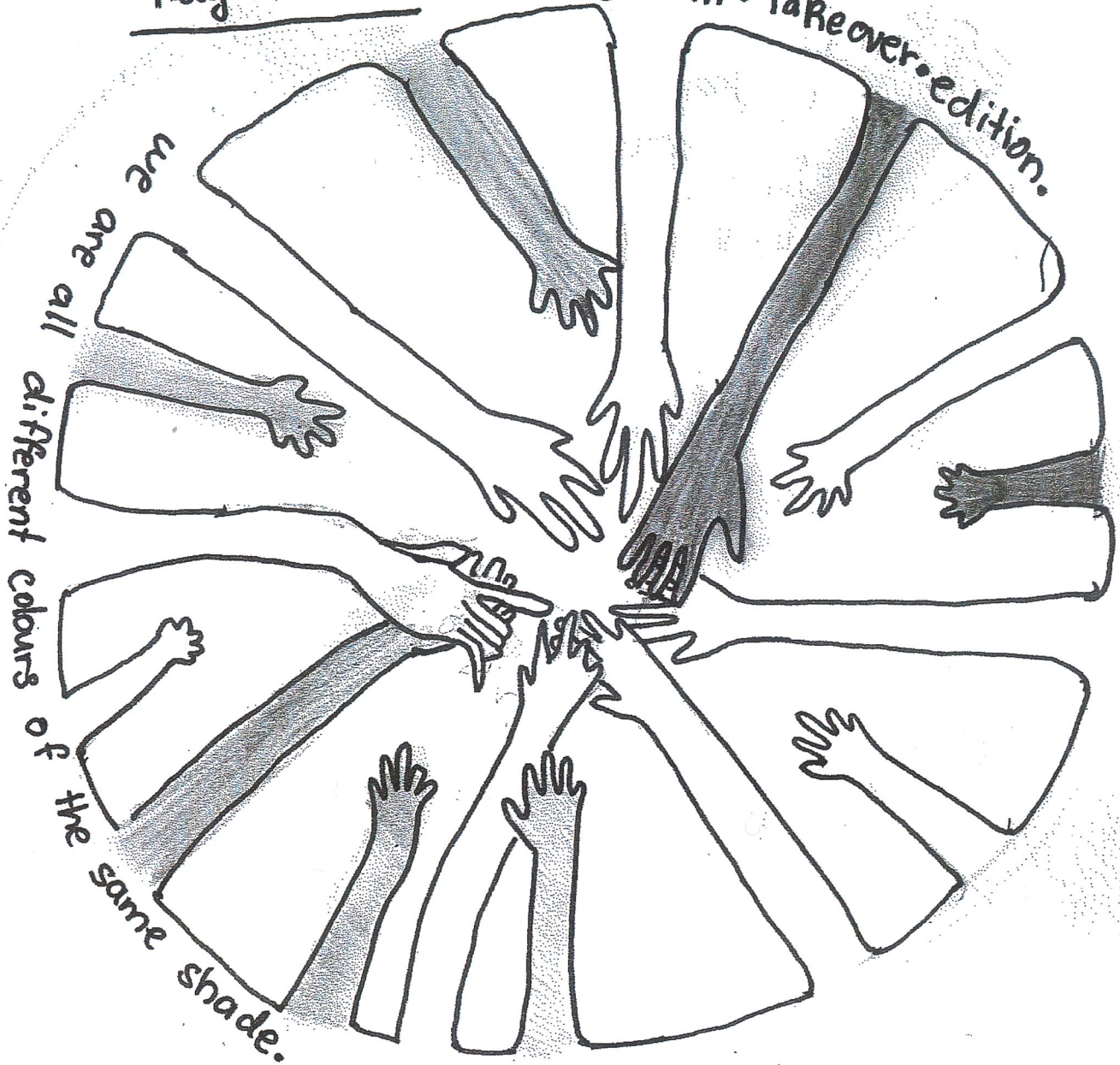


NEWTOWN NEWS!

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KIA ORA NEWTOWN

Kia ora Omaroro/Newtown!

We are this issue's Youth Editors. We are Tulip and Semhar, 13 and 14 from Wellington High School and Wellington East Girls College, and Rosa and Eleanor and we are both 12 years old. We go to South Wellington Intermediate School.

This month's (Here-turi-kōkā/August) issue is a Youth Takeover - in celebration of International Youth Day on the 12th. Included in this issue are recipes, Newtown community voices and artwork and poetry from our creative young people!

When we saw the voluntary Youth Editor position advertised, we knew that it was an opportunity we couldn't miss. It was a way to show Newtown what we had to offer as young people.

It is so important that us as young people use the opportunities given and make our voices heard. Sometimes kids and teenagers are overlooked, but more and more are becoming more prevalent in politics and marches and voicing their opinions - which are valid - and that's great! Especially LGBTQIA+ youth are standing up for each other and it's great to see young people so motivated!

That's all from us. A big thanks to Ellie and the rest of the Newtown News team for making this possible. Stay safe!

Tulip, Semhar, Eleanor and Rosa
Youth Editors

Thanks for the support of our amazing local businesses! Please support them back if you can!



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NEW WORLD
Newtown



Baobab Cafe

Peoples

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Notorious NEWZowner

Lesieli Katoa is a 16-year-old student at Wellington East Girls College. She used to attend Newtown School and South Wellington Intermediate so she grew up right here in Newtown. She is a New Zealand born Pasifika woman. Lesieli has multiple leadership roles including that she is the student board of trustees rep, which is a great achievement as a year 12.

Music also plays a big part in her extracurricular activities. She is a soprano I in Wellington East choir called Rawhiti which is an auditioned, international award-winning choir. She was also the leader of the multi-choir year 11. Another interesting thing she does is compete in Chinese speech competitions. It is difficult at times as she looks different to the majority competing and has been looked at differently but Lesieli uses the odds against her as motivation. She placed FIRST at the Chinese speech competition last year which comes to show anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

Lesieli has lived in Newtown for as long as she remembers. It has helped shaped her into the woman she is today she says "Newtown has taught me to be very open-minded and accepting of everyone because it's such a diverse community I have learnt people can express themselves in different ways". Her future goals are to study health science and from there maybe medicine. Her immense love for her community and identity is what drives her to be a leader and role model for her people. She wants to inspire

young Pasifika girls to pursue their dreams and not let outdated stereotypes affect them. Lesieli says 'I definitely want to help break stereotypes Pasifika people face. It's what drives me to be a leader and a reason why I present the Pasifika in me through my work.'

She doesn't have one favourite place in Newtown she could pick 'I've been everywhere it's so hard to choose!' Although Lesieli does have a favourite place to eat - the bakery across the road from the library.

Next year Lesieli has her mind set on becoming some sort of prefect. She isn't sure right now but she definitely wants to be in a position where she can make Wellington East a better place during her last year of school. Lesieli's message to the younger generations is 'Newtown is a great community. It's a great place to meet new people and make new friends. Also stick to what you believe in and feel passionate about!'



What do you like about



Kieran, 5

I like the library and the holiday programme. In the holiday programme, we make robot toys.

Rinoa, 5

I like playing with toys. I like going to the big park and shopping with my parents. I play with my friend from the Phillipines in Newtown



Tylar, 6 and Aila, 9

We like going to the library and building with the Lego. At a holiday programme we made a Lego llama and we were really proud. Our favourite place to eat is Dominos Pizza and we really like going down the slide at the park.

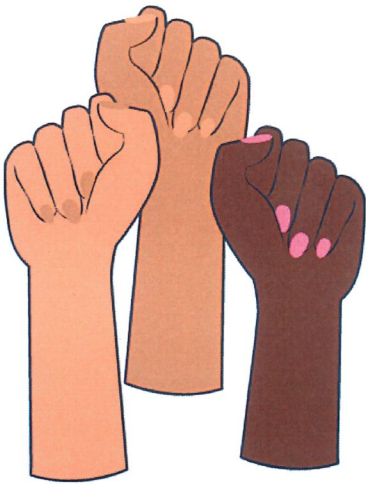


Abishkar, 19

What I really like about Newtown is the community. A lot of people feel left out and Newtown makes them feel accepted

Some Good News!

Since the COVID-19 lockdown, New Zealand's daily carbon emissions were reduced by up to 41 percent!
(Stuff.co.nz for more details)



A statue of Edward Colston (a slave trader) in Bristol was torn down and replaced by a sculpture of Black Lives Matter protester Jen Reid.
(the guardiancom for more details)

Scotland became the first country in the world to teach LGBTQIA+ history as part of the school curriculum!



The Prime Minister is considering making Matariki a public holiday!



NEWTOWN QUIZ!

1. What is the name of the op-shop that works with Gender Minorities?

shop

- A. Aunty Polly's
- B. Aunty Susan's
- C. Aunty Dana's

2. How many bookshops are on Riddiford St?

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 4

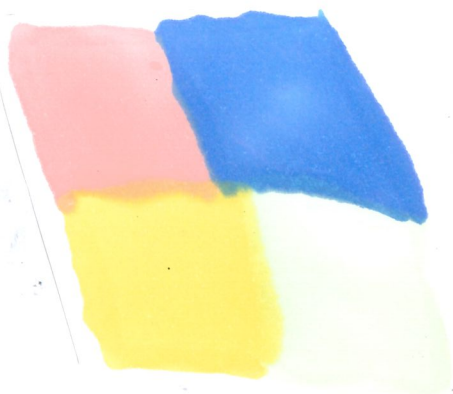
3. Who is the principal of Newtown School?

- A. Mr. Black
- B. Mr. Brown
- C. Mr. White

4. Finish the name of this Indian restaurant:

Curry _____

- A. Heaven
- B. Planet
- C. Palace



5. Which of these animals are NOT at Wellington Zoo?

- A. Tasmanian Devil
- B. Panda
- C. Tiger



6. What time does Newtown library close on Fridays?

- A. 4pm
- B. 6pm
- C. 8pm

ANSWERS!

1.C 2.C 3.B 4.A 5.B 6.B

1- 2 correct answers

Nice try, but I think you need to brush up on your Newtown knowledge. Maybe visit the library Go support local businesses. every so often.

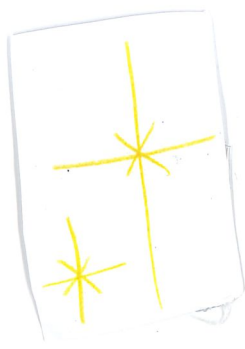
3- 4 correct answers
Good job, you're well on your way to getting to know the community.

5- 6 correct answers
WOAH! You are a true Newtowner!
Congratulations!

Poems!

Isaac Marshall

As I fell asleep in class
on the last day of the year
at the back of the class
on the last subject
one hour to go
I watched the clock tick arithmetically
I start to get sleepy
I fall asleep
I'm in a long hallway
with a black door at the end
I walk toward it
the door gets further away
I try to run but something's holding me back
suddenly
I start to fall
fall and fall
centimeters from the ground
I wake up
only this time I'm not in class...



Ava Laing

I watch the milky moon
Sail across the sky
From the window
Where I look through
double glaze glass
At the traffic moving up and
down the road
And two Pohutukawa
That flower in the summer
A brilliant red
And wonder About my
future

Kit Rapeti

Why witch?
Witch, witch why?
I feel like you try
Too much
Why the spells?
Why the potions
Why the hat?
Why do you try?
I try because
It's fun
Why the spells?
You ask
Everybody asks
I do not answer
Being a witch is fun
But why is it fun?
Why do you try?
Oh witch, why?
I try because it is fun
And it is fun
Because of the power.

Dinner & Dessert

Pasta Salad

You will need:

**1 cup of cooked pasta
1/2 cup chopped
tomatoes
50 grams feta cheese
(chopped)
2 big handfuls salad
3 chives stalks
(optional)
1 tablespoon Marjoram
(optional)
3 tsp olive oil
1 tsp lemon juice/
apple cider vinegar**

**Mix ingredients together
in a bowl and serve**

Serves 1-2

Vanilla Cupcakes

You will need:

**125g salted butter
1 cup white sugar
1 1/4 cup flour
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla essence
1 tbsp yoghurt**

**Preheat oven to
180 degrees Celsius.
Place all ingredients in a
large mixing bowl and
beat until smooth.
Put cases into cupcake
trays and pour in
the batter.**

**Bake for 10 minutes
or until cupcakes spring
back to the touch.**

Cool and enjoy!

Makes 15

S.P.C.A. PAGE!



How have the animals been during the COVID-19 lockdown?

The animals during COVID-19 have been extremely well looked after. As the SPCA was classified as an essential service, our team worked through the lockdown. We actually saw them become more relaxed with less people around. The staff and the amazing volunteers were able to keep the animals happy.

What role do the youth play in the SPCA?

Young people are very helpful! If you want to support, you could:

- **Make toys** Instructions on kids.spcaeducation.org.nz
- **Donate goods** For a full list of things needed, visit www.spca.nz.
- **Fundraise** Find more info kids.spcaeducation.org.nz and www.spca.nz.
- **Foster** More info at www.spca.nz
- **Educate the public**
- **Volunteer** Youth 16 and up can volunteer at SPCA centres!

How many animals get brought in per month?

In winter, we get about 140 a month and in summer (kitten season) we get around 291. In a year, the Wellington Centre will get approx. 3500 animals.

Do you get many calls to rescue animals?
Yes we get a lot. See some rescue stories at www.spca.nz

- The Beatles song 'A Day in the Life' has a frequency only dogs can hear.
- 30% of Dalmatians are deaf in one ear.
- Chow Chow and Shar Peis have black tongues
- Dogs have 3 eyelids.



dog

facts
By Tulip

WHAT'S THE HAPPS?

AT NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE (Corner of Colombo & Rintoul Streets)

Open Dance and Contact Improvisation:
Fridays 7-8pm For all levels of experience in an accepting, inclusive and LBTQI-friendly space. Just turn up! Koha!

Koha Kundalini Yoga: Wednesdays 10-11am
Work your physical and emotional energies, strengthen the nervous and glandular systems, shine your aura and build stamina! All-levels with adjustments offered.

Learn to Swing Dance with Sugarfoot Stomp:
Two new classes added, starting 10th August. Swing dancing is an umbrella term for a large group of social dance styles born out of the 1930-40s jazz era. For details and to register: www.sugarfootstomp.co.nz/classes

Post lockdown Puzzle and game Swap:
Saturday August 8th 1pm-4pm Got way too many puzzles? Here's your chance to swap your pre-loved puzzles (and games) with other game lovers! There will also be puzzles and games to do on the day, so you can come and just hang out. bit.ly/2X7Eu0D

Everybody's clothes swap: Saturday August 15th 11-4pm Time to replenish, refresh, revive your wardrobe? Don't wanna contribute to total ecological collapse but still need to keep warm? Bring clothes you no longer love and take away new threads! All genders, ages, sizes and styles welcome! Entry by koha to Wellington Homeless Women's trust. For more details bit.ly/39z9HPT newtownclothesswap@gmail.com.

Global beat & Dance Fest: Saturday 29th August 3-5.30pm A cultural music and dance event with an international flavour that promises to be a spectacular showcase of culture, upbeat music and positive vibes. Family friendly! Koha entry. Any questions email sammanzanza@yahoo.com

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NEWTOWN HALL (Daniell Street)

Kids Yoga and Motor Skills: Monday mornings - 9.15am (2-3 year olds) 10am (3-5 year olds)
Want to boost emotional intelligence and self-confidence in your child? Here's a chance to enrol your kid for a fun-filled, quiet time, with yoga stories, motor skills games and relaxation. For more details bit.ly/3g9CYm1

ELSEWHERE IN NEWTOWN!

Pop-up shop: Saturday 1st August - Sunday 9th August, various times. The Nyingje (compassion) Trust raises money for its work in Mundgod, Kanataka, Southern India by selling donated items such as clothes, books, toys and kitchenware. The pop up shop is located at 199 Riddiford street (in front of the New World). It has various open hours - check www.nyingjetrust.com to find out more.

Open Day at The Circus Hub - Saturday 8th August 1-4pm Come and try circus for free! Ever wanted to give aerial silks a go? Hula hoop? BYO comfy clothes and stay to enjoy some special performances. Family friendly. 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown. www.circus.org.nz

Women's Dance Party: Saturday 15th August, 7-10pm Women are invited to join for this FREE women's night party! Free henna, chats, dancing & music. Bring some food to share. Community Room, Newtown Park apartments, 320 Mansfield Street. Email info@newtowncommunity.org.nz any questions

Smart Newtown - We want to know what you think (please do our survey)! Smart Newtown is located next to the library in Newtown and offers computer/internet help desk, computer classes, internet access - all for free! Whether or not you've visited before - we want to ask you some questions about our service and your computer/internet usage. You could win a \$50 NW Voucher! Do the survey here bit.ly/smart_newtown_survey

