

# Newton Central School Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Term 1

Week 2



Kia ora Koutou NCS Community Members,

I'd like to give a huge welcome to our new students who have joined our Whānau this term: Siyu Lu, Jaymes Brown, Sean Ji, Sarah Ji, Nkunya Kumah, William Andrews, Aansh Goundar, Louie Martinus, Zoe Kelliher, Isabella Morrison, Keya Bakrania, Sophie Shapiro Linde, Grace Shapiro Linde, Kimiora Paul, Tiahuia Paul, Eoghan Kelly, Aalia Mongelli, Tiheii Jacob-McCready, Nikou Nusbaum-Albert, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Ralph Scott, Ella Hammond, Huia Cameron & Amelia Hancy.

We also welcome our new staff: Patricia Atama-Tamati, Cathy Smith, Michael Ngariki, Brittany French, Raiha Thompson & Sophie McMillan.

We have another 7 who will join us as New Entrants as they turn 5 this term.

Last night I met with parents to discuss challenges parents are facing with technology children accessing social media and Wi Fi at home. This issue is becoming an increasing challenge for parents, not only at Newton Central School, but throughout the country. This is something that the school cannot tackle alone and we need whole community support. We ask that as many parents as possible, come along to a presentation led by Pauline Spence of Netsafe on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm in Te Whare Tapere. She will be outlining what strategies parents can use to protect their children from harm.

Also, you may have seen the news article about Newton Central School's view of homework that was in the media last week. You can view the [article here](#). I met with parents last evening regarding the policy and have had positive feedback about the school's stance in regards to homework. If you would like to meet with me to express your thoughts, please arrange a time to meet with me through the school office.

Riki Teteina

Tumuaki

MEd Admin (Hons.), B. Ed, Dip Tchg

NEWTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

*Celebrating difference, diversity and success*

Monmouth St, Newton, Auckland 1021

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At Newton Central School we believe in growing, enhancing and restoring relationships.

We have developed a tailored framework that builds a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. It is an essential part of effective teaching and learning in our school and supports students to acquire and strengthen the key competencies that lie at the heart of The New Zealand Curriculum (Ministry of Education, 2007). This framework integrates our school's vision and mission statements and core values with the curriculum key competencies.

Our School Values are

## T E R A

**Truth ~ Pono**  
In all that I do.

**Excellence ~ Kairangi**  
In reaching my goals.

**Respect ~ Whakamana**  
Myself, Others and The  
Environment.

**Aroha**  
Relationships matter.

### STATIONERY

Teachers appreciate having student stationery as early as possible in order to start learning. Thank you to those who have already brought it in. Please make sure you purchase the books teachers have asked for from Officemax. Purchase online at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz) or phone 0800 724 440 or visit the store at 32 Normanby Rd, Mt Eden. If you have any concerns over purchasing your child's stationery please see the class teacher.

**Note** that the school has **pre-purchased** the stationery for all **Māori Medium** students and parents. Parents have been notified of this cost. Thank you to those who have already paid the school. All children in Māori Medium students have had access to their stationery from the beginning of the school year and we would appreciate prompt payment.

### SUNHATS

Please provide a suitable hat for your child to assist us to ensure their safety and protection from the harsh rays of the sun. All children are required to wear hats during Terms 1 and 4. Our rule for their sun safety is: No hat, no play. Children who do not have hats will be required to sit in the shade for all break times. Please ensure your child brings a named hat each day to school.

## NEWTON HATS

We have bucket hats for sale with our Newton logo in red, black & royal blue & sizes XS, S, & M. These are selling at the school office for \$20 and are Cancer Society endorsed.

## SWIMMING

Water Safety and Swimming instruction is a compulsory part of the curriculum. We expect all of our children to participate. Please ensure your child has their togs/towel (named) in a bag for their swimming day. Please write a note to their class teacher if your child has a reason for not swimming.

## SCHOOL DONATIONS

The school relies on donations to fund many activities and additional staffing to ensure the smooth running of the school.

School Fees/Donations	FIRST CHILD FROM A FAMILY	OTHER CHILDREN FROM SAME FAMILY
High Income	\$82.50 per term or \$330 per year	\$41.25 per term or \$165 per year
Middle to high incomes	\$55 per term or \$220 per year	\$27.50 per term or \$110 per year
Lower income families, and families on benefits	\$27.50 per term or \$110 per year	\$14.37 per term or \$55 per year

## ONLINE ORDERING KAI (FOOD)

Please inform your child that you have ordered lunch for them. They are responsible for collecting their lunch from the admin foyer.

## EZLUNCH

Order online... Order by TXT... [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) 022 EZLUNCH (022 395 8624) Payment is by ezlunch account, topped up by debit or credit card or by bank transfer, in advance or at the time of purchase. To order by txt, save Favourite Combos then txt combo code. TXT orders incur a 50c service charge. Instructions on [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) "how to" (login first).

## IDEAS TO HELP PARENTS AT HOME - READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS

Following on from last week's discussion and media release here is a link for you to explore

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/ideas-to-help-with-reading-writing-and-maths/>

**Juicies will be available this term on Fridays at lunchtime in front of room 7 & 8 for \$2.00**



## DISABLED & STAFF CAR PARKS

Outside our main gate on Monmouth Street by the staff carpark are two disabled carparks. We ask that you DO NOT park in these when dropping or picking up students at school. There are members of our community who legally need to use them and have not been able to do so on several occasions. This is a matter of courtesy and leaving parks for those who really need them.

Please refrain from parking in our staff carpark when dropping off or picking up your children. This is a staff carpark only and can only be used for emergencies.

## TRAVELWISE 'WARM MILO MORNING'

On Friday 23 February, the Travelwise Team is hosting a 'Warm Milo Morning' for the Walking School Bus supporters from 8.30am – 8.50am outside the staffroom. Tracy, our Walking School Bus coordinator, will be available to talk to children and volunteers who are interested in the Walking Bus.

Our regular 'Use Your Feet Friday' (UYFF) supporters are most welcome too.

Matua Riki on the job assisting Cleo Rm 6 with a broken ankle coming back up from the bottom court after an impromptu emergency evacuation practice.

Ka pai Matua Riki!

# Community Notices

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## **Football at Western Springs AFC in 2018:**

Registrations for Juniors (ages 4-8 years) and Youth (ages 9-20 years) players are now open for Western Springs AFC.

We will close enrolments on Friday 2 March 2018 - so don't miss out! To enrol, simply go to [wsafc.org.nz](http://wsafc.org.nz) and click on the registration link.

We look forward to seeing you at Western Springs AFC for the 2018 season

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## **Waste free lunches and leftovers: Honeywrap and Ecomailbox special offer to our community.**

Buy a medium sized Honeywrap \$12 and receive a FREE small twin pack of honey wraps. Honeywrap is a reusable, eco-friendly food wrap. Great for wrapping cheeses, lunches, leftovers, salads, snacks on the run and much more. Honeywrap is made with 100% organic cotton blended with beeswax, tree resin and jojoba oil. Choose your design from their latest nature inspired range and/or from the Sustainable Coastlines limited edition wrap (where 50c from each wrap is donated to help clean up our beaches)

Use the code **SAVEOURCOAST18** to redeem your free small twin pack with every medium order\*  
\*free small twin pack will not appear in your cart when you use the code, however it will be added to your order. Maximum of 3 sets per order. [Shop here](#)

[www.honeywrap.co.nz](http://www.honeywrap.co.nz)

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THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB – AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES ARE BACK!!! (7yrs-12yrs) Open for bookings now and filling fast! Inspire your curious kids with practical, hands on experiments in a fun creative environment. Our popular PONSONBY class is back on Wednesdays 4-5.30 and a brand new one in ELLERSLIE on Mondays 4-5.30pm starting in 2 weeks so still time to book. For more information and bookings please check out [www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz](http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz) or email: [admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz).

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**'Young at Art will be running our children's art classes in Meadowbank this term on Thursday afternoons. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/after-school/> , email: [admin@youngatart.co.nz](mailto:admin@youngatart.co.nz) or phone: 0297 712 923'**

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**Junior Netball Skills & Games (years 1-4)**  
**Tuesday & Thursdays from 3.15pm-3.45pm**  
**(team cooperative games with basic netball skills)**  
**\$7.50 per session**

**Senior Netball Skills & Games (years 5-6)**  
**Tuesday & Thursdays from 3.15pm-4.15pm**  
**(netball specific skills and game practice)**  
**\$7.50 per session**

Register online now on the Youthtown website  
<http://www.youthtown.org.nz/locations/auckland/central-auckland>  
Or email [sport@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:sport@youthtown.org.nz) for registration forms

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# Have a day at the fair

Food & Drink, Games, Rides, Treats, Entertainment, Craft, Clothes, Books, Prizes, Household Items, Treasures & more

Mt Eden Normal Primary School



## Food & Fun Fair

Corner Valley & Sherbourne Rds  
Mt Eden - 11am - 3pm

**SUNDAY 18th MARCH!**



# CODING ROBOTICS 3D DESIGN

“BY DESIGN THROUGH SCRATCHPAD, WE’VE DEVELOPED A SUPPORTIVE, ENGAGING, AND FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN TO CODE, DESIGN, AND BUILD ROBOTS.”

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**  
**AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS**  
**WEEKEND SESSIONS**  
**VIRTUAL SESSIONS**

VISIT AN OPEN DAY - LIMITED SPACE, BOOK NOW!  
Every Sunday at 1pm, book at [scratchpad.co.nz](http://scratchpad.co.nz)  
Can't make it? Book a Free Trial instead at [scratchpad.co.nz](http://scratchpad.co.nz)

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[www.scratchpad.co.nz](http://www.scratchpad.co.nz)

## Recruiting Participants

*“Muscle characteristics of participants with and without Cerebral Palsy”*

**Help us to find norm muscle parameters!**

This research is focused on a better understanding of how muscles of the lower leg work in individuals with and without Cerebral Palsy.

In the study, your muscle function and parameters (e.g. muscle stiffness) will be assessed using a MyotonPRO – see image below. You will be asked to do different movements with your foot during which your strength is recorded and displayed on a computer screen in real-time.

Force ramp (blue) and recorded muscle force (red):



MyotonPRO:



Electrodes on your skin will record your muscle activity during the foot movements. Each session will last for approximately 1 hour. You can withdraw at any time without giving a reason.


### Selection Criteria

Are you healthy and between **5-15 years** old? Then you might be able to participate in the study! Children between 5-15 years need their parents or legal guardian to give consent and support them during the study.

**For more information, please contact:**

Lukas Wiedemann, PhD student

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## OPEN DAY

St Paul's College, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm**

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour

Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9

*Building Men of Courage since 1955*