

## 2017 PASIFIKA FESTIVAL

It is the 25th birthday of the annual Pasifika Festival at Western Springs Park this year! Our senior Māori medium students have been practising a short kapa haka bracket which they will be performing on the Aotearoa stage at 10:10am, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please go along and support them. This is also a great day out for the family with cultural performances and delicious kai available from many Pacific nations from as far away as Hawaii. The Pasifika Festival will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. For more information go to <http://www.aucklandnz.com/pasifika>

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We would like to thank Pane & Vino for their years of sponsorship of the school newsletter.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the school newsletter please contact the office.

## PANE & VINO - EZLUNCH

Please read the attachment for menu and new information for ordering.

### JUICIES/FROZEN ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE ON FRIDAYS

Te Whānau Awahou will be selling Juicies again this term at Friday lunchtimes outside Rooms 7&8. \$2 each.

## Q THEATRE

My name is Andy and I'm an artist who has travelled over from the UK to work with children from Rooms 6 & 13 to make an unusual theatre performance called Lookout. It'll be happening next week at the top of the civic building. We've been thinking about the future of Auckland - about treehouses, flying rubbish bins, floods, amazing inventions and floating cities. I hope some of you can come and join us.  
[www.qtheatre.co.nz/lookout](http://www.qtheatre.co.nz/lookout)

## Community Notice

# DON'T MISS THE SCHOOL FAIR



Mt Eden Normal Primary School



## Food & Fun Fair

Corner Valley & Sherbourne Rds, SUNDAY 19th MARCH 11am - 3pm

Arohanui The Staff of Newton Central School

# NEWTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Ciao Johm Riab Sua néih hóu Selamat Konnichiwa Hola Kia Orana  
Tena Koutou e te whanau o te kura o Newton Central.  
He mihi nui he mihi aroha hoki ki a koutou.*

### **PARENT EDUCATION EVENING 6.00pm, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017 - TONIGHT**

We encourage all parents to attend this information evening to learn how mathematics is taught at NCS and how you can assist your children in developing a love of mathematics at home.

Our next parent evening will be:

**READING - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6-7pm - this is the same night as our Disco  
lead by Whānau Nohinohi (5:30 - 8pm)**

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available in the staffroom.

The kaiako look forward to seeing you at these two events. Thank you for your support.

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

The Friends of Newton Central Quiz Night has been postponed to 6.00pm, Friday 31st March. Come along to get to know other parents and staff in the community and help us raise money to help students participate in the many events and activities that are held throughout the year. Cost: \$20 per person. Tickets are available at the school office. Many prizes are available for participants.

\* This is an adult only event, so book a babysitter, put a team together and come along for a great night! \*

In partnership with LOT 23, Believe It Or Not Quiz Events and the Wayward Haymakers Quiz Team.

### **TREATY OF WAITANGI WORKSHOP**

The Treaty of Waitangi workshop for community members is postponed until 9.30am, Sunday 26th March. Sorry, we changed it to the Sunday to ensure it doesn't clash with the Pasifika Festival. This 6 hour course will help us understand significant aspects of the Treaty and how it remains relevant to society today. Cost: Free Please register your interest at the school office.

### **WEEK 6 UPCOMING EVENT**

This year NCS is shining a light in the darkness and fundraising as part of **Light It Orange for Shine**, an important cause in NZ society. As a school, we have set a goal to raise \$700 and need your help with a donation, big or small. Simply click the link below to view our fundraising page and donate.

<https://lightitorangeschools.gofundraise.co.nz/page/newtoncentralschoollightitorange>

All donations to this site are sent directly to the Shine Foundation to support Shine's life saving services for victims of family violence. You'll get a receipt automatically via email. Help do even more by 'liking', leaving a 'comment' and 'sharing' our page too. Every little bit helps to reach our target. So please dig deep for this great cause and help make a difference. Please note, on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, we will encourage all community members (parent, students and staff) to dress up in orange while collecting gold coin donations. Apologies for the wrong date in last week's newsletter.

### **WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

We have had a very successful first week initiating our first route - along the cycle track from the Nixon St Park car park to school, leaving at 8.10am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It has been so successful that next week will run it every day. To be able to provide such a service, we need parent support to volunteer, even if it is for just one day. Those interested in volunteering can express their interest [at the school office](#) or join our Whatsapp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/AUZbTgyfHZEHCKc2ohqAv>.

### **FRIENDS OF NEWTON CENTRAL SCHOOL - PARENT AMBASSADORS**

Another initiative we'd like to put into the school is to have parent ambassadors for each class. The purpose of the ambassador/s (we can have more than one for each class) is to coordinate parent involvement in class and school events, act as an ambassador for new enrolments in a class and to support the classroom teacher. If you are interested in becoming a parent ambassador, please contact [Maryanne.Poi@newton.school.nz](mailto:Maryanne.Poi@newton.school.nz)

### **SENIOR CAMP 2017 - Tēnā koutou katoa**

All whānau of Year 5 and 6 students will have received the first letter detailing total cost per child, several payment options and commitment to fundraising activities to alleviate camp costs. Further information regarding medical and special requirement forms will be sent home this term.

### **GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



A massive thanks to Marina Grey (mother of Ruby and Isobel) for all her hard work in resurrecting and transforming many of the gardens around the school recently. Anybody else who would like to get involved, please contact her at [chaimarina@gmail.com](mailto:chaimarina@gmail.com).

### **TRAVELWISE - DROP OFF & PICK UPS**

Thanks to all the parents using the Verge drive through before and after school smoothly and

respectfully. Feedback has been very positive stating more cars are using this system effectively cutting down the congestion on the street. Tu meke!

### **TRAVELWISE TREE**

**Monday 27th Feb - Friday 3rd Mar**

Our tree is growing more leaves each day and our sky is being filled with blue sky feet. Help us complete our tree by coming to Te Whare Tapere from 8:30am if you travelled to school in a sustainable way. Park'n'walk or carpooling are included in these options too.

