

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 2025 WEEK 1

Tena koutou,

Welcome back to all our whanau to term 2 2025. We hope you all had a great break and are ready to go again with our school term.

We have a new staff member join us over the break. Her name is Michelle Allemann and she is teaching structured Reading across the school. We want to welcome her to our staff and community.

We have also had some new enrollments. We would like to welcome Kaida, Nicole, Zeke and Mayella. The parking situation around our school is possibly becoming easier next week. The car park on the reserve at Bonithon Avenue (opposite the hot pools) has been completed. They have assured me that they will open it on Monday. This means you can park there to let your child walk into school across the field.

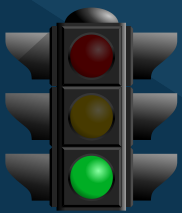
Attendance at school is a priority of our Government. We have our attendance data uploading everyday to the Ministry of Education. It is really important that you contact the school when your child is absent. Anytime that we do not hear from you or you cannot be contacted means your child is marked as a truant. Below is the expectation from the Ministry of Education.



PARENT INTERVIEWS

This term we are holding our parent conferences. These will be on **Wednesday 28th of May** and **Thursday 29th of May**. **School will be closing at 2.00pm and the conferences will start at 2.30pm.**

All booking for meetings will happen through HERO. It is really important that you make this time available to see your child's teacher. These meetings are a great way to learn how your child is progressing, share important information which will help your child progress and It is also a chance to build positive relationships with the staff.



Action: Ensure your child attends school daily

If absent: Notify the school with a valid reason (E.G. illness)

Support: Establish consistent routines and discuss the importance of attendance with your child



Action: The school will contact you to discuss absences

Purpose: Understand reasons for absences and discuss expectations

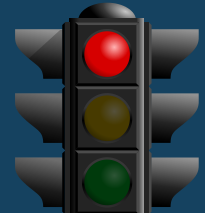
Support: Collaborate with the school to identify any issues and solutions



Action: A meeting involving school leadership, you and your child will be arranged

Purpose: Identify barriers to attendance and develop a plan to address them

Support: Access to additional resources or services



Action: The school escalates the issue to the Ministry of Education

Possible Outcomes:

Implementation of further support measures.

Conderation of legal action if support is declined without valid reason

GOOD
0-4 Days absent

WORRYING
5 days absent

CONCERNING
10 days absent

SERIOUS CONCERN
15+ days absent

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Elections – 17 September 2025

Our triennial Board elections are in September, and we want to give potential members an opportunity between now and then to find out more about what it means to be on the School Board.

If you have thought about doing it and would like to find out more about what's involved, we'd love to chat! Just email office@westend.school.nz, and we'll connect you with a current board member who can discuss the role and get you along to a Board meeting if you're interested.

Personally, this is my first term on a School Board (a Board term is three years) and it has taken me a while to get my head around the role of the Board, and what's needed from me in my role to have a positive impact on the School, the staff and most importantly the students. There are five parent representatives on the School Board and we will be looking for new members in September. What is also important is that as a Board we have a balance of expertise (Finance, Governance, Health and Safety, Property Management to name a few) and backgrounds to best represent our community. If you are interested, please get in touch.

Craig Thorne
Parent Representative

ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTING

In term 1 all our students took part in assessments for reading, writing and maths. These assessments are designed to provide a summary of our students learning. These results and their teachers observations, book work, classroom assessments and discussions inform the overall teacher judgement. These judgements will be shared with you through HERO. Our new curriculum now assess the students on goals based on their year level. This is a change from previous years. You will receive a graph showing where your child sits within their year level.

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DATES AND EVENTS

2025

Term 2

28 April	Start of Term 2
7 May	Inter School vs Welbourn (A)
14 May	Life Education at school
14 May	Inter School vs Vogeltown (A)
16 May	Pink Shirt Day
28 May	Parent Conferences 2.00pm close
29 May	Parent Conferences 2.00pm close
2 June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
4 June	Inter School vs Central (H)
20 June	Matariki (Public Holiday)
23 June	Cycle Safety
27 June	End of Term 2

HERO APP

The HERO app is our way of communicating with whanau. We will use the HERO app for reports, bookings for parent interviews, attendance, sharing successes and keeping you informed about school events.

It is really important that you use HERO if you want to keep up to date with what is going on at school.

The email address that the school has on your child's records is the way HERO connect to you. If you have changed your email address recently please update it with the school.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The YMCA and our school are looking at the possibility of running an after school programme based on our school site. If you are interested please let the school office know.

LIFE EDUCATION

This term we have Harold returning to our school.

The Life Education team will be here from the 14th of May and all classes will have lessons in the special classroom.

The main focus for our students is around resilience. This is the ability to continue on when we have setbacks. This can be in their learning, sport teams, games in the playground and friendships. We are excited to have the Life Education team here again.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY UPGRADES

During the term break we had a few little improvements happen around school and one major upgrade.

Our school heating system is being upgraded from a gas boiler to electric heating. This has meant that the schools power supply has need to be increased. Over the next few weeks the new system will be commissioned and our heating will be ready for the cold winter months. We also had a few minor improvements. Check out the new paint job in He Kakano and the planting of the roundabout.



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