

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2026

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TERM 2 WEEK 6

Tena koutou

Welcome to the week 6 newsletter. We have been busy as always with teaching and learning at West End Te Kura o Morere. Over the last three weeks our students have been involved in Life Education, the start of Inter School sports, swimming at Fulton Swim School, and focused learning across the curriculum. We have been enjoying the beautiful weather too.

Life Education has again been valuable to our students' learning. There were lessons across many themes including making good decisions, resilience, and keeping healthy. Megan Lilley and Harold kept our students engaged with messages around being the best you can be, using your 'owl brain,' and learning how to manage your 'monkey brain' when things are challenging.

We continue to participate in our sponsored swimming lessons at Fulton Swim School. Each class goes every week, on the same day. It is important that students are prepared for swimming each week with their togs, towel, and warm clothing.

Pink Shirt Day was a lot of fun again this year. People wear pink to celebrate diversity, promote kindness, and take a unified stand against bullying in schools. We fully back the kaupapa and continue to support this fundraiser. This year we raised \$80. Next year we will aim higher as all students in pink were asked to bring a gold coin donation.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 1st June for King's Birthday. We will see all students back on Tuesday 2nd June.

DOGS AT SCHOOL

This week we had a scary situation where someone from the public brought their dog on site and let it run free on our field. This happened at 5:30 PM on Tuesday evening. Another local person was on site with their daughter and their dog on a leash. The dog off the leash attacked the small dog and scared the lady and her daughter. Sadly, the dog that was attacked died, and the owner of the large dog left the scene without offering help.

A reminder that our school is a safe place for people to play and learn. Our school playgrounds should be safe for everyone, but caution is recommended. Any dog within our school grounds should be kept under control. Our school policy is that dogs are allowed only if they are on a leash and under the control of an adult. If anyone has any information about this attack, please contact Mr. Hislop or NPDC Dog Control.



REPORTS AND LEARNING CONFERENCES

This year we have some changes with reporting to parents. Below is a statement from the Ministry of Education. Your child's mid-term report will be published to HERO on the 19th of June. You will then have the chance to talk with your child's teacher the following week at Parent Conferences. Please book these through the HERO app. If you are having any problems with booking, please see Tracy in the school office.

This is a statement from the Ministry of Education. The Ministry has provided new reporting guidelines to align with the revised New Zealand Curriculum. To report student progress against the new curriculum, schools will explain progress using five progress levels – emerging, developing, consolidating, proficient, and exceeding. Schools will start using the new reporting components during 2026, so you may not see all the changes in your child's report until next year. For more information, see Reporting to Parents and Whānau on the Ministry's Parent Portal.

SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

Our school celebrated our amazing support staff during Support Staff Week. Our support staff are our school superheroes. Thank you to Edwina, Tracy, Chris, Sonia, Rhyss, Linda and Anna for your great work.



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DATES AND EVENTS

2026

Term 2

29 May

1 June

4 June

17 June

19 June

24 June

25 June

3 July

Welbourn sports exchange (A)

Kings Birthday- School closed

Oakura Sports Exchange (H)

Vogeltown Sports Exchange (A)

Mid year reports on HERO

Parent Conferences

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Last day of Term 2

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to the 70+ people who came to our school quiz night. Thanks to our Fundraising and Social Committee for organizing a superb evening and raising just over \$1000 to support our school!

