. This, coupled with the efforts of the same whānau members in preparing the Matariki Disco last week, reinforces the unique nature of our bi-cultural partnership in honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Long may it last!

Riki Teteina  
Tumuaki

## **GOAL REVIEW / MID YEAR REPORT CONVERSATIONS**

Today, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Week 9 School will be open and class lessons will be from 8:55am - 10:50am. Students will go home after morning tea break at 11:30am. Appointments will start from 12pm and go until 5:30pm.

### **NEW PUPIL**

We welcome Elsa King to the 'Best Little School in the World' and look forward to her journey of growth and learning with us.

### **TRAVELWISE**

**Keep Safe Getting Out**

Park on the **LEFT**.

Children exit on the **LEFT**.



### **YUMMY STICKERS**

This year we continue to collect the Yummy stickers and the cut out from the apple bag. We would appreciate all families and friends of the school to help by munching apples and bringing in those stickers!

The more apples, the more points and the more sports gear we get for our school.

A big thanks to those who have sent filled sticker sheets. Sticker sheets can be downloaded from [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz)

### **SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, BIKES**

Students are encouraged to ride these to school. However to protect the safety of others, students on wheels are to get off these upon entry to school and keep off them when on the school grounds and in school hours.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

The latest batch of lost property will be donated to a clothing bin on the last day of this term. Please check it for any missing belongings. Thank you.

### **TERM 2 HOLIDAY BREAK**

Term 2 finishes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at the normal finish time of 2.55pm.

The school will be closed for two weeks with Term 3 commencing at 8.55am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July with a school wide powhiri to welcome all new tamariki starting in Term 3.

### **HEAD LICE/KUTU**

We ask that everyone regularly check their children for head lice. We can only eradicate these pests if the whole community makes an effort. Do not send your children to school until you are 100% certain they are head lice free.

### **MUDDY CLOTHES**

We encourage children to play in the forest, and from time to time they do get muddy. If you know your child enjoys playing in the forest, please ensure they bring a change of clothes and shoes.