



**Newton Central School**  
Te Kura a Rito o Newton



**Matua Bryan Principal Pānui**  
**Week 5, Term 3**

### **Ko Paraire, 18 o Ākuhata**

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Malo e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Nihao, Namaste, Chao, Hola, Salam Aleikum and greetings to you all.

Today, we farewell our amazing student teachers. Congratulations to Emma, Claire, Georgia and Selina. Our kaiako have loved having you in their classrooms and our tamariki will miss you. We wish you all the very best as you begin your journey into education.

Kids Art Works Calendar Art order forms went home yesterday. Please make your order and send it back to school by Wednesday 13th September. You can choose calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. They make fabulous gifts for whānau or friends: order yours today!

We have some key dates coming up so please put these into your calendars:

- **Thursday 21 September:** School closing at 1pm for Student-Led open classrooms.
- **Monday 13 November:** Teachers Only Day - School is closed.

**After school pick up:** Please collect your child from their class instead of asking them to meet you at the playground. This will help with our end of day procedures. Thank you.

Feel free to contact me on [principal@newton.school.nz](mailto:principal@newton.school.nz) if you have any questions or make time with Whaea Maryanne to come into kura to hui.

Masalamah

Matua Bryan

**Centenary update**

Our celebration is coming soon and we are looking for supermarket voucher donations to help with our event. If you have any questions please contact [centenary2023@newton.school.nz](mailto:centenary2023@newton.school.nz) - Matua Mike

### **Forest repairs (Ngahere out of bounds all of next week)**

We are heading into another week of drainage repairs down in the Ngāhere which means the restrictions will stay in place for next week. The ngahere and bottom court areas **will remain out of bounds until this work is complete.**

### **COVID isolation rules removed**

You will have seen that the mandatory COVID isolation rules have been removed by the Government and endorsed by The Ministry of Education and the Regional District Health Boards. This took effect on 15th August 2023. The risk of COVID-19 is now considered low compared to other stages of the pandemic.

### **All COVID-19 requirements removed – Unite against COVID-19**

#### **What does this mean for us?**

As with any other illness it is recommended that students and staff stay at home if they are feeling unwell, and should follow Ministry of Health guidelines in order to stop the spread of illness and keep others safe. At Newton Central School we will continue to:

- Keep learning spaces and group gatherings well ventilated.
- Encourage mask wearing.
- Continue with our hand washing/sanitising practice.
- Teach our tamariki to “catch a cough” and “blow the nose.”
- We will send students home if they are displaying symptoms of illness.
- RAT tests are available at the office.

**Please read the following link for more information around illness, what look for and what to do:**

**[Infection prevention and control guidance for education sector managers – Te](#)**

**[Whatu Ora New Zealand](#)**

## [Unite against COVID-19 website – New Zealand Government](#)

### **Be your Mitey self!**

This year, Newton Central School is proud to be supporting the Cancer Society this Daffodil Day on Friday 25th August. In conjunction with the important kaupapa of Mitey, we will be supporting Daffodil Day by having our very own 'Be Your Mitey Self Day.'

The Cancer Society provides free support and information, funds lifesaving cancer research, and advocates for cancer prevention policies to reduce the risk of cancer now and for future generations.

The Cancer Society relies on the support from schools like ours to continue to provide free transport and accommodation when treatment is far from home, cancer nurses, and counselling for patients and their whānau.

To celebrate this important kaupapa we'll be encouraging all of our staff and tamariki to wear yellow. We'll also be learning with, from, and about each other by involving ourselves in fun activities that support the Mitey kaupapa of kindness, community, acceptance, and diversity!

We'll be fundraising to support 'Be Your Mitey Self Day' on Friday 25th August by wearing yellow and bringing in a gold coin donation. We will also be having a bake sale to raise extra funds for this important cause! More information to follow!

You can learn more about Daffodil Day here: <https://daffodilday.org.nz/>

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **SchoolDocs**

SchoolDocs sites make policy information accessible to the whole school community. Our site contains a set of policies and procedures that is tailored to our kura. Newton Central School Board of Trustees are responsible for all school policies.

If you have any questions please contact Matua Bryan or email [board@newton.school.nz](mailto:board@newton.school.nz). See our log on details below:

<https://newton.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: newton

Password: manaaki

### **Pasifika Fono**

On Thursday 24th August I will be running a Pasifika Fono to inform our Strategic Planning for 2024 - 2027. Come and Join Whaea Lata, Whaea Lelei, Whaea Helen and Matua Bryan to kōrero and workshop your thoughts as we move into the future of Te Kura ā Rito o Newton. Newton Central School Board of Trustees have created a survey to capture your voice for the strategic direction of the kura. Please take a moment to complete this [form](#).

### **Key dates for Term 3**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Week 6 - Pasifika Fono (Strategic Planning)	Thursday 24th August
Week 7 - Lewis Eady Student concert	Friday 1st September, 2pm in TWT
Week 10 - Student Led Open Classrooms	Thursday 21st September - school will finish at 1pm