SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE KURA Ō MŌRERE

TERM 4 WEEK 4 2026

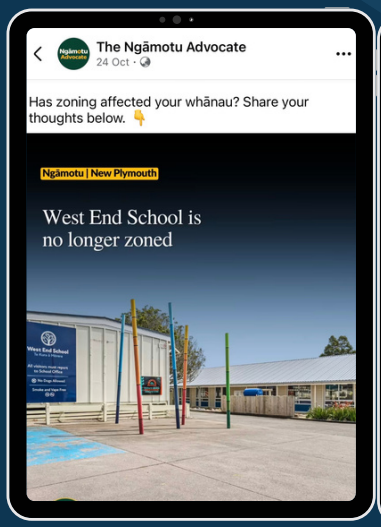
Kia ora

Welcome to the Week 4 Newsletter.

Some of you might have seen the article on the Ngamotu Advocate about our removal of the school zone. We have not had a school zone for the last year. School zones are put in place to reduce overcrowding in schools. As we are no longer in danger of overcrowding the Board decided to remove the zone. A zone is not a measure of a school's quality or effectiveness. Quality teachers and a great school culture make the most difference. Also relationships with families make a big difference.

Thank you to the families who have made an effort to be safer around our school at drop off and pick up times. We still have some challenges to overcome but little improvements make our school area safer for children.

Staff are busy writing end of year reports for parents to understand clearly how their child is doing with their learning. Expect these to be published on HERO on the 4th of December. Teachers use a range of quality assessment data and classroom learning sessions to make an informed decision on your child. It is important to look at how you can help at home and next steps of learning.







RETIREMENT

At the end of 2026 we will be farewelling a long serving and loyal staff member from our kura. Gary Bruckner has been teaching at West End Te Kura ō Mōrere for 28 years. He has been team teaching with his wife Becky in the senior school for much of that time. Gary has decided to finish at the end of this year but Becky is going to continue in a reduced role across the school. We would all like to thank Gary for his contribution to the education of West End students over his time with us, his work with colleagues over the years and commitment to physical educaton and health education across the school.

Enjoy your retirement Gary, you deserve it.

He Kakano planting sunflowers

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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE





The social and fundraising committee held a sausage sizzle at Mitre 10 last weekend. Thank you to all the volunteers that came and helped with the fundraising. All money that is raised is used at our school. A fundraising goal is a new playground. If you would like to be part of the committee please contact Tracy in the office or talk to Midla.



Sausage Sizzle at Mitre 10 Mega

DATES AND EVENTS

Term 4

<u>November</u>	
12th	The Nukes Performance Ukulele Festival
16th - 18th	St Johns in Schools
17th	Water Safety Classroom
20th	Water Safety Poolside
24th	Summer Soccer Finishes
26th	Road Patrollers Reward Day
<u>December</u>	
4th	School Reports published
5th	Hockey Finishes
9th	Athletics
10th	Year 6 Leavers Celebration
10th	Cricket Finishes
14th	Poroporoake (farewell)
15th	Last Day of Term (finish at 12:00 PM)
<u>2027</u>	
<u>February</u>	
1st	First day of Term 1

THANK YOU TO OUR COACHES

We have amazing volunteers for our sports teams. We would like to thank the following coaches:
Hockey - Sandra, Elana, Lou
Touch - Glen, Matt, Adam, Holly, Josh
Netball - Samantha, Sam
Cricket - Nathan, Chris, Bianca, Mr. Hislop
Soccer - Nathan, Adam, Amy, Rachel, Chris, Josh, Ella
Without your support, we cannot offer so many great opportunities for your children.
Please can all families pay the subs for their child's sports as soon as possible. This can be done with cash or via bank transfer at the office.

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 **<u>do not</u>** have an enrollment zone and would be delighted to meet and welcome them to West End Te Kura o Morere.





Future sport stars

BE SAFE.....ONLINE

West End Te Kura o Morere has been using Linewize tools to support teachers and students' online safety. We have many tools that we use, but parents need help sometimes too. Our school has an online safety hub with loads of information for parents. You can find it at https://westendnp.onlinesafetyhub.nz/. On this site, you can find information about current trends, what students around New Zealand are accessing, and how to support your child with their online use.



HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

All families and whānau now have free access to resources, information and free tools to help keep tamariki safe online when using their devices at home.

- The latest advice from experts including social media, app & game risk reviews
- Difficult online safety conversation starters for Parents & FAQ's
- Guides to help you support your child's online development
- Qustodio Parent App - FREE tool for parents to protect children's devices at home.

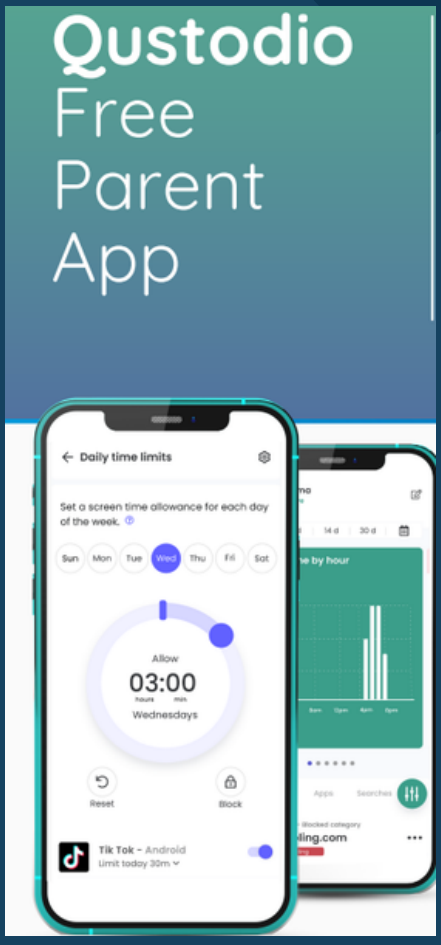
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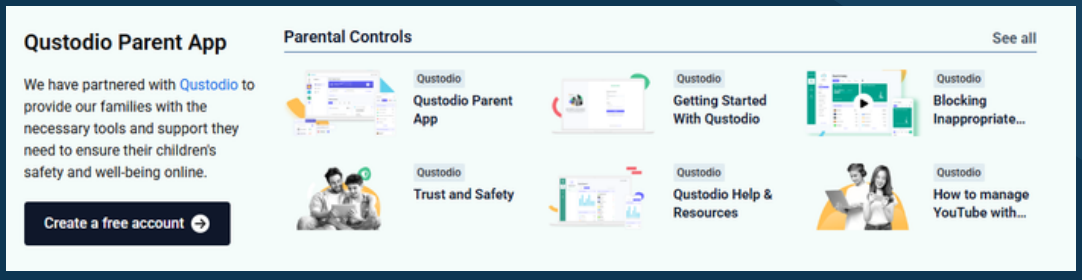
With Qustodio Parent App for Families - Free 'My School' Qustodio Access Parents Can:

- Manage screen time, social media, app and youtube limits across multiple different devices
- Receive instant search alerts
- Filter websites, images, videos & searches
- Block apps, websites and games
- Protect screen-free moments such as mealtimes and bedtime by pausing the internet & locking the device

Qustodio works across multiple different devices - iOS, Chromebooks, Android & Windows. Works with apple screentime and Google Family Link.

How to get started
1. Visit the Online Safety Hub.
2. Create your free parent account via the main page (scroll down)
3. Install Qustodio on your child's devices









BOOK FAIR 2026

Thank you to all the families who came along to our Grandparents Day in week 1 and who supported our Book Fair. We definitely had an amazing turnout of people at our Grandparents Day, and it was great to connect with families in our school. We had 10 books donated to our library from school families, for which we are very grateful.





Room 4 on Grandparents Day

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photolife class photos

As you are aware, we had the school photos at the start of the term, and I know you might be asking, "How do I order a photo or have I missed the orders?" Photolife have emailed a code to all of our school families so that you can then order your child's photos. You can get free shipping if you order before 15th November.

Calendar art

Our classes have all been working on creating some amazing artwork for this year's calendar art. This is now ready for you to place your order, and personalized order forms have been sent home. This is a new system for the calendar art, and it allows you to view the children's creations before ordering. Orders are all online this year and must be completed by **Monday, the 9th of November**, meaning that you will receive your order before the end of the school year.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ1611
3. Enter your child's room and name when prompted

If you have any questions about either of these items, please don't hesitate to contact the office at (06) 7589331.

Ngā mihi

Tracy in the office