

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



WEEK 10 TERM 2 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Kia ora,

This is the last newsletter for term 2. We have had a busy few weeks and enjoyed celebrating Puanga with you all. We also would like to thank the whanau who helped raise money for Jumping June. As a whole school we were able to raise \$5500 to the Heart Foundation.

Next term we will have a couple of staff changes. Christine Hurrell retires on Friday. Tracy will now work in our office 5 days a week. Sarah Thomas is leaving us to work at Frankley. We would like to wish her all the best with her new school and the new learning she will encounter. We also have hired Ange Robinson for two terms to help with the extended Classroom Release Time the teachers are entitled to.

We would all like to wish you a safe school holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 22nd July for another action packed term. We have Creatives in School starting as well as working towards our Fancy Dress dance in September.

PUANGA CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Puanga last week culminated in a hive of activity from our tamariki, Kaiako and supporting whanau. It was wonderful to see the whole Kura involved in activities acknowledging the Maori New Year, and showcasing our school values.

Kaitiakitanga was abundant with tamariki cleaning/weeding areas within our grounds. Ako was evidenced through the learning and teaching of a new Karakia, building understanding and knowledge of what Puanga and Matariki represent, where the constellations can be seen in our night sky, and building an understanding of why, here in Taranaki we refer to Puanga.



Mannakitanga and Whanaungatanga came to play in the Tuakana/Teina relationships as our tamariki worked alongside each other in preparing kai which we shared in celebration with our school whanau.

An amazing aroma filled the air as an array of delicious soups, bread, kumara and potatoes were served for a delicious lunch.

Massive thanks to all the whanau who donated, helped out or joined us to make our 'Puanga' Celebration a wonderful day/week for all.

FAREWELL MRS HURRELL



Thank you Mrs Hurrell for your dedication to our school. Your career at our school has spanned many generations. You have supported numerous families, students, teachers, Boards and Principals. We have all relied upon your support many times. You are a selfless person who always puts other people first. The perfect person to have in our office. The legacy you have left will be remembered for a long time. All the community of West End School, present and past, would like to wish you all the best for the next chapter in your life. We know we will continue to see you at our school helping with knitting club, reading groups and relieving in the office when needed. Enjoy retirement and arohanui from us all.



Our Big Jump Day took place on our Puanga afternoon. Students had been practicing for weeks to get ready for the event. Many students improved their endurance and skill over the weeks leading up to our event. For all the students who raised money it is now time to log into jumping june to select the prize. You will have until Friday 26th July to make the prize order.



SCHOOL BOARD

In our June Board meeting Mick Ellem resigned from our Board. This is after many years of supporting our school. We would like to thank Mick for his support and governance during his time as a Board member. Mick helped lead many of our recent building projects and supported with the board in many ways. At the August meeting we will discussing a change to our constitution. This will be about reducing the number of elected parent board members. Currently we have 7 elected parents and we are making a decision on reducing this. Our school community have a right to attend our Board meetings, especially when there is a change to the constitution.

DATES AND EVENTS

<u>2024</u>	
<u>Term 2</u>	
5 July	Last day of term 2
<u>Term 3</u>	
22 July	First day of term 3
30 July	Hearing and Vision testing
6 August	Board Meeting
9 August	NZ Playhouse
14-16 August	National Monitoring Visit
16 August	Lead Conference
22 August	Quiz Night
13 September	Fancy Dress Show
27 September	Last day of term 3

HERO has a calendar which has all of the school's important dates. Please make sure you check what is coming up.

STARTING SCHOOL AND CHANGING ADDRESS

If you have a pre school child who will be coming to our school in the next few years, please make sure the office are aware. This will help us with our planning. If you have moved recently please remember to keep us informed.



As Breakfast Club wraps up for the term, we would like to thank our amazing parents who help each week. They give up their time to make sure our tamariki have full tummies and are ready to learn. Children get a hot option along with Weetbix with fruit and milk on offer each day. Huge thanks goes to those parents who have donated kai to help keep the nice extras such as tinned fruit, Milo, spreads for toast and bread so we have a nice variety of food for the children. We want to make special mention of one of our school whanau who have made a sizable cash donation to our Breakfast Club. This has enabled us to purchase nice sets of crockery and utensils for the children to use, along with a new electric fry pan. This cash donation will also mean we are likely to not need to call for any kai donations for a while. Many thanks to all for your support.

KELLYSPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

During the school holidays we are hosting Kellysport at school. They will be running activities each day, based in our school hall. The programme and information is below.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 8 July - Friday 19 July

Join us these holidays for our **Go for Gold Day!** We offer a new theme each day where we explore, learn, play and Grow. Each day packed with Sports, Games and much more

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your venue.

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! *Conditions apply

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 **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

**TICKETS
\$10**

**LIMITED NUMBER
AVAILABLE**

**BAKE SALE + DRINKS
AVAILABLE
(CASH ONLY)**

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DANCE PARTY



**JOIN US FOR A BIG MORNING OF DANCING AS WE FUNDRAISE
TO GET COVE TO INTENSIVE THERAPY IN AUSTRALIA!**

THURSDAY 18TH JULY

9.45AM-11.15AM: 0-5 YEAR OLDS

11.30AM-1PM: 6-10 YEAR OLDS

AOD DANCE STUDIO

6-8 DEVON STREET WEST, NP



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