

TREATY OF WAITANGI WORKSHOP

The Treaty of Waitangi workshop for community members is at 9.30am, Sunday 7th May. Please register your interest at the school office. This 6 hour course will help us understand significant aspects of the Treaty and how it remains relevant to society today. Cost: Free

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

This will take place next Friday the 7th of April. Year 4-6 students will swim in the first block (9.15 to 10.45) followed by Year 1-3 students in the middle block after morning tea. (11.35- 1.00). Please make sure your child has a potae (hat), sunscreen, togs & towel. We would love parents to come along and support.

ABSENCE AND LATENESS

Could you please remember to notify the school of your child's absence. If your child is absent for 3 or more days the school requires a medical certificate. You can contact the school on 09 3786 883 at any time and leave a message or txt on our absentee mobile 027 311 5610 or email the school office at julie@newton.school.nz.

A SHORT PIECE OF DESCRIPTIVE WRITING BY AVA YEAR 6 Bed

The quiet rustling of the bed sheets as I'm trying to get comfortable, my worn out bed yells me awake with its creaking. Lying on my cloud bed while it rocks me to sleep, warm like being trapped inside cat's fur. Sky-high piles of soft, furry creatures, it smells like fresh laundry, the inviting aroma of home.



Community Notices

THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB Holiday Workshops for children aged 7yrs+ are open for bookings in Ponsonby and Pakuranga. Bring science to life with fun filled, action packed science and technology sessions. Term 2 After School Classes are also available. For more information and bookings please check out www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz

Children's French Holiday Programme - just around the corner from Newton Central School at Alliance Française - Auckland's French language and cultural centre, 9a Kirk St, Grey Lynn. Enjoy cooking, crafts and outdoor activities, and learn some French! Each week's activities are based around a different theme. 18-21st April: J'adore le cinéma! (4 days: \$195/ 1 day: \$59), 26-28th April: Le petit artiste (3 days: \$145/ 1 day: \$59) Sibling discount available. More info alliance-francaise.co.nz ph 376 0009

NEWTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ABOUT:

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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.*

Nohi Nohi Pasifika Disco:

I'd like to say a big thank you to the Nohi Nohi Team, parents, students and staff for a fantastic evening last week. When staff and students reflected on the evening, everyone agreed that it was a great community event, with great music, which was enjoyed by all members of the community. We managed to raise: \$2,800. Many parents appreciated the opportunity to attend the Reading workshop on the same night, while others felt there were too many activities on at once. We will continue to look at how we can provide workshops for other areas of our curriculum in the future. If you'd like to provide further feedback, please contact the school office.

Drop off & Pick up at School:

As we know, with limited car parks, construction and continued scrutiny from traffic wardens, carparking is an ongoing concern for all members of our community. While the Walking School Bus has provided an additional option in some areas of our neighbourhood, pick-ups remain a significant challenge. To assist in alleviating the inconvenience of getting out of your cars to pick up your child from their class, we would like to offer the option of empowering our senior students in the Transport Department of our student council to collect younger students from their class and accompanying them to the Drop Off Zone (The Verge Carpark) adjacent to our Pedestrian Crossing. If you'd like to use this option, please contact [Julie](#), our school receptionist to indicate that you'd like your child picked up and be waiting for you. To ensure this works:

- Only parents picking up children from the roadside should access the Verge Carpark do not get out of your car.
- Parents must pick up your child between 3.00pm & 3.10pm
- You **must** contact the school office if you will be late or have made alternative arrangements for picking up your child

We will begin providing this option as of Monday, 3rd April.

On another note, I have had a request from local residents asking for us to please be mindful of where you are parking at drop off and pick up time, ensuring that residents have easy access in and out of their homes. This is a particular challenge on Haslett Street, with limited turning points.

Thank you for your donations:

Thank you parents for supporting the school through the payment of your donations at your earliest convenience.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank [Kwanto](#), a local construction company, who have made a significant donation to the school recently. Without donations such as theirs, we would struggle to provide the programmes and resources that are essential in running a high quality educational experience for all the children under our care. In 2017, it is even more essential as we have a number of needs. We are running a slight deficit this year,

adding additional pressure on our learning support programmes. We also need to upgrade a lot of our IT equipment throughout the school and we'd love to honour our new Maori Medium building by constructing a series of pouwhakairo (carvings) in time for the opening - due to be either at the end of 2017, or the beginning of 2018. Donations such as these certainly help alleviate some of these challenges. All donations are most welcome!

While you may not be able to provide a significant donation such as the one made by [Kwanto](#), there are many other ways you could help the school. We are beginning to make plans for our Fia Fia Day, to be held in Term 4, around the theme - Christmas Around the World, and our recently created fundraising committee have a number of other innovative ideas. Come and join us at our next meeting, on Friday 7th April, 0830, in the school staffroom and see how you can help us. Everyone is welcome.

On Tuesday, I informed the community about Mt Albert School's proposed new zone. The link to the proposed zone did not work. The correct link is [here](#).

Riki Teteina
Tumuaki

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Maazz Khan & Israel Akeripa and their whanau (families) to the 'Best Little School in the World' and look forward to their journey of growth and learning with us.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Friends of Newton Central Quiz Night is tomorrow Friday 31st March at 6.00pm. Come along and 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. We have a capacity of 65 tickets and only have 5 remaining. We'd love to reach capacity. This money is going towards our learning support programme

* 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to: Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Newton Central School, 15 - 19 Monmouth St, Grey Lynn by: Wednesday 19th April, 2017.