

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



FAREWELL ANN HOOPER

The staff of West End Te Kura O Morere wish to advise the school community of the passing of a much-loved and respected former colleague/classroom teacher – Ann Hooper. Ann was appointed to a teaching position in 2001 and her impact on all of her students was immense. She taught across a number of year levels in the senior school and she was a naturally gifted educator. She saw the best in every child who came under her care, and her positive energy at West End Te Kura O Morere was valued by all those who worked with her. Her input into the Senior Syndicate and the life of the whole school in general was appreciated by the whole school—children, parents, and staff.

Ann retired from West End in 2019 after a long career and had plans to come back and do art classes with small groups of children. Unfortunately, the ongoing effects of Covid put those plans on hold. She will be sadly missed by a number of staff who worked with her in her time at WETKOM.



WEEK 3 TERM 3 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Kia ora,

Term 3 has started really well, and our staff and students have been involved in many interesting learning opportunities. We have an exciting term ahead with many events we would love to see you at.

Education is in a massive state of change. The Government has announced that the new Mathematics Curriculum is being rushed forward to be put in place for 2025 alongside the new English Curriculum. These two pieces of work are huge for schools and will take some time to embed. Structured Literacy is already being embedded into our school (NE to Year 3), and new progressions are being developed by the Ministry of Education. We are yet to see the details of either new curriculum and what support teachers will have to learn the new content. The Government is also wanting to start compulsory testing of year 3–6 students, twice a year. We will be trialling this in 2025; however, our current assessments continue to be used so teachers know what their students know, need to know, and where to focus on next.



SPORTING

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Aria Newsome, Tali Ishihara, and Savannah Campion on their selection in the New Plymouth under-12 basketball team. We are really proud of your achievements. Also, extra congratulations to Aria for being selected in the Taranaki under-12 football team as well. Last week our interschool football team played a semi-final against Frankley. The game was very even and had to be decided by a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, our team did not go through to the final. We were very proud of the positive attitude our players showed and their integrity. Thank you to all the whānau who came to support this season and to Warren Smart for coaching.



SCHOOL BOARD

Our school board is a group of elected parents, a staff representative, and the principal. Their role is to govern the school. In 2025, we will be holding an election for the next school board. If you are curious about what the role is about, please reach out to Mr. Hislop or one of the current board members.

This term, the board is interested to hear your thoughts on our school. A simple survey will be sent out soon for your feedback.

DATES AND EVENTS

2024

Term 3

7 August.	NED performance
9 August	NZ Playhouse
14-16 August	National Monitoring Visit
16 August	Lead Conference
22 August	Quiz Night
13 September	Tatarakihi Kapahaka
	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.



This term our HERO focus is around sharing classroom learning with whānau. Each Monday, teachers will share what is being taught for the week. This plan is always flexible according to how well the students pick up the new concepts. This will also give you a chance as a parent to talk to your child about what they are learning. On a Friday, the teacher will also share highlights of the week. This will be a celebration of what the class has done. We are slowly working towards students being able to share their own learning and goal setting. You can help by posting positive comments to celebrate with your child's class. These comments are really appreciated.

NED PERFORMANCE



We had a visit from the NED show this week. This was a show on positive behavior. The performer took our students through an interactive educational journey that was filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks, and humor. The messages were to inspire students, promote academic achievement, and support our school goals. The students really enjoyed the show.

NEW SCHOOL LOGO

We have been working with Favor The Brave to develop a new logo for our school. We wanted a logo that better represents our school and values. The old logo will be phased out over the next year, and we will be replacing it with our new brand. The new logo represents our Taura Whiri (values) of Whanaungatanga, Ako, Kaitiakitanga, and Maanakitanga. The strong threads entwined create the strong foundations of our students. The tree shape represents our beautiful grounds, and the swing shows our link to our gifted name—Te Kura Ō Mōrere (The school of swings). The child reaching for the stars represents the ambition of reaching for their dreams. Also, the stars represent all our different ethnicities. We are very proud of our new logo and look forward to our new brand.

TOY LIBRARY BOOK COLLECTION

The Taranaki Toy Library is holding a monster book sale. They are collecting children's books for the sale. We have a box in the school office for any unwanted books in good condition.

FANCY DRESS DANCE

At the end of this term our school is once again holding our fancy dress dance. This will be held at the YMCA on Friday 13th of September. All the classes will present an item and are currently practicing hard at school. We would love to see you all there enjoying the amazing things our children do at our school.



100 DAY CELEBRATION

On Friday, we had our 100-day celebration. This is a yearly celebration of 100 days at school. This is part of our calendar maths programme where students learn to count to 100.

We collected food for the New Plymouth Foodbank. They were overwhelmed by our donation of over 100 items of food to help restock their empty shelves.

Children made displays and shared them with the school. We had many whanau come in to celebrate with us.

The junior classes did rotations in other classrooms where they got to do activities. Here are some photos from the celebration.

