

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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GALA SUCCESS- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to all the whanau who came along to our School gala on Sunday.

We had a beautiful day to hold our gala and I was thrilled to see so many happy visitors to our school. The social and Fundraising Committee worked very hard to make this possible. Thank you to all our volunteers who were part of the committee, set up and pack up crew, volunteers who delivered bbq's and ran activities. Thank you also to the staff who ran stalls with their class or managed the Eftpos machines. We would not have been able to do it without your support.

A big thank you also to Midla and Catherine who led the gala committee. What an amazing team.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support and donations:

- **Future Grafix**
- **Taranaki Thermal Spa**
- **Mitre 10 Mega**
- **Devon Hotel**
- **Event Cinemas**
- **Top Steel Taranaki**
- **Belt Road Holiday Pork**
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- **Westpac Bank**
- **Abrahams**
- **Bid Food**
- **Spudz**
- **Hellers Sausages**
- **Vibe Hair design**
- **White sail Gallery**

Without the generous support of our sponsors we would not have been able to put on the gala.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The weetbix Tryathlon is on Tuesday 25th March 2025. We will have our school gazebo up for our students to use during the day.

It is the parents responsibility to get your child to the event and home again. We will not be providing supervision at this event.

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 31ST MARCH

On Monday 31st March we have our 2nd Teacher Only day being held at school. This is to work on the new curriculum so our teachers have the tools to deliver an excellent and exciting curriculum for your children.

The focus of this teacher only day is improving the learning in Writing.

Thank you for your understanding.



SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Elections – 17 September 2025

Our triennial Board elections are in September, and we want to give potential members an opportunity between now and then to find out more about what it means to be on the School Board.

If you have thought about doing it and would like to find out more about what's involved, we'd love to chat! Just email office@westend.school.nz, and we'll connect you with a current board member who can discuss the role and get you along to a Board meeting if you're interested.

Personally, this is my first term on a School Board (a Board term is three years) and it has taken me a while to get my head around the role of the Board, and what's needed from me in my role to have a positive impact on the School, the staff and most importantly the students. There are five parent representatives on the School Board and we will be looking for new members in September. What is also important is that as a Board we have a balance of expertise (Finance, Governance, Health and Safety, Property Management to name a few) and backgrounds to best represent our community. If you are interested, please get in touch.

Craig Thorne
Parent Representative

Our next Board Meeting is on the 25th March. We will be deciding if we need to reduce the amount of elected parents on our Board. We currently have 6 parent reps, a Staff Rep and the Principal. If you would like to come along to hear the discussion our meetings start at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE AND SICK DAYS

When your child is away from school it is your responsibility to contact the school. This needs to be done in the morning please. We have a few ways you can contact the school. The easiest way is through the HERO app. Alternatively you can ring and press #1 to leave an absence. We need a reason for the absence to code it correctly. Some absences are justified such as sickness. Others are unjustified such as taking a holiday during term time. If we do not hear from you about your child's absence we have to mark them as truant. Attendance at school is compulsory and a Government priority.

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DATES AND EVENTS

2025

Term 1

25 March

Weetbix TRYathlon

25 March

Board Meeting

31 March

Teacher Only day- writing

3 April

Owae Marae visit yr 5/6

4 April

Owae Marae visit All School

11 April

End of term 1

Term 2

28 April

Start of Term 2

14 May

Life Education at school

28 May

Parent Conferences

29 May

Parent Conferences

30 May

NZ Playhouse show

2 June

King's Birthday (Public Holiday)

20 June

Matariki (Public Holiday)

27 June

End of Term 2

HERO APP

The HERO app is our way of communicating with whanau. We will use the HERO app for reports, bookings for parent interviews, attendance, sharing successes and keeping you informed about school events.

It is really important that you use HERO if you want to keep up to date with what is going on at school.

The email address that the school has on your child's records is the way HERO connect to you. If you have changed your email address recently please update it with the school.



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