

Newton Central School Newsletter

Thursday 13th April

Term 1

Week 10



Kia ora koutou NCS whānau,

I trust everyone is still recovering from the storm that hit us on Tuesday evening. While the school campus received minimal damage, I'm aware that some of our whānau are still without electricity and have suffered extensive damage to their properties. Families are invited to use our facilities to charge their devices, have a hot cuppa or seek shelter at any time.

Remember that school closes tomorrow afternoon for the Term 1 holidays and re-opens on Monday 30th April. By then we hope to have our relocatables demolished and removed from our school and our new building in commission. As already notified, while every precaution will be made to minimise risk, we ask for families to keep away from the school grounds to allow the safe removal of asbestos elements. All Newton Central whānau are invited to the official opening of the new building prior to dawn on Saturday 12th May. A detailed schedule of the opening will be sent to the community over the term break. It is a significant milestone in the history of Newton Central School which we hope to share with the whole community.

The future of Assessment and reporting at Newton Central School:

With the removal of National Standards at the beginning of the academic year, there have been many discussions in the education sector about what should replace them. At Newton Central School we are excited about re-connecting with our NZ Curriculum, [which was held in high regard globally as an innovative and holistic approach to teaching and learning](#), ultimately equipping students with the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing society. Unfortunately, the introduction of National Standards narrowed our focus on reading, writing and mathematics and actually resulted in [poorer achievement results compared to other countries around the world](#).

A returned focus on our curriculum, will allow us to achieve the original vision of the [National Curriculum - ensuring our students are: confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners](#). Of course, we will still be committed to ensuring the foundations of reading, writing and mathematics are strongly embedded into our curriculum, but we will be broadening our focus to encompass the NZ Curriculum Key Competencies of:

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Using language, symbols and texts
- Managing self
- Participating and contributing

What will change?

The way we report to parents about student progress will change in 2018, allowing us to report more frequently to parents through:

- increased parent/teacher conferences,
- student led conferences, encouraging our students to be more actively involved in their learning, goal setting and communicating their goals to their parents
- online access to student achievement in real time, outlining what progressions they've achieved at their age level, and what progressions they are currently working on. You can find more about on-line progressions reporting [here](#)

We will no longer be providing written reports to families as information about your child's progress will be provided on-line.

What will happen in Term 2?

Week 5: Parents will receive log-in information into their Linc-Ed portal to access information about their child's reading and competency achievements

Week 9: Parent/Teacher/Student conferences. School will close at 1.00pm on 27 & 28 June to allow 20 min conferences with teachers from 1.30pm – 7.00pm each evening. *Note – new entrants and Year 1 families*

will have conferences at a different time line to the rest of school (April for new entrants, and immediately after a 6 year net is completed – (Year 1s). More information to come.

We are excited about these new developments as they allow us to implement a robust reporting system that allows teachers, parents, and students to access learning in an online environment that is secure, easy, and effective. In terms of security, LINC-ED commissioned Andrew Horton, an internet security expert, to write a report on the security features of the system. Andrew reported that the system was “as secure as some banks”.

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NEW PUPIL

We welcome Tui Tromp and her family to the best little school in the world and look forward to their journey of growth and learning with us.

DISCO

Thank you to everyone who helped with our disco last Friday. We all had a great night and sold all our food - AMAZING. A special thanks to DJ Jonny who kept the music pumping for the whole 2 hours. When we all come together to help wonderful events like this can happen. Well done everyone!

TERM 2 UP AND COMING EVENTS

30 April – 6 July

Week 1:

- 30 April Powhiri 9am
- 4 May Travel Wise (TW) Mega Stars Event at Eden Park. 6 – 10pm
- 4 May Poitarawhiti - Puni Reo Netball Tournament - Netball Waitakere Te Pai Place

Week 2:

- 12 May Māori Medium Learning Environment Opening

Week 3:

- 15 May School Photos

Week 4:

- 20 May Travel Wise (TW) - Helmet Checks

Week 5:

- 1 June Linc-Ed Formal Reporting on Reading to parents

Week 7:

- 14 June Art Exhibition venue to be confirmed

Week 8:

- 25 June – 6 July Matariki Disco – date to be confirmed
- 27 – 28 June Parent/Teacher/Student Goal Review Conferences - 20mins

NITS

Please be vigilant with checking your child’s hair especially if they are prone to nits. Nits are not spread through swimming but on hair to hair contact. If your child is seen with nits at school we will ring you to collect your child and take home for treatment.

TE RA

*We show our school values when in **outside areas**,
taiao kura by:*

Truth: *We are all kaitiaki (caretakers) of Newton Central School*

Excellence: *I am a positive contributor*

Respect: *I make smart play decisions*

Aroha: *I am friendly and include people*

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.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Co-Chairpersons, Board of Trustees
Newton Central School
Monmouth St, Newton, Auckland 1021

Or email admin@newton.school.nz

By Thursday 10th May 2018



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Beatrice Rm 5 who was awarded the Oriana Cup for the top performing 8 year old female athlete at Roskill South Athletics Club. She was also recognised for breaking two club records in the 100 Metre sprint and the long jump. This was Beatrice's first year attending the club and it has been full of memorable highlights, learning experiences and good hearted people.

In addition, Beatrice entered the Athletics Auckland Junior Championships last month, and won two bronze medals: one for the 60 Metre sprint and the other running with the 9 year girls in the 4 x 100 M relay.

Well done Beatrice!

Community Notices

A footpath for the Northwestern Cycleway

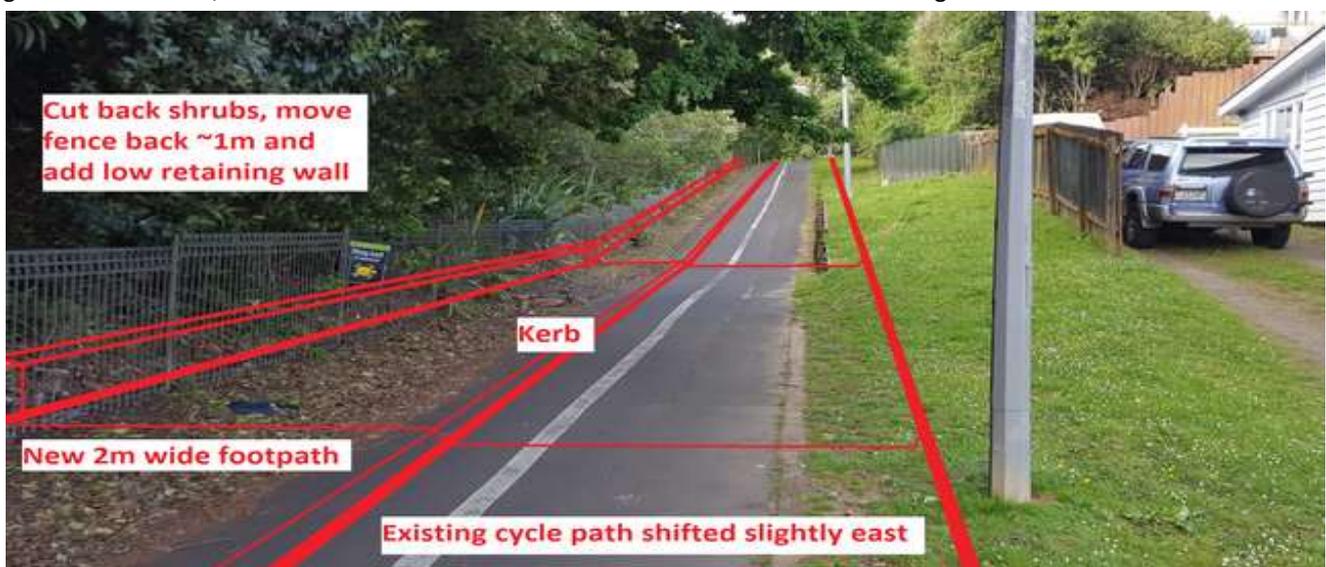
Everyone who uses the Northwestern path knows it's busier than ever. With nearly a thousand daily trips on average, it's now Auckland's second-busiest bike path after Tamaki Drive. And with the new path through Suffolk Reserve, growth will only continue.

The bike renaissance is a great thing, but brings real challenges on a shared path – especially at rush hour, when school children share the narrowest section with people biking to and from work.

Late in 2017, Bike Auckland approached Newton Central School with a proposal to address concerns raised by its members as well as walking school bus organisers. The idea being, rather than wait until things get worse, let's join forces for improvement.

The suggested solution: separate biking and walking paths along the 'bottleneck' – approximately 0.5km through eastern Kingsland and Newton, on the southern side of the Waima Street-Haslett Street overbridge.

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new 2m-wide footpath (L), separated from the bikeway (R) by a kerb, would clearly separate walkers from bikers – and most of all, would provide pedestrians a new dedicated space. Near the bridge, the new footpath would cross the cycleway via a raised zebra crossing, designed to slow down people on bikes.

Separate but adjacent paths are a common approach in Europe, especially in the Netherlands (see below).



Progress so far: this proposal was endorsed by the Principal and Board of Trustees in late 2017 – and Bike Auckland has since conveyed it to Auckland Transport, which agrees the proposal is worth investigating further. With Council and the new government strong on walking, biking and safe routes to school, this project ticks all the boxes, so the outlook is promising.

Read the full proposal at www.bikeauckland.org.nz – and watch this shared space!

2018 National Flash Fiction Day Competition

April 30 deadline

Submit your best 300-word story by 30 April to:

<https://nationalfash.org/competition/>

Adult (19+) First Prize: \$1000, Second Prize: \$400, Third Prize: \$100

Judges: **Tracey Slaughter** and **Sue Wootton**

Youth (18 and under) First Prize: \$200, Second Prize: \$100, Third Prize: \$50

Judges: **Tim Jones** and **Patrick Pink**

Te Reo Māori Adult Prize: \$250, Youth: \$100

Judge: **Vaughan Rapatahana**

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