

# Newton Central School Newsletter

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Term 1

Week 7



Kia ora Newton Central School Whānau,

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March we were fortunate to have Pauline Spence of Netsafe talk to our community about strategies parents can use to protect their children's use of devices and accessing social media while at home. Tom Mackintosh, Deputy Principal at Kowhai Intermediate and Head of Technology, presented how social media has affected the well-being of their students, and the actions they've taken to protect them from harm. Those who attended appreciated the presentation and one of our parents, Amy Whiting, has compiled the 2 presentations so those who could not make it on the evening could gain insight into what was discussed. Please review [the attachment](#)

I outlined in the 8<sup>th</sup> March newsletter some of the challenges staff are experiencing within the current educational landscape. To emphasise some of those challenge I encourage you to read this [article recently posted by North & South](#), in which Newton Central School features, which shines a light on the challenges of implementing an effective support programme for those children with significant learning needs.

Finally, we have many wonderful events coming up in the coming days. I look forward to seeing you all at some of these activities.

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NEWTON CENTRAL SCHOOL



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### **SWIMMING SPORTS**

This will be held tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Senior school (year 4-6) will be in the first block starting 9:15am and Junior school will be after first break 11:35am. Parents are welcome to come along to support their children.

### **WHEELS DAY!**

Please remind your children about WHEELS DAY. Every Friday down at the bottom court at lunch. Travelwise ambassadors will set up an obstacle course for children to ride through so please encourage your children to bring their scooters, skateboards and bikes to school on Fridays.



### **EASTER BREAK 2018**

School will be closed on 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday), 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Easter Monday) & 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Easter Tuesday). School will resume on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### **PASIFIKA DANCE GROUP**

A small group of students who have been rehearsing during their lunch breaks twice weekly, have been invited to perform on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Grey Lynn Library between 2pm – 3pm. This is to coincide with Public Libraries celebrating Pasifika month. Permission slips and more details will come home next week with these dancers. The community is welcome to come along to watch.

### **WALKING SCHOOL BUS PARENT INTEREST MEETING**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 10am in the staffroom, Delia from Auckland Transport (Walking School Bus coordinator) will speak with any parents and caregivers in our community interested in joining the Nixon Carpark WSB or setting up a new WSB (Williamson Ave) or anywhere else. Tea and biscuits available.

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS *by Lola (R6)*

Walking School Bus, or WSB for short, is useful and fun.

We all have trouble going to work, but with kids as well? It is always a big hassle. The WSB helps kids socialise and get them fit and healthy. Also, parents, if you want to get fit and healthy (and have some spare time), help us run the WSB. If you live in Kingsland (or can drop off your child close by) do the world a favour and go green, stop driving! Try the WSB instead! Meet at the carpark next to Nixon Park or start up a new WSB route (near Williamson Ave).

Here's what Robyn, a fellow WSB kid, had to say about WSB. "It's cool to walk to school! So join the WSB!"

In conclusion, WSB is a fun, reliable, sustainable and safe way to get to school.

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## Newton Ambassadors (EOTC)

### Waho o te kura

*We show our school values by:*

- Right place, right time, doing the right thing
- I do my best
- I win and lose with grace
- I represent my school well
- I use polite manners
- I treat everyone with respect

## CONGRATULATIONS

Georgia-Rose Rm 14 on receiving a Sportsmanship Award for Touch Rugby.

Georgia-Rose plays club Touch for Shir Khan Tigers.



## PASIFIKA PERFORMANCES

We are excited to have our Maori Medium Year 4 – 6s performing a Kapa Haka bracket at Pasifika this Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10am on the Aotearoa stage.

In addition to our Kapa Haka performance – Western Springs Park, Mahina from Rm 2 will be performing on the Hawaii stage in the Hawaiian village near the zoo at 1:40pm on Saturday and 2:20pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. All our tamariki have been practising extremely hard so please go along and support their performances if you can. Yummy Poynesian kai is always guaranteed as well.

## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We are operating from 7.00am - 8.30am for a cost of \$5.00 per day, with light breakfast provided. This is a great opportunity for parents who work in the early mornings. If you are interested and would like to enrol your child to attend this service, please contact the BASE team by email: [after-school.care@newton.school.nz](mailto:after-school.care@newton.school.nz), or mobile: 027-223-9629.

To ensure proper care and supervision for all children while on school grounds, we ask that children do not arrive at school until 8.30am, unless they are enrolled in the Before Care Programme.

## NEWTON HONEY

Our bees on our school site have been busy, finding our many Manuka trees in our school forest particularly enticing. We now have 380ml pots for sale at the school office for \$15. Supplies are limited, so be in quick.



Sir Kenneth Robinson is a British author, speaker and international advisor on education in the arts to government, non-profits, education and arts bodies. Karen Russell and Kim Hankins are both teachers at Newton Central Primary School who were lucky enough to attend his exclusive address at Sky City on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and meet him in person. Our heartfelt thanks to Piata Allen (parent of Kahukuranui in Room 15) and the University of Auckland who gifted the tickets. Karen and Kim have shared their insights gained from this inspirational, advocate for educational reform with the senior management team. They will also be presenting his key messages with the whole staff in a future staff meeting.

# Community Notices

Did you know you can now recycle your expired or damaged child car seat? Around 90% of seat materials are recyclable which is great news for the environment, and keeping expired car seats out of circulation is good for child safety. SeatSmart accepts any brand of capsule, booster or reversible car seat (no polystyrene boosters) for a small fee of \$10 (RRP). For collection site details visit [www.SeatSmart.co.nz](http://www.SeatSmart.co.nz). You can also like us on Facebook (SeatSmartNZ).

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