

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2026

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TERM 1 WEEK 9

Kia ora

As we wrap up Term 1, it's clear how much our students have achieved in a short time. Their hard work, curiosity, and positive attitude have created a strong foundation for the rest of the year. We've enjoyed a mix of events and strong learning across all classes, supported by our wonderful staff and whānau.

Term 2 brings exciting opportunities. We will welcome the Life Education team to school, begin swimming lessons for all students, and connect with families through mid-year reporting and parent conferences. It promises to be a productive and engaging term for everyone. Term 2 also is when our inter school sports begins. Keep an eye out for the dates of our exchanges.

Enjoy the break, take some time to rest, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 2.
Hamish Hislop

ATTENDANCE

Every school in New Zealand has an attendance management plan. This can be found on our school website- www.westendnp.school.nz in the parent information section.

HERO is used for managing our daily attendance and we get updates when students attendance is falling below expectation.

Good attendance is our goal- Less than 5 days absent per term.

Worrying Attendance is up to 10 days absence per term.

Concerning Attendance is up to 15 days absence per term.

Serious concern is 15+ days absence per term.

There are support systems available for you if it is a struggle to get your child to school. Please stay in contact with the school if this is the case. We have an attendance service that support us when attendance is concerning.

SENIOR LEADERS

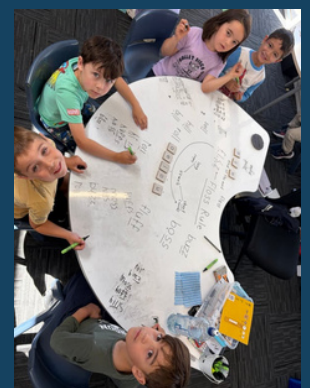
These are our new Year 6 Leaders for the first half of the year. These students have responsibilities in a range of things from Breakfast Club, cultural leaders, Assembly, flags, school bell and Sports shed.

Congratulations to our new leaders.



HERO WEEKLY WRAP

Each week classroom teachers write up a weekly wrap up of learning. This includes what is coming up in the classroom and pictures of the classes learning. Please check it out and comment. If you need help with HERO please see the office.



FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

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We are farewelling two staff members this week. Thomas Putt has been a teacher aide in our school for over a year. He has supported many of our students with their learning and their health needs. We wish him all the best with his new job.

Logan Hislop finishes at the end of this term as well. He has been with us for a few terms supporting students in classrooms and in the playground. He is heading overseas to take up a cricket contract in England. All the best Logan and good luck with your cricket. Last week was the end of Shin's time with us. He has been teaching at our school for the past 8 weeks. He has headed home to Japan to continue his university studies.

DATES AND EVENTS

2026

Term 1

2 April

Term 1 Ends

Term 2

20 April

Term 2 begins

27 April

Public holiday School closed

29 April

Swimming Starts

5 May

School Board Meeting

11 May

Life Education Week

20 May

Parent Conferences

21 May

Parent Conferences

1 June

Kings Birthday- School closed

3 July

Last day of Term 2

LIFE EDUCATION

Each year we have the Life Education classroom come to our school. This is happening in term 2 from the 11th May. All classes will get an opportunity to go into the classroom for lessons. This is funded through the Government's donation scheme.

SWIMMING LESSONS

In Week 2 we begin our funded swimming lessons. All students will have a lesson a week for 8 weeks at Fulton Swim School.

The swimming lessons will be on either a Wednesday or Thursday, depending on your child's class. All students will be changed at school, travel by bus with their class and then return to get changed. All students need footwear and something warm to wear after lessons. Classroom teachers will share more information on HERO with you.

We were lucky to be sponsored by Stuff.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

In term 2 we will be holding our parent conferences. These will happen after school between 3.30pm-6.30pm Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May. Booking information will be shared on HERO next term.

