

# NEWSTEAD

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Kia ora e te Newstead whānau! Ngāmihi manahau ki a koutou.  
Hello Newstead Families, warm greetings!

We had a great start to Term 3 albeit a bit wet and wintery. There is lots of excitement around school with the Olympics happening in Paris. That's the focus of many classes for learning activities, current events and discussions about so many of life's lessons; what makes champions? We are finding many opportunities to make comparisons for our kids between our own Newstead Values of **Excellence/ Kua eke panuku, Trust/ Pona me te tika, Respect/ Whakaute, Responsibility/ Kawenga & Kindness/ Atawhai**, and how we can see these enacted by the athletes representing their countries on a world stage. It's great to have conversations with our children about what admirable traits we can identify in our heroes; how they navigate disappointment and failure as well as successes. This is something you may like to build into your home conversations too!?

Bex (Rebecca Lovell) and I spent yesterday afternoon with Sir John Kirwan. We attended a launch in Hamilton for the [Mitey Programme](#) and we're really looking forward to working with his team to introduce the skills and concepts of Mitey into our school community. We are fortunate to be one of the first schools to join this **Mental Health Education Programme** being rolled out in the Waikato. The programme has been developed by Auckland University and sits within the Health & PE Curriculum. Bex and I begin our training work with our school's "Mitey Coach" next term so we'll look forward to keeping you updated. We'll be ready as a whole staff to implement the programme fully across Newstead School in 2025.

***Mitey is owned and run by the Sir John Kirwan Foundation, a New Zealand registered charitable trust.***

[Here's a short video explaining a bit about the Mitey Programme](#)



## BECOMING MITEY

As children work through the different levels of Mitey, the learning builds. Mitey aims to increase knowledge and understanding of those experiencing difficulties, remove any misconceptions and replace them with an atmosphere of positivity and acceptance. And that's exciting.

As part of our Wellbeing/ Health focus at Newstead, it's **Tui and Kiwi** classes turn to work with Veronica and Anoushka through our READ programme this term. We really value (and promote) the relationships/friendships between our older and younger students at Newstead School and the way they all get along so well and look out for one another. This is just one of our practices we use to build our **tuakana teina relationships** at school.



What is tuakana teina relationship?

The concept of 'Tuakana Teina'

Tuakana-Teina" is a Maori concept referring to the relationship between **an older sibling (Tuakana) and a younger sibling (Teina).**

What does tuakana mean in te reo?

brother, sister

An older or more expert tuakana (brother, sister or cousin) helps and guides a younger or less expert teina (originally a younger sibling or cousin of the same gender).

Here are a few photos from this week showing how much these students are loving the opportunity READ creates.



## TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR SPACES AND KEEPING NEWSTEAD SCHOOL LOOKING GREAT.

### CREST CLEAN TIDIEST/ CLEANEST CLASS AWARD.

Our school cleaner Elson from Crest Clean has awarded Tui class first prize for maintaining the cleanest, tidiest classroom during Term 2, CONGRATULATIONS!!

On the last day of term 2 he came to school to present his certificate and deliver pizza and lollipops to all the students. Tui kindly asked their neighbours and friends in Tiwaiwaka Class to share the treats.





Ruru and ASC received a special mention for their hard work to keep our school spaces looking lovely and clean. These students received lollipops too!

The competition is now on to see who Elson chooses for the best cleaners and tidiers for Term 3???



This term a lot of our integrated curriculum learning is focused around **The Arts**. Every two years Newstead aims to stage a whole school production and 2024 IS THE YEAR! We are performing a musical called **PORRIDGE**.

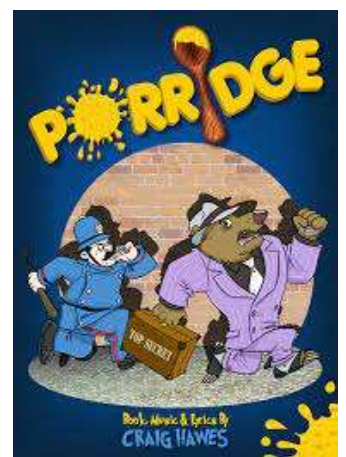
As a result of the themes highlighted in our production, we also have a focus in classes on Nursery Rhymes and Fairytales this term.

Our “producers” are June Malcolm and Renee Hanrahan. These 2 talented staff members are working hard teaching us all the songs and managing the coordination of scripts, choreography, music, sound and costumes. Congratulations to the students who have been cast in speaking/ singing roles and are very busy practising during break times. We’ll keep you updated about items your child needs for their class performance item towards the end of term. Please ‘save the date’ for **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September** evenings when we will be performing at Berkley Normal Middle School. Details of tickets to come.

### **SYNOPSIS OF PORRIDGE:**

*When a crime wave hits Happy Valley, there's a caseload of mysteries to be solved! Who's stolen Ma Hubbard's recipe book? Who's kidnapped Marigold the cow? And what dirty secret is Papa Bear hiding behind his Porridge empire? It's down to Private Detective Jack Spratt to uncover the terrifying truth in this tale of mystery, mayhem and breakfast cereal!*

*Join Jack, Goldie Lox and a cast of crazy characters including barmy billy goats, loopy lumberjacks, a potty police squad and a runaway cow in this brand new side-splitting musical comedy. It's a familiar tale, told like you've never heard before with familiar fairytale folk brought to life as you've never imagined! Porridge has all the ingredients of a delicious production - packed with spoonfuls of sparkling songs and bowlfuls of belly-laughs.*



**Many thanks** to all our whānau who have kindly donated bags of rice for our **Huggable Hearts “Rice Drive”**. On Monday CJ, Nixon and Kobi Forster spoke to us at Assembly about Huggable Hearts and the opportunity to donate to this local charity. The collection bin will be at the school office for another week if you'd still like to contribute.



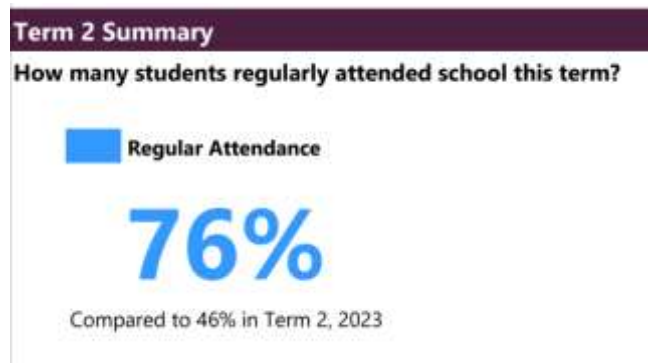
**ATTENDANCE UPDATE:** Although we currently are in the depths of winter sicknesses our school is doing well with our attendance rates this year. We appreciate you prioritising education for your child(ren) and sending them to school on time everyday. To help the whole school community maintain good health and attendance, we also appreciate you keeping your child(ren) home when they are sick.

In April 2024, the Government announced a regular attendance target of 80 percent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

Four **Student Attendance Categories** have been developed to help schools understand how frequently each student attends. These categories give you a way to monitor the progress you are making in supporting students to attend regularly.

	<b>Student Categories</b>	<b>Student with</b>	<b>Equivalent to</b>
	Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
	Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
	Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
	Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

This is our latest summary data from the Newstead School Ministry of Education report:



***We are tracking very well compared to 2023!***



Finally I'd like to say a heartfelt **thank you** to all the Newstead staff and students for the lovely day I had on Wednesday celebrating **Tumeke Tumuaki/ NZ Principals Appreciation Day**.

I was made to feel very appreciated and was spoilt by all my gorgeous staff with a delicious morning tea, certificate and gifts and surprised with visits all day from my students delivering beautiful class cards to me.

*FYI: Tumeke Tumuaki is an initiative created by the [Principals' Council](#) of NZEI Te Riu Roa which recognises and celebrates the amazing contribution principals make to education.*

*This year's whakataukī embodies the importance of collectivism and unity for principals:*

*Ki te kotahi te kākaho ka whati, ki te kāpuia e kore e whati | A single reed will break, but if it is bunched together it will not.*

*The day celebrates principal members, highlighting and recognising the unique contribution and strengths they bring to our collective mahi and acknowledging the critical work they do every day.*



Noho ora mai/ Stay well

Meg

## Healthy behaviours

Prevent spreading or catching illnesses by:

- Staying home and if possible, isolating if sick.
- Wearing a mask in healthcare places and in enclosed spaces, like public transport. →
- Increasing airflow and ventilation.
- Know when your child is well enough to go to school. →
- Washing and drying hands often and thoroughly.
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow.



## Preparing for winter

Colder weather in winter means more people are likely to get sick. This increases the risk of illnesses being brought into your home, workplace or school. Prepare for winter by:

- Getting immunised.
- Keeping up to date with COVID-19 additional doses when eligible. Remember some pharmacists can immunise.  
COVID-19 additional doses →
- Testing if you have COVID-19 symptoms, reporting the result and isolating.
- Having a care plan ready for if you get sick including any support from whānau and friends.
- Having the necessary medicines and cold and flu supplies at home.

## UPCOMING DATES:

### August 2024

- 7 Last Day for Pie Orders & Disco Forms
- 8 BOT Meeting (6.30pm)
- 9 School Disco
- 12 Mihi Whakatau 9am – Welcome new families and Teacher Trainees @ Eureka Room
- 16 PTA Pie Delivery Day
- 22 Whole School Trip to Hamilton Gardens
- 26 Newstead School Cross Country
- 30 Last Day to Return Berkley Enrolments (must be handed into Berkley Office by 4pm)

### September 2024

- 1 Yr 6 Speech Finals (1.30-2.30pm) @ Newstead School
- 4 Country Cluster Speech Competition (4pm) @ Tauwhare School
- 5 Country Cluster Cross Country @ Tamahere School
- 6 Last Day for Ag Day and Arts & Crafts Entries
- 12 Country Cluster Music/Choir Festival
- 19 BOT Meeting (6.30pm)
- 23 Whole School Production Dress Rehearsal @ Berkley School
- 24-25 School Production Evening Performances @ Berkley School
- 27 Last Day Term 3

### Term Dates 2024

**Term tahi/one** 30 January – 12 April

**Easter** 29 March (Good Friday) – 2 April (return to school 3 April)

**Term rua/two** 29 April – 5 July

**Term toru/three** 22 July 27 – September

**Term whā/four** 14 October – 13 December

## SCHOOL NEWS:



**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Arts and Crafts Day**

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024, AG Day Celebrations**

More information about Ag Day and Arts & Crafts Day has been sent out via email 25 July 2024.

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**Agriculture Day**  
**Saturday 19th October, 2024**

Dear Children and Parents

Plans are underway for our Agriculture day, which will be held on:  
**Saturday 19th October, 2024**

Information regarding rearing your lamb, kid or calf can be found in the office or at this website  
<https://waikatoaandp.co.nz/competitor-info/>

**Important information regarding Calves**

Please note that with Calves being eligible to return to Waikato Ag day events, there are some stipulations that will need to be followed for your child to show their calf at Ag Day:

As M-Bovis is still present in NZ there will be a number of items to be addressed by each student/calf.

- 1) All calves MUST have a NAIT tag in RIGHT ear
- 2) All calves to have an "[Animal Status Declaration Form](#)" when entering school grounds. The NAIT no. must be the number allotted to the property that the calf leaves from on show day
- 3) Calf/Student and supporters to pass through a Biosecurity pathway when entering calf show area.

To register a Calf, Lamb, Kid or Caged Pet please access the entry form on this link

**AG DAY ENTRY FORM**

**Entries close on FRIDAY 6th September. No late entries will be accepted this year.**

Please contact **Chrissy**:

- If anyone has or knows of anyone who has animals that they would like to sell or lend to children
- Parents if you would like to help in any way with Agricultural Day or have Intermediate aged children who would like to be stewards on the day.

**Newstead Model Country School**  
**Arts and Crafts Day**  
**Thursday 17th October 2024**



Dear Children and Parents

Plans are underway for our Arts and Crafts and Agriculture days. Entries for Arts and Crafts are to be brought to school on Thursday 17th October 2024. This will then coincide with judging of the Flower Show on Friday 18th October and AG Day on Saturday 19th October 2024.

This year's theme for Arts and Crafts is 'In The Garden'.

Arts and Crafts section this year will be featuring the following categories:

- Headbands, Crowns or Masks
- A3 Poster
- Photography
- Recycling

**No names** of children to be on the front or top of entry. This helps keep judging fair.

For more information around each category and different ideas have a look [HERE](#)

To register your Arts and Crafts please access the entry form on this link [HERE](#)

**Entries close on FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER. No late entries will be accepted this year.**



A friendly reminder that our school concerns and complaints process and policies are available for you to access on **School Docs**.

Our school uses School Docs to maintain, update, and review our policies. School Docs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school and the concerns and complaints process policies are available for you to access.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines.

To access our Newstead Model Country School: **School Docs** site you can find it via our school website or [Click Here](#). Our username is "newstead" and password "oaktree".



## SPORTS DRAWS:

### Soccer

3 August	<b>Lions</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Yellow	
10.15am	Vs Raglan Orca	@ Papahua Reserve (Te Kopua) 3

3 August	<b>Jaguars</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Yellow	
10.15am	Vs Ngaruawahia Narwhals	@ Centennial Park, Ngaruawahia 3C

3 August	<b>Wolves</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Silver	
10.15am	Vs Woodstock Knights	@ Woodstock School 1

3 August	<b>Tigers</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Magenta	
10.15am	Vs Raglan Barracudas	@ Newstead School 1

### Hockey

3 August	<b>Blacksticks</b> Yr 1/2	
8.00am	Vs Aberdeen Dragons	@ GHC New World Turf 1

### Netball

7 August	<b>Magics</b> Yr 6	
6.00pm	Vs Ham East Tui	@ Minogue Park Court 1

6 August	<b>Shooters</b> Yr 4	
4.00pm	Vs Te Kowhai Green	@ Minogue Park Court 13

*These were the draws available at the time of writing the newsletter.*

## SPORTS RESULTS:

We would love to see how our sports team are doing too, so send your team results or photos to the school office email: [office@newstead.school.nz](mailto:office@newstead.school.nz)

## Celebrating Students Out of School Achievements:

*We enjoy sharing success stories about our students with our School Community. If you have news of significant accomplishments your child(ren) have attained through interests outside of school that you'd like to share with us, please email a brief blurb with a photo to Meg ([office@newstead.school.nz](mailto:office@newstead.school.nz)). We will aim to add articles to our School Newsletters regularly.*

## PTA NEWS:

Thank you so much for all the pie and disco orders so far - we appreciate it!!

**DEFINITELY** the last day to get disco and pie orders in is

**Wednesday 7th August.**

**Earlier if possible.**

This is to make sure there is enough time for the team to collate all the orders.

Thanks



PTA Fundraiser - Winter 2024

Don't forget to get your pie orders in.

Last Day to order: Wednesday 7th August

Pies Delivered Friday 16th August 2024 to the  
Eureka Room - collection from 2.15pm.

**[Get your order form HERE](#)**





NEWSTEAD SCHOOL PTA BRINGS YOU

# NEWSTEAD SCHOOL DISCO NEON PARTY

Friday 9th August 2024

**Eureka Hall, Eureka**

6pm Pizza, 6.30pm – 8pm Dancing



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**WOULD YOUR WHĀNAU/ FAMILY LIKE TO HELP US SUPPORT A LOCAL CHARITY THIS TERM?**

**WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT: HUGGABLE HEARTS**

We are collecting rice to fill hand made, fabric hearts. Your donation will make a big difference in helping families feel a little better during a tough time.

**Collection Details:**

- When: Monday 29th July - Friday 9th August
- Where: The Newstead School Office
- What to Donate: Unopened bags of rice (any type, any size)

**About Huggable Hearts:**

Huggable Hearts is a family-run organization in Hamilton that helps families all over New Zealand who are sad because they lost their baby. We also have creative workshops and events to help families feel better and make new friends.

**Why Rice?**

Rice is used to fill our hearts, making them feel comforting and warm, just like a big hug. Your rice donation will help us make these special hearts for families who need them.

**How to Get Involved:**

- Tell your friends and family about our rice collection.
- Share our cause with your community.

For more information, visit our website: [www.huggablehearts.co.nz](http://www.huggablehearts.co.nz)

Thank you for your kindness and support!

Together, we can make a difference, one heart at a time!



## COMMUNITY NEWS:

Waikato District Council Newsletter - [25 July 2024](#)

**Parenting Helpline**

Free, all ages, all issues. 9am-9pm 7 days. Advice, support and strategies on any parenting challenges.  
Ph: 0800 568 856. [www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

**Children's Ear Clinic** - There is now a shortcut for you to access the current children's ear clinic programme. These will now not be circulated each school term as we have previously done [Click Here](#)

## News from your Waikato District Councillors – July/Aug 2024

### Let's talk about dogs and library services!

**Dogs** - A friendly reminder that annual dog registrations are due. Learn about how you can keep your dog registration costs down if you desex your dog and apply for a select dog owner classification (if you meet the criteria) – for details go to [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dogs).

**Library services** – membership is free for anyone living in Waikato District and it provides more services than you might realise, such as online resources including eBooks and eNewspapers, movies and documentary streaming, online learning and more. The Council library service also hosts a Seed Library, and holds collections of DVDs, and a range of kits for borrowing from music kits to tool kits.

**Free access to City and regional libraries** – under agreements with other Councils, all Waikato district residents have free access to libraries in Waipa (Cambridge and Te Awamutu) and Hauraki (Ngaatea, Paeroa and Waihi), and those living close to Hamilton (including everyone in Tamahere-Woodlands Ward) can join Hamilton City libraries for free by taking personal ID and proof of address to any City library. Find out more about all library services at [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/libraries](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/libraries).

Read more about this and other Ward news on [www.crystalbeavis.com](http://www.crystalbeavis.com) – click on “latest news”.

### Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:



[Crystal Beavis, mob 0275 957 927, email crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz)

[Mike Keir, mob 027 449 3012, email mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz)





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Carl Watkins:  
[carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz)  
027 388 9558



Hi,

I am a registered music teacher and have been teaching for over 40+ years in Hamilton. I enjoy teaching children from a young age and seeing them thrive and progress as they learn music.

I teach piano and theory but I am also involved in barbershop singing with the Waikato Rivertones as Assistant Director.

My contact number is 0277659866 and email is [leannekerry@xtra.co.nz](mailto:leannekerry@xtra.co.nz)

Leanne Wheeler

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## **Let's get stuck in....**

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Are there trees fallen or in the way?  
Is the driveway needing a repair?  
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