

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEEK 10 TERM 3 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Kia ora

This term is coming to an end and we have really enjoyed sharing with you many great activities. Over the last few weeks our students have been competing in cross country, having fun at the colour run, performing at Tatarakihi kapa haka festival and sharing our dancing skills at the YMCA.

We have one more term to go before our Christmas break. It is hard to believe we are a third of the way through 2024.

Last week I was lucky to attend the Trans Tasman Principals Conference in Christchurch. Over 900 school leaders from New Zealand and Australia joined together to discuss the future of education in our countries. We had speakers from both countries discuss important issues facing education leaders as well as inspiring messages of unity and achievement.

Ex All Black mental skills coach Gilbert Inoka discussed the need to build a sense of belonging. He discussed that feeling part of the history of something is really important to bring a team together, whether it is the All Blacks or in a school. He emphasised that having a vision is not enough but putting the work in is more important. We are working hard to build a sense of belonging at our kura with our students, staff and whanau. We want all of our community to leave our school with positive lifelong memories, just as we might have had about our own education. He encouraged us to also vent with joy! This is a great reminder that the way we perceive things rub off on the people around us. Positivity and joy are two things we can do which has a big impact on everyone.

PETER HORNE IS RETIRING

At the end of term 4 we will sadly be farewelling Peter Horne from West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere.

Peter has decided to retire after an amazing 45 year educational career across many areas of New Zealand. Peter has held many different roles in schools from Principal, Senior Leader and classroom teacher. Peter has been Associate Principal at our kura since 2002 and has had a massive impact on our school. He has lead many areas of the school especially the senior syndicate expertly. His ability to connect with the students is a real positive skill which we will miss.

Peter has brought out the musical skill of our students over the years and his ukulele and guitar lessons will be missed.

We all want to wish Peter a great retirement. You are a great professional educator, friend and colleague.



SPORTING

ACHIEVEMENTS

Last week we sent a strong team of runners to the New Plymouth Cross Country at Vogeltown Park. Our students performed excellently, and we were proud of their efforts on a cold spring day. Thank you to all the whanau who came along to support and to Matua Warren and Miss Fisher for taking the team. We had some top 10 and top 20 results in a competitive competition. Well done to all the runners.



CALENDAR ART

Calendars featuring the art of our students are available to order through the office. All students would have received an order form. If you have not received one of these forms please contact the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are still waiting on the link for parents to order school photos. When this arrives we will get the information out to whanau as soon as possible. You will receive an email with the information on ordering the photos.

DATES AND EVENTS

2024

Term 3

27 September Last day for out of zone Applications
Last day of term 3

Term 4

14 October Term 4 starts
28 October Labor Day- School closed
29 October Teacher Only Day
7 November Book Fair
13 November Junior swimming starts
19 November Pack The Bus Collection
20 November Devon Orientation
5 December Safety Online for parents
18 December Year 6 graduation
20 December Last day of the term

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.

Out of Zone applications for 2025 are due by September 27th 2024.

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

On the 5th of December West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere and Devon Intermediate are hosting the ultimate parents guide to keeping kids safe online. **This is a compulsory presentation** for all our whanau as the content affects all of our tamariki.

This presentation is funded by the two schools and is strictly adults only.

The information about this is attached to this newsletter.

We are all responsible to making sure our tamariki are safe users of technology and we as parents are the crucial part of this. There is a free parent course available after the presentation and the school also receives a teaching program for the school.

SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board are wanting to hear from our parents and whanau about a few simple questions. These have been emailed out to you through the office. Please take the time to fill out the survey. We would really like to hear from you all.

TATARAKIHI KAPA HAKA

Our kaha haka team performed at Owae Marae on Friday 13th September. This was the 30th year of the festival and having it hosted at Owae was really special. Our group- Te puna Waikoropupu o Tarawhata- took the stage with confidence and pride. Their singing was amazing and they made us all shed a tear or two.

Many people talked to us about how much they loved our performance. Thank you Matua Pete, Matua Warren and Whaea Carri Anne for making this possible. Also thank you to all the whanau who came out to support the students. Ka mau te wehe!



COLOUR FUN RUN

Our colour run took place on Wednesday 4th September. The purpose of our colour run was to have some fun and have all our students active with running and jumping through obstacles. The Healthy Active Team from Sports Taranaki were there to support us and Terry Long made sure everyone had colour through their hair. The event was well supported by whanau and the students and staff had a great time.



FANCY DRESS EVENING

Friday the 13th was a really busy day for our kura. Many students performed at the Tatarakihi festival during the day and then at night all of our school came together to put on a dance performance at the YMCA. We had an excellent turn out for a Friday night and there were amazing fancy dress costumes on display. All the classes performed choreographed numbers for their parents and the audience was full of appreciation. The highlight was seeing our senior students learn to waltz and to have a final dance with their parents. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



SOCIAL AND

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Unfortunately the fundraising quiz at The Treehouse had to be cancelled this year. There is a minimum amount of tickets we had to sell to make this possible. Sadly we did not reach this mark. We will look at other fundraising ideas that would best support our community. We have a Seed fundraiser coming up. Keep an eye out on how to order seeds for your garden.

HOODIE ORDERS



The hoodie orders close this Friday. Please go onto HERO and search 'Hoodie Orders' in the notices. The instructions on how to order and pay are in the post.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

On Tuesday 29th October (The day after Labor Day) we will be having a teacher only day. This is to work on the new English and new Maths Curriculum. There will be no school for the students. School will be open again on Wednesday 30th October.



THANK YOU TO OUR COLOUR RUN SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS



West End Te Kura O Mōrere School and
Devon Intermediate presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids ***Online World***
and how to keep them safe.

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Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in
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Parent to Parent talk

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024 | 7PM - 9PM

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL

400 DEVON STREET WEST, NEW PLYMOUTH



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER



The Countdown has started and the race is on. Can you beat your competitors and the clock to glory?

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

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