

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



TERM 4 2025 WEEK 9

Tena koutou,

This marks our final newsletter for 2026. We have truly enjoyed the opportunity to educate your children this year. Our school remains committed to the government's priorities while also nurturing well-rounded young individuals who will thrive in their future endeavors. We have provided all our students with the chance to acquire new skills and enhance their existing ones. Although this journey can be challenging for children, developing resilience in learning and collaboration is a vital skill to cultivate. This year, we cherished the involvement of our community in our learning experiences. Highlights included:

- Our hangi at the beginning of the year
- A well-attended Grandparents' Day
- The colour run, which brought many parents and extended family to our site
- Inter-school sports days and competitions, which received strong support
- Parent interviews and school trips
- Owae Marae Visit
- The Puanga celebration, choir festival, swimming lessons, and Tatarakihi kapa haka

These events brought us together, demonstrating that community support in the education of our akonga (students) yields remarkable benefits. We witness pride in your children, motivation to strive for excellence, and joy as they recognize your presence.

This year, we also elected a new Board of members dedicated to continuous improvement across all areas of the school. Furthermore, we received positive feedback during a visit from the Education Review Office, which acknowledged our strengths as a school.

To all the whanau concluding their journey with us this year, we wish you the very best. For our returning whanau, we eagerly anticipate seeing you in 2026 and wish you a safe summer and a joyful Christmas.

Nga mihi,
Hamish Hislop
Principal

17TH DECEMBER 2025

2ND FEBRUARY 2026

A reminder that school finishes on **Wednesday 17th December at 12.00pm**. All children need to be picked up at this time. 2026 term 1 begins on **Monday 2nd February 2026**.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



OWAE TRIP

Our year 5 and 6 students had a 2 day camp at Owae Marae in Waitara. The students were excited and nervous as many of them had not been to a marae before. The trip began with a visit to the New Plymouth Airport to learn about the design, which tells the story of Te Atiawa. The group then traveled onto Waitara and the Powhiri at Owae. We were welcomed by the hau kainga and Waitara East students. Students then spent the day learning about Manukorihi pa and swimming at the pools. They then welcomed parents in the evening. Hone Niwa and Matua Pete shared history and stories about Owae, Te Atiawa and Sir Maui Pomare.

Year 4 students came out the 2nd day. They took part in activities with Puke Ariki, Sports Taranaki and Govett Brewster.

Thank you to the parents who came to support the trip. It was enjoyed by all of those who attended.

This is authentic local history learning for our students.

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DATES AND EVENTS

2025

15 Dec

Yr 6 Leavers Day

17 Dec

Last day of term

2026

Term 1

2 Feb

Term 1 begins

6 Feb

Waitangi Day (Public holiday)

26 Feb

Proposed Hangi Day

9 March

Taranaki Anniversary

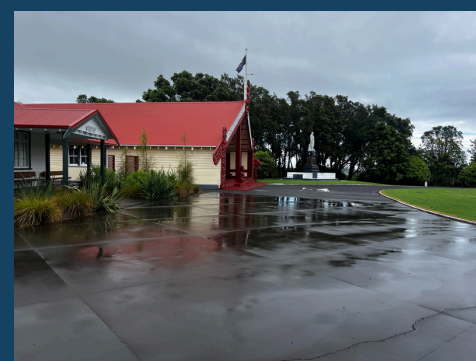
2 April

Term 1 Ends

Term 2

20 April

Term 2 begins



PLASTIC FREE CHALLENGE

Hi Everyone,

Our Plastic Free Challenge is finished for 2025. Firstly thank you to Marcus Deans and his team at Enviro NZ for sponsoring the supplying of our skip bin and secondly thank you to Chris Kelly who's generous donation covered the costs of the prizes associated with this year's challenge. Thanks to Tracy in the office for her time and support also and thanks to Tranzit Coachlines Taranaki for supplying our free bus for our earlier trip to Epiha Road for our Enviro Team's first coastal cleanup.

Thanks to the 39 students and their families who participated in this year's coastal cleanup event. A special mention must be made of Dougie Rm. 3 and Indi Rm 7 who undertook two coastal cleanups each and of Eloise Rm. 3 who undertook three cleanups! Thanks to Maia Rm 15, Michael-John Rm.15, Dougie Rm.3 and Chloe Rm. 2 who created something each for our art competition. You will be able to view their creations in the library in the near future.

Well done to Room 1 and Room 7 who won the lunchbox challenge. Thanks to Leandre Rm.13 for making the winners' trophies from ocean plastic and to Miss Symes for organizing the ice-cream reward. And lastly, thanks to all the parents who helped their kids to reduce the amount of plastic coming to school in lunchboxes. Please continue this good work. So far we have raised \$125 for the International Ocean Cleanup organization.

Jeff.



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ART SHOW 2025

Our school Art Show takes place this Friday. This year our whole school has been focusing on our Maunga (mountain). We have incorporated our learning into art, dance, music and drama.

Each class has prepared a showcase of their work and have performances to share with whanau. If you are available to come along please check out the timetable of events. We will endeavour to video the performances and share them on our school You Tube channel.

Time	Class Room Number	Performance Space	Visual Art space
9:20-9:40am	Room 5	Hall	Rm 5
9:40-10:00am	Room 14	Hall	Hall
10:00-10:20am	Room 13	Hall	Hall
10:40-11:00am	Rm 3	Rm 3	Rm 3
11:30-11:50am	Rm 4	Hall	Rm 4
11:50am-12:10pm	Rm 1	Rm 1	Rm 1
12:10-12:30pm	Rm 15	Hall	Rm 15
12:30-12:50pm	Room 2	Hall	Hall
2:00-2:20pm	Room 7	Hall	Rm 7
2:20-2:40pm	He Kakano	Hall	He Kakano
2:40-3:00pm	Room 8	Hall	Rm 8