

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2026

**WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE
TERM 3 WEEK 1**



WELCOME BACK

Tena koutou katoa,
Welcome back to Term 3 at West End Te Kura o Morere. We are thrilled to see everyone back safe and sound, ready for another term of learning. Currently, we have building work underway on site. The office block is having a new roof installed. This means that the office has been moved to room 16. The office block and hall are closed until the middle of August. Just come on into room 16 if you need to see Tracy, Catherine, or me. The second project is the creation of an accessible bathroom. The current one was unsuitable and needed upgrading. This is happening in the old reading recovery office, near He Kakano. Safety fencing is in place, and some walkways are closed while the building is underway. This project will be completed in early September.

This term we have some events that you all need to be aware of. First of all, we have 2 teacher-only days. This was shared at the end of last term. All schools have two days available to upskill staff on the new mathematics curriculum.

The second event to be aware of is the Fancy Dress Dance. This takes place every two years at the YMCA. All classes and students are involved with this, and the date for our show is Tuesday, 22nd of September.

This term we have many new students and new families beginning at our school. We would like to welcome Khalyse, Cody, Kaylee, Eddie, Harper, Luke, Fern, Amillion, Lena, Layla, Nylah, Suede, and Willow to our school. Thank you to all the whānau who bought a Matariki coffee from Proof and Stock. It was great to hear that many people supported our collaboration. The Mountain Airs basketball team came to do some skills with our students this week. Thank you to them for supporting our young players.

Mr. Hamish Hislop
Principal



Roof coming off in the holidays



Temporary office - Room 16



ATTENDANCE

The term 2 attendance report from the Ministry of Education has been received. We had 65% of all students attending regularly. This is down 2% from the same time in 2025. The main reason for the drop in attendance totals was an increase in the number of students who are sick and an increase in unjustified absences. An unjustified absence is when students are away for reasons not approved by the Board—days off for birthdays, people visiting from out of town, appointments like haircuts, family emergencies, being too tired, or it being rainy/windy/cold. We cannot change sickness and encourage you to keep unwell children at home; however, unjustified absences can be improved.

SCHOOL BOARD

The school board would like to thank all the parents who took part in our survey last term. The information shared will help us develop plans to improve our amazing school. The draw for the vouchers will take place soon, and the winners will be contacted. We would also like to notify you that Sandra Powell has been selected to fill the Board vacancy. She has been a board member in the past and has skills in finance that will support our school now and in the future.

FROM TRACY IN THE OFFICE

If you shop at Pak'n Save, can we please have your receipts? The school gets money from Pak'n Save based on the percentage of receipts we get. The Taranaki Milk Top challenge is on. If you have any milk bottle tops, can you please bring them into the temporary office and put them in the box?

Please remember to phone the school number or use HERO to notify us if your child is away from school.

Thank you,
Tracy



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DATES AND EVENTS

2026

Term 3

20 July

28 July

6 Aug

12 Aug

14 Aug

17 Aug

28 Aug

14 Sept

22 Sept

25 Sept

Term 3 begins

Board Meeting

Technobitz- Devon Int

NED Show

Teacher Only Day

Teacher Only Day

Daffodil Day

New Plymouth Cross Country

Fancy Dress Dance@YMCA

End of Term 3

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

We will have two teacher-only days this term: Friday, August 14th, and Monday, August 17th. These dates have been selected to minimize disruption to our students' learning experiences. We understand that this can be challenging for whānau as well, which is why we provided this information last term.

These days will focus on professional development related to the new Mathematics curriculum. Every school in New Zealand is entitled to such days, and we are dedicated to enhancing our staff's skills to ensure the delivery of the highest quality education.



SENIOR SCHOOL VISIT TO GOVETT BREWSTER GALLERY



- Yesterday Rms 15,13,14 and I all
- walked from West End Te Kura ō
- Mōrere to Puke Ariki library and
- museum and the Govett Brewster
- art gallery. Some kind workers
- welcomed us and showed us a
- Puanga slide show -there was
- Manu, Tash and Erin, who was the
- medical and safety teacher.
- We went and ate lunch, then we
- went to the art gallery it was
- awesome. We watched a cool tree
- film, and made some art. It was
- great.
- Jett Blackett

- We jogged and ran to where we
- needed to go and it was like a
- marathon. When we got to Puke
- Ariki we met some kind people and
- we also watched a clip that told us
- about Matariki and Puanga. I think
- that wherever we went we learned
- something great about Puanga. I
- liked that we learned so much
- about our great, awesome, and old
- Māori culture.
- Odin Davis



- We went on a school trip to the Len
- Lye Centre, Puke Ariki Museum and
- Puke Ariki Library.
- I learned that kawa kawa leaves
- can heal wounds and we also
- learned that you should get kawa
- kawa leaves when it is not raining
- because if water goes into the tree
- it damages the plant. We got to
- make and drink Kawakawa tea. I
- couldn't taste any flavour. At the art
- gallery we saw and heard trees,
- kiwi, and birds in an artwork. I made
- a kite with cardboard, sharpies,
- feathers and skewers.
- Aarvi Patel



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