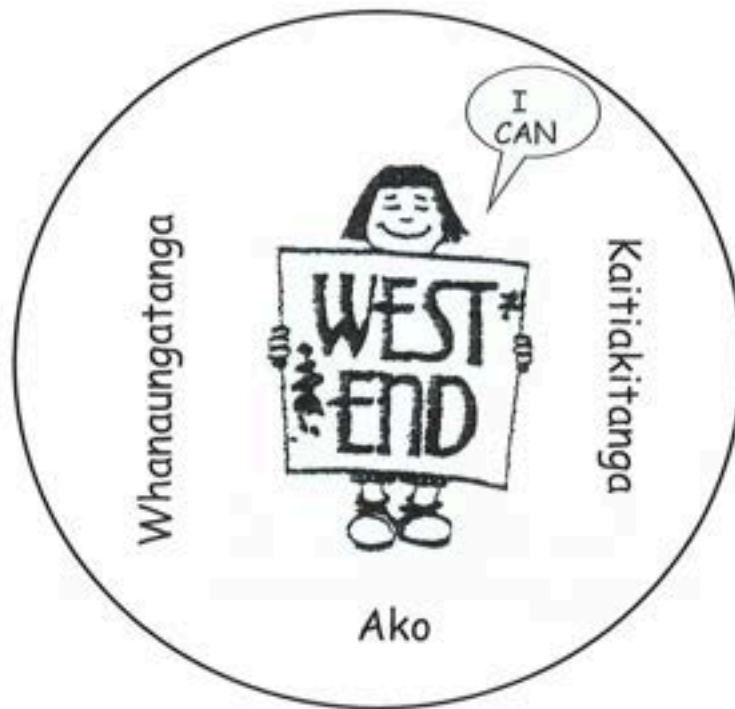


VISION

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere is committed to developing *responsible* citizens who are *confident, creative, actively involved* life long learners.



West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere



INTRODUCTORY BOOKLET

2023

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere
Staff / Class Organisation – 2023



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- **TEACHER ALLOCATION STAFFING**

Principal : Hamish Hislop

Associate Principal Senior Classes: Peter Horne

Associate Principal Junior Classes: Catherine Cooper

Scale A Teachers :

Senior Syndicate Classroom Teachers :

Room 13	Becky (.8) & Gary Bruckner (.2)	Year 5 & 6
Room 14	Jo Ross	Year 5 & 6
Room 15	Warren Smart	Year 5 & 6
Room 1	Carri-Anne Stone	Year 4 & 5
Room 2	Jeff Cocker	Year 4 & 5
Room 3	Charlotte Symes	Year 3 & 4
Room 4	Ann-Maree Lightbody	Year 3 & 4

Junior Syndicate Classroom Teachers:

Room 5	Sarah Thomas	Year 3
Room 11	Anita Smith	Year 2
Room 12	Julie-Anne Hall	Year 2 & 3
Room 7	Anitra Thwaites	Year 1 & 2
Room 8	Chanelle Prentis	Year 1 & 2
He Kākano	Belinda Baldwin & Grace Lines	Year 0 & Year 1

Learning Assistance (Part Time Teachers) :

Gary Bruckner (Senior Team)
Janet Mugeridge (Junior Team)
Diane Smith (Reading Recovery)
Matua Peter Taylor (Kaiarahi I Te Reo)

- **SUPPORT STAFF**

1. School Secretaries Christine Hurrell & Tracy Hill

2. Teacher Aides Christine Hucker
Linda Leighton
Edwina Rowlands
Trish Potter
Kirsty McKibbin
Fiona Christiansen
Sonja Johnston
Taryn Davis

3. Caretaker Rhyss Taylor

4. Cleaners Crest Clean

Tena Koutou, e hoa ma. Nga mihi Kia Koutou. Welcome to parents of students new to West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere. I trust your association with our school will prove to be both productive and enjoyable. Outlined in our information booklet is a cross section of bits and pieces, which hopefully may inform you and make your child's transition to our school an easy and pleasant one.

To give you some background information about our school and its unique character, I include the following - West End School was established in 1884 and then relocated to its present site in 1926. 2009 saw us stage a highly successful 125th Jubilee Celebration. Nestled near the centre of New Plymouth it provides quick and easy access to such features as the port, Ngamotu Beach, Coastal Walkway, Puke Ariki Museum, Library, Art Gallery, NP Aquatic Centre etc. A particularly attractive school, our buildings sit snugly at the top of four terraced levels, which culminate in a broad expanse of playing fields, and recreational areas. Many large mature native trees stand dotted around the grounds and are accompanied by small pockets of native gardens. Completing a park-like appearance is the Mangaotuku Stream (fenced) which winds its way through the bottom of the grounds. A welcome addition to our grounds was the 2017 development of a bike trail and pump track.

The most recent property enhancements have been the 2020 construction and establishment of Te Waonui, our Central Learning Hub incorporating our library and in 2021 the development of our WETKOM Wetlands project.

We are a Decile 6 contributing (Year 1 -6) primary school finishing the 2022 year roll with a roll of 336 students.

In response to a surge in roll growth, the Board of Trustees were required to adopt an Enrolment Scheme from the start of Term 4, 2016.

Two syndicate teams operate at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere, six senior classes led by Associate Principal Peter Horne, and six junior classes led by fellow Associate Principal Catherine Cooper. Supporting the work done by these twelve classroom teachers are additional Part Time teachers, and Teacher Aides who further provide valuable learning enhancement opportunities for all our students.

Positive and supportive school-community relationships are enjoyed by the school with hardworking and competent Board of Trustees and Fund Raising & Social Committee members operating in tandem with staff members to enhance the quality of education that our students receive. Significant numbers of parents ably support us in a myriad of ways both in and out of the classroom. i.e. sports coaching, accompanying us on trips and Outdoor experiences, providing 'hands on', in-class assistance etc. We are fortunate to have this level of parental support, it is a credit to the many who so unselfishly give of their time and energy.

While our major focus as a school is the delivery of the 'rich' NZ Curriculum, sports, music and cultural opportunities and structured lunchtime activities are recognised as a special feature of West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere life. Seasonally the school coaches and provides regular weekly games for teams in netball, basketball, touch and hockey, with rugby played as part of interschool sports exchanges. Many teachers participate as part of a structured lunchtime duty programme in the teaching of choir, minor games and garden club, ukulele/guitar etc. which give pupils extra options to gain both enjoyment and educational opportunities in a less formal learning context. In addition we have an active Kapa Haka Roopu that performs at local competitions and school based events.

Hopefully this has provided you with a general insight into what staff and trustees of West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere believe is a unique and special learning community to be involved in. Following is information on more specific aspects of everyday school life.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

ABSENCES

It would be helpful if **ALL absences were notified via a phone call to school prior to 9.00am. Our Phone No. is 758 9331 / 027020604266 OR via our SKOOL LOOP App under "Absentee"**

If the office is temporarily unattended, a message can be left on the answer phone. Should children not arrive and there has been no reason phoned in, you will be contacted to clarify the situation. As you will understand, contact from home for each absence is critically important. Please make every effort to keep the school office notified of any changes to home address, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc. A reminder that legally, school aged children are required to be at school daily. West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere children with patterns of 'at risk' attendance or late arrival may be drawn to the attention of the local Truancy Office.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

8.15am is the earliest permissible arrival time, with 8.30-8.45am being the preferred timeslot.

Please ensure your child is arriving sufficiently prior to 8.55am to enable him/her to appropriately prepare for the school day. Late arrivals frustrate all, particularly the classroom teacher and only serves to embarrass the child themselves. Students arriving after 9.00am ARE REQUESTED to 'check in' in at the office prior to going to their classrooms.

ASPIRATIONS FOR OUR STUDENTS

Throughout 2023 our emphasis will be on all students taking responsibility and ownership for their personal learning and behaviour by way of our School Learner Competencies - Thinker, Communicator, Investigator/Challenge Taker, Self-Manager & Team Player. Supporting this are the fostering of our West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere Te Taura Whiri (Shared Values) Whanaungatanga, Ako & Kaitiakitanga.

As part of this process students will reflect on their progress to develop these and plan for the next steps in their learning journey.

ASSEMBLIES - School / Team

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES generally occur once a fortnight on a Friday afternoon 12.20pm – 1.00pm.

TEAM ASSEMBLIES occur every other Friday for Senior school and Junior school. All school and team assemblies take place in the hall, which is situated beneath the Administration building. Included during assemblies are notices, recognition of our 'Te Taura Whiri' Values and meritable work and behaviour, presentations, school singing, etc.

BELL TIMES

8.55am	school starts
10.00-10.10am	in-class "munch-crunch"
11.10-11.30am	morning interval
1.00-1.50pm	lunch break
3.00pm	school finishes

BICYCLES / SCOOTERS

Owing to congested road ends and entrances to the school, we do not actively encourage our students to bike to school, but for the few who do, provision is made for their bicycles and scooters to be stored in stands within the grounds.

It is the responsibility of all bike & scooter owners to ensure that all bikes & scooters are locked while at school and also that cyclists wear helmets while biking to and from West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere

For safety reasons, all bikes must be wheeled along both Davies Lane and Bonithon Avenue before and after school. Our preference is that skateboards are only brought to school on 'Reward' Wheels Days.

Early 2017, a cycle and pump track were installed on the edges of our bottom field. Additionally a storage container houses 50 bikes of assorted sizes. These can be accessed by class teachers on a timetabled basis providing beneficial physical and recreational exercise.

BOARD

Chairperson : Mrs Hilary Takarangi

Members: Mr Michael Ellem, Mrs Sandra Powell, Mr Craig Thorne,
Mr Mark Dickie, Mrs Rachael Symons, Mrs Kristine Craddock, Mr Hamish Hislop (Principal),
Mr Peter Horne (Associate Principal & Staff Representative)

CELL PHONES

We discourage the children's use of these at school, however if they are required to be at school, cell phones must be handed into classroom teachers for safe keeping at the beginning of the school day.

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

A behaviour management plan operates at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere for those few students who have difficulties with self-regulation and control. Where needed, a "Reflection Room" is used. Should such action see little improvement, children are withdrawn from their class and parents notified. In more serious instances, the school can legally stand-down, suspend or even exclude students from West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere. Coupled with our school rules, we actively promote the development of our West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere Shared Values - Whanaungatanga (we are a whanau family), Ako (we are all learners and we are all teachers) & Kaitiakitanga (we are the guardians of our environment).

COMMUNICATION

Please be mindful that our **SKOOL LOOP App is our main communication platform** with 'alerts', notices, absentee, contacts and Newsletters. Should you have any difficulty loading this, see Christine in the school office. Other secondary sources of communication include our website, Facebook and class seesaw & dojo apps.

FOOD AND DRINK

For what are obvious nutritional reasons, morning teas and lunches are not to include fizzy / energy drinks (water being the only option), iceblocks of any description, lollies, chocolate bars. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Please do your best to ensure you provide a balanced nutritious lunch that your child is going to eat and enjoy.

'Munch Crunch' takes place around 10am and is a time for our tamariki to rehydrate and refuel eating 'real food', ideally fresh fruit, veges, nuts etc. We are hoping that West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere parents will take an active role in the growing awareness of how food, especially sugar, affects growing (and aging!) bodies.

FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Fundraising & Social Committee meets regularly throughout the year for the planning of social and fund-raising activities. Membership is open to all interested parents. The Committee provides the option of a bought lunch on average twice a term. Early December sees our Twilight Market major fundraiser.

KAPA HAKA ROOPU

Early in the new year, interested Year 3 – 6 tamariki will have the opportunity to join our Kapa Haka Roopu. Expertly led by Kaiako Matua Peter Taylor and valued staff and parental assistance these tamariki will be encouraged to extend their knowledge of both Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. The group, where possible, performs at our local Interschool Kapa Haka Competitions.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Please ensure ALL items of clothing and property, which regularly accompany children to school, are clearly named. Our hassles would be much fewer and the finances of some families much healthier were this to be done. Property that is found at school and which is un-named, is stored outside Room 7. Please feel free to rummage through it when you are visiting the school - you may be pleasantly surprised with what you recognise. At the end of each term, unclaimed items are recycled.

NB. NO toys or items of personal value are to be brought to school.

REPORTING TO PARENTS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Each child will have one Progress Report and a Learning Conversation, along with an Achievement Report during the school year. For our Year 1-3 students their progress report and learning conversations are at different stages during the year dependent on their entry date into school. Parents of Year 1-3 students will receive an invitation to make an appointment via the school office when their child's learning conversation is due. All our Year 4-6 students will have a Mid-Year Report and Learning Conversation in Term 2 and an Achievement Report in Term 4.

For 2023 Sample books have been replaced with the digital platform – Seesaw.

We appreciate the fact that children flourish best in a close teacher/school relationship and as such, we also encourage you to share with us any further concerns or queries you may have pertaining to your child's performance outside of the above formal Reporting times. In the first instance, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Any further concerns please see Catherine Cooper (Associate Principal and Team Leader of Junior NE-Year 1, 2 & 3 classes), Peter Horne (Associate Principal and Team Leader of Senior Year 3-Year 6 classes), and or the Principal.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

For 2023 our Board of Trustees is once again involvement in the Government's donations scheme thereby freeing up our parents and whanau from this potential cost. There will continue to be some payments for 'optional activities outside the curriculum' that will need parent payment. Parents will be notified of these as they occur.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be emailed to families and will be available for viewing on our **SKOOL LOOP App**. A paper copy can be issued if requested – please see the school office.

School email office@westendnp.school.nz if you wish to be attached to our School Newsletters email tree.

SCHOOL TERMS – 2023

Term 1:	Friday 4 th February	- Thursday 6 th April
Term 2:	Monday 24 th April	- Friday 30 th June
Term 3:	Monday 17 th July	- Friday 22 nd September
Term 4:	Monday 9 th October	- Wednesday 20 th December

SUN SAFETY

To minimise the risk of our students developing skin cancers in later life, approved bucket style hats (NOT caps) are to be worn during the summer terms while playing or working outside. It would be advisable to parents to give your child an added layer of proven sunscreen protection prior to coming to school over the hotter months. Children eat their lunch in shadier areas, which also helps to reinforce positive awareness of smart sun safety behaviour. Please endeavour to ensure that children leave for school during summer, wearing a hat. Those children not wearing the correct bucket style lids will sit outside interval/lunchtimes under a designated shade area.

SWIMMING

When and where possible, senior classes are timetabled to swim daily throughout February and early March. Our school pool is no longer in use and senior team students use Devon Intermediate's pool with our junior team classes yet again scheduled to receive instruction at the NP Aquatic Centre early Term 2. As instructional swimming is part of the school programme, we have an expectation that all children will be active participants. Please ensure that your child brings their togs to school each day. Non swimmers are required to supply a parental note.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

For the protection of all, we urge children and parents to safely use the various pedestrian crossings dotted around West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere and Devon Intermediate School when crossing St Aubyn Street and Devon Street West.

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere students are to take extreme care when using these both before and after school. In addition, each afternoon, Senior Leadership personnel supervise our students using our Belt Road Kea Crossing with a school patrol team operating between 3.00-3.15pm daily. Added to this, the Devon Street West top pedestrian crossing is supervised by Senior Leadership personnel each morning (8.15 – 8.45am) and covered in the afternoon (3.00-3.15pm).

The 2012 New Plymouth District Council redevelopment of Davies Lane has provided our school community with a much safer and attractive transition entrance to our school site.

A reminder, vehicle access is and out of Davies Lane is restricted to residents only.

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere parents are required to park legally and safely in surrounding streets and if required "walk in" with our students. **Please do your bit to keep all our staff and students safe.**

Be warned!! New Plymouth District Council Officers do regular patrols and ticket offenders.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

All children have high yet realistic expectations placed on them to consistently perform to their best level whether this be relating to their personal attitude, behaviour or work habits. Irrespective of their age our West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere learners have personal ownership of all these three important areas central to success at school and life. All are expected to display a positive attitude and to try hard.

Our West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere vision is committed to developing responsible citizens who are confident, creative, actively involved life-long learners.

Additional to this, we have a focus on the development of our 6 Learner Competencies actively promoting our students as Thinkers, Communicators, Investigators, Challenge Takers, Self-Managers and Team Players. As a staff we endeavour to accept only that which we believe to be a child's top effort.

In closing, a successful education involves an active partnership of both home and school where respective roles are valued and supported and complement one another.

With this in mind we look forward to your family having a happy and rewarding involvement in the West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere Learning Community.

Regards
HAMISH HISLOP
Principal
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