

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌREIRE**

TERM 4 WEEK 1 2026

Term 4 has arrived and so has the changeable weather. We are excited to get back into our teaching and learning programmes with your children for Term 4. This term we continue our focus on literacy and numeracy as well as continuing our learning on Te Waonui o Tane (The forests of Tane). We have been learning about our environment throughout the year and looking at this topic from a science, social science, and art point of view.

Term 4 is also when we begin to plan for 2027. We will be strategically planning for the next two years, and your feedback from the Board survey will help shape our school focus. We also have 2027 class placements to work on, which is a big piece of work to ensure all students have the best learning pathway moving through our school.

Summer sport is a major part of this term. We have touch rugby teams, summer soccer, hockey, and cricket happening. These sports would not be available without the generous support from our parents. We are truly thankful to all the whānau who help and look after a team.

HERO

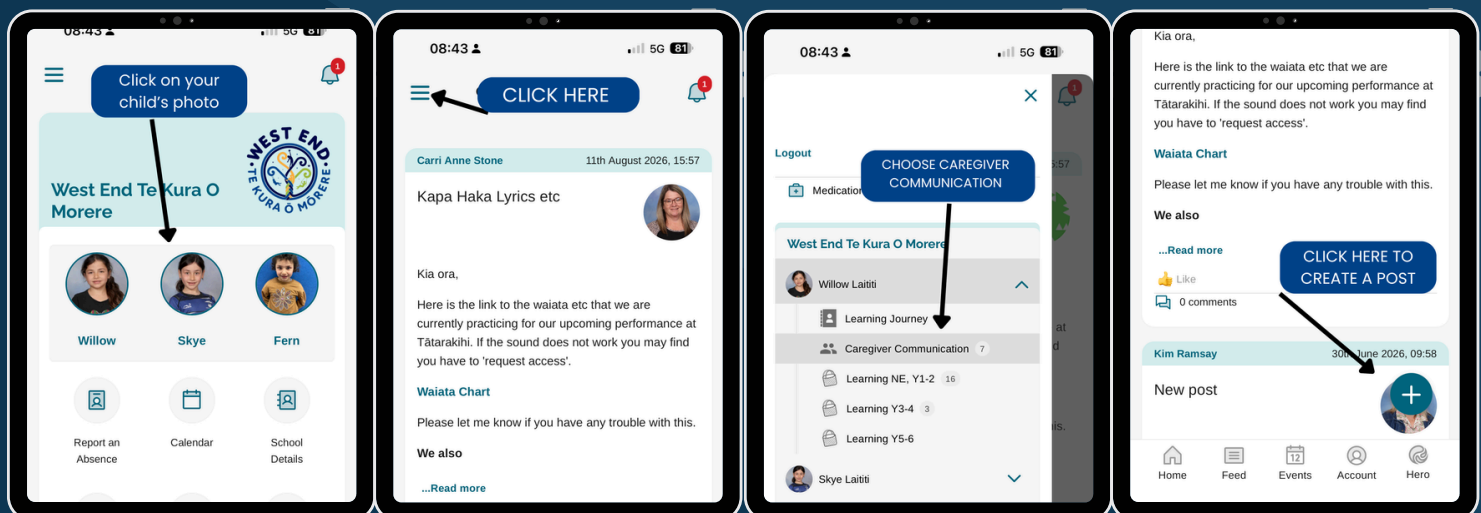
COMMUNICATION

We have a range of ways you can keep in contact with your child's teacher. We use HERO for our school and home communication. This is the main portal for finding out schoolwide information on events and your child's learning progress. You can also communicate with your child's teacher through HERO as well. Below shows you how to use the HERO app to send a message:

- Choose your child
- On the left side, there is a menu button 
- Select caregiver communication
- Make a post to the teacher

Alternatively, you can arrange a meeting with your child's teacher. These are best arranged after school, as staff are getting ready for their day in the morning. All teachers have a school email as well. If you need help with HERO, how to log in, where to find information, or how to make a communication post, please see the school office.

CAREGIVER COMMUNICATION



WHATS HAPPENING?

These are all the confirmed dates for this term. We will have our team celebrations in the last few weeks of term. The junior and senior team leaders will communicate this to you when plans are in place. Our Poroporoake is the farewell we do as a whole school community for our year 6 students and other whanau that are finishing at our kura. Parents are welcome to come along. This will be in the afternoon before the end of the school day.

The Year 6 leavers celebration is an important event for our Year 6 families. This will be held on the afternoon of the 10th of December. Our school year finishes at 12.00pm on Tuesday 15th December.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are still seeking more parents to be part of our social and fundraising committee. This group of parents help coordinate fundraising activities for school projects throughout the year. Their fundraising has helped with funding our sandpit, sports uniforms, trips and other things.

If you would like to be part of this amazing group, please contact Catherine Cooper.

2027 ENROLMENTS

If you have a preschool-aged child who will be joining us in 2027, please notify the office. This information will assist us in our planning for next year.

Additionally, if you know anyone seeking an excellent school for 2027, please inform them that we **do not** have an enrollment zone and would be delighted to meet and welcome them to West End Te Kura o Morere.

DATES AND EVENTS

Term 4

October

15th - 19th

15th

16th

17th

20th

21st

26th

29th

30th

November

12th

16th - 18th

17th

20th

24th

25th

December

4th

5th

9th

10th

10th

14th

15th

Book Fair

Junior Netball begins

Grandparents Day

Hockey Begins

Summer Soccer Begins

Shake It Out Earthquake Drill

Labour Day (school closed)

Year 1-4 Cricket Sessions

Cricket Begins

The Nukes Performance

Ukulele Festival

St Johns in Schools

Water Safety Classroom

Water Safety Poolside

Summer Soccer Finishes

Road Patrollers Reward Day

School Reports published

Hockey Finishes

Athletics

Year 6 Leavers Celebration

Cricket Finishes

Poroporoake (farewell)

Last Day of Term

(finish at 12:00 PM)

2027

February

1st

First day of Term 1

FANCY DRESS DANCE

At the end of last term, we loved performing for whanau at the YMCA. Our students and staff loved seeing our school community together and celebrating our students' hard work. Thank you to the Social and Fundraising Committee for the raffles and to the staff who put together the event.



BE SAFER WITH PARKING



We have a unique school site which has many great features. Unfortunately parking space is not one of them. There is no room at the end of Davies Lane or within the staff car park on Bonithon Avenue for drop off and pick ups. We have some people parking in the disabled parking space when they should not. We have parents who need these parks who cannot access them. There are too many drivers causing congestion around the school and this is creating safety issues. For example pulling into the drive on Davies Lane blocks the footpath for pedestrians to safely walk into school. "I'm just dropping off" or "I will be quick" are not good enough reasons.

We ask for you to drop your child off and allow them to walk into school each day from Belt Road or further down by the hotpools on Bonithon Avenue. Below is a map to show you where the best places are to park and walk into school. It is okay for students to walk to the car if it is raining as well. The only time you can park within the school carpark is with permission from the school. The police and New Plymouth District Council have been notified of the unsafe driving around our school.

