

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2026

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



TERM 2 WEEK 3

Tena Koutoa,

Welcome back to Term 2!

Term Highlights

- Inter-School Sports- Our Year 5 and 6 students will play rugby, football, and netball against local schools.
- Free Swimming Lessons- We've started our free swimming sessions at Fulton Swim School.
- Life Education Classroom- We're excited to have the Life Education classroom visit our school this term.

Our staff has been working hard to give our students a great education. Don't miss the message from the Board Presiding Members later in this newsletter.

We also held a special ANZAC assembly on April 24th. Graham Chard, the president of the New Plymouth Returned Services Association, gave a heartfelt speech, and Amanda Bollond played "The Last Post" on the cornet. It was a beautiful remembrance assembly, and our students were amazing.



INTER SCHOOL SPORT

This week marked the exciting kickoff of our Year 5 and 6 inter-school competition! We were thrilled to welcome Woodleigh for thrilling matches across netball, rugby, and football. While we didn't come away with victories, our students embraced the challenge and gave it their all, showcasing incredible spirit and sportsmanship. The sunny weather added to the vibrant atmosphere, and the enthusiastic support from our community made the day even more special. Here's to more fun and learning in the games ahead!



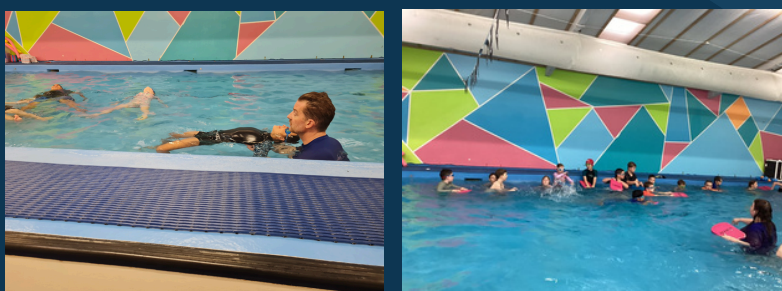
LIFE EDUCATION

We're excited to announce that our Life Education program starts next week! Each class will visit our mobile classroom with Megan Lilley and Harold the Giraffe. These sessions aim to inspire and educate students alongside their teacher.

We invite parents to meet Megan and explore the mobile classroom on Thursday, the 14th, from 3:00 pm to 3:15 pm. See the positive impact this initiative is having on our school. We look forward to seeing you there!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming will take place each Wednesday or Thursday this term. We have a break next week due to Life Education. Please check HERO for class times and updates.



DATES AND EVENTS

2026

Term 2

5 May	School Board Meeting
11 May	Life Education Week
15 May	Pink Shirt Day
29 May	Welbourn sports exchange (A)
1 June	Kings Birthday- School closed
4 June	Oakura Sports Exchange (H)
17 June	Vogeltown Sports Exchange (A)
19 June	Mid year reports on HERO
24 June	Parent Conferences
25 June	Parent Conferences
3 July	Last day of Term 2

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Reporting to parents in New Zealand is undergoing a transformation. The government is introducing new expectations, which we are gradually and thoughtfully implementing. The HERO written report covering reading, writing, and mathematics will be available on Friday, June 19th.

The following week, parent conferences will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's learning with their teacher.

- Booking.

Please schedule your appointments through the HERO booking system. A notice will go live on HERO when it is ready for you to book a time.

- Duration

Each session will last 10 minutes.

- Timing.

If you have more than one child, allow time between sessions.

Additional Time

If you require more time after your appointment, please arrange a separate time with the teacher.

If you need help booking your time, please see your child's teacher or the office.

WEST END TE KURA O MORERE SCHOOL BOARD

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Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Craig Thorne (Presiding Member)

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere Board

33 Bonithon Avenue, Moturoa

New Plymouth 4310

Taranaki

by: 4th June 2026

Expressions of interest can also be sent to Craig via the school office. Outline what skills you could bring to our Board.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON CRAIG THORNE

School Achievement Data

As a parent of children at the School, one thing I have often wondered is how the School is going with educational achievement. Having been on the School Board for over three years now, I thought I would have a clearer understanding of this. However, with changing educational curriculum and assessment standards, I have found it difficult to navigate.

Recently, we have collected information and assessments that provides a good benchmark, and it shows that West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere is doing well—and improving!

I'm really pleased to be able to share this information with you, hopefully in a way that's easy to understand.

- Writing: 67% of our students are writing at, or above, their expected level.
- Mathematics: 79.9% of our students are at, or above, their expected level.
- Reading: 79.5% of our students are at, or above, their expected level.

These are strong results, and I wanted to share both the data and the success the School has achieved.

That said, there is always room to grow. We endeavour to give every student a great start across these key learning areas, and we continue to focus on supporting those who are not yet achieving where we would like them to be.

When I asked staff what they attribute these improvements and achievements to, they highlighted the consistency and continuity of teaching programmes across the School. For example, in reading, we have been using the Better Start Literacy Approach for several years, and it is now well on its way to being fully embedded throughout the School.

I would like to acknowledge the work the staff have done to achieve this. They are continuing to learn and grow as they develop their teaching practices. We ask a lot of them, and our students are clearly benefiting because of their work and development.

