

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEEK 6 TERM 3 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Kia ora,

Over the past three weeks our students have been working hard on their Fancy Dress routines for our school Fancy Dress Performance on the 13th September at the YMCA. We are looking forward to having all our whanau come along and watch the students perform for you. We also have our kapa haka ropu ramp up their practices for Tatarakihi on the same day. We are excited to see our students perform at Owae Marae.

WHEN 22% IS NOT 22%

Schools are currently going through a massive curriculum change. The draft English and Draft Mathematics and statistics curriculum are out for review. These new curricula are to be in place for the start of 2025. The government have been saying to media that 22% of all year 8 students are failing maths. But is that true? The data used for creating this crisis is in fact a lie. 900 students across New Zealand were tested on the new draft curriculum, which has not been taught in schools. Out of this sample 22% passed. The fact that no students have accessed this learning and the Government are using it to justify a crisis is very poor. We had always planned on embedding a new English curriculum in 2025 but because of this manufactured crisis we are now having to embed a new maths curriculum as well. We do not have the final versions of these documents and the resourcing to support the delivery is not in place either. This is not how we should be educating our children. Please have patience with our staff as they navigate through these massive changes. We are focused on doing the best we can until we know better.

JUMP JAM 2024



Our school jump jam team went to Palmerston North last weekend to compete in a jump Jam Competition. We were the only New Plymouth team to compete.

Mrs Kitto and Miss Prentis took a team of 20 students down for the day. The students had a great performance and made the school and whanau in attendance very proud. Thank you to all the supporters who travelled down. Also thanks to Mrs Kitto and Miss Prentis for giving up their time to make this happen for our students.



SPORTING

ACHIEVEMENTS

We have another amazing sporting achievement from our school. Kiara from Room 12 has won two medals at the North Island Brazilian jiu-jitsu competition in Auckland. Kiara won a Gold medal and a bronze medal. We are very proud of you Kiara.



Congratulations to two of our students who took part in a lower North Island Football league. jai and Reid played for a Western United under 11 team and won the competition. Congratulations boys.

CHESS TEAM

Last week our chess team took part in the Taranaki Primary School tournament at Oakura. We send two teams along and they represented the school with pride. We placed 9th and 11th out of 21 teams. Thank you Mr Notley for your coaching and mentoring.

DATES AND EVENTS

2024

Term 3

4 September	Colour Run
5 September	School Photos
13 September	Tatarakihi Kapahaka
	Fancy Dress Show
16 September	New Plymouth Cross Country
19 September	Quiz Night
25 September	Taranaki Cross Country
27 September	Last day for out of zone Applications
	Last day of term 3

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.



Thank you to the parents who have provided positive feedback to teachers around our new curriculum posts. These posts are designed to let you know what your child is learning each week in class. Each Friday you will also see a highlights post for the class. Sometimes these posts might be delayed due to staff sickness. Please let the teachers know that you have read the posts by giving the post a thumbs up or by leaving a comment.

If you are leaving a comment on your child's work please find a positive statement which will make them feel great about themselves.

SCHOOL BOARD

At the last meeting the West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere Board resolved to reduce the number of elected parents on the board to 5. There was a space available from the resignation of Mick Ellem and the Board felt that we have too many members for the size of our school.

The Board also are wanting to survey the school each term to get feedback. This simple 4 question survey will be sent out soon.

FANCY DRESS EVENING

Our Fancy Dress performance is on Friday 13th September at the YMCA.

This event takes place every two years and it showcases each class. They will be performing a dance for your entertainment.

Our event starts at 6.30pm so can you please be seated and ready for a prompt start. Please support our raffles as well.

Thank you for all the food donations.

TATARAKIHI KAPA HAKA

Our kapa kaha ropu are performing at the Tatarakihi festival on Friday 13th September at Owae Marae. We are on stage at 12.05pm and hope we have a great whanau turn out to cheer on our tamariki. Our group has been tutored by Matua Peter Taylor and supported by Carri Anne Stone and Matua Warren this year.



COLOUR FUN RUN

The colour run is on next Wednesday 4th September from 1.00pm-3.00pm. All students will get a chance to run around the course and have paint powder fun. Please send your child along with old clothes for the colour run part of the event. The paint is washable and non toxic. Parents are welcome to attend and take part. There will be a free sausage sizzle for the children and a coffee cart for parents to buy hot drinks. Thank you to our sponsors and supporters for their support for this event.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

Please remember that the car park on Bonithon Avenue is for staff parking and for visitors. This is not a place for parents to pick up and drop off before and after school. The disabled parking spot on Davies Lane is for badge holding drivers only. Please keep this clear for people who need to access this. Sadly some people are parking on the footpath and on double yellow lines on Bonithon Avenue. This is dangerous and I would encourage you to stop. We have asked the NPDC to come and do random ticketing for people who are breaking the parking rules.



FRESH AIR CHALLENGE TE WERA HAUHAU

Next week the fresh air challenge (Te wera hauhau) begins. This is where we survey our school over a few weeks on how they come to school. We are wanting to recapture the trophy from the other primary schools after loosing in in 2023.

We get more points if your child walks, bikes, scooters or ride shares to school each day. If you are dropping your child off please park away from the school to allow them to walk in. There are more points if they have to walk over 500 meters into school instead of being dropped off at the gate.

HOODIE ORDERS



We are doing a new run on school hoodies. This time we will be using the new school logo on the back. The cost for a hoodie will be confirmed and shared on HERO.



SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We had a great turn out for our last social and fundraising committee meeting. Thank you to all the whanau who attended. The committee have given funding to the school to start replacing our sports uniforms which will have our new school logo and colours. We also have a quiz coming up at the Good Home. Please see the advertisement on this newsletter. Come along and support our school.

WESTEND FUNDRAISING
COMMITTEE

QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

**Thursday, 19 September
2024 at 6.30pm**

VENUE: THE TREEHOUSE BAR AND

Tickets available for \$10.25 each
from Eventfinda

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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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