



WEST END Te Kura Ō Mōreire : Newsletter No. 4, Term 2 : FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena Koutou, e hoa ma. Nga mihi kia Koutou.

My thanks to all parents and whanau who took the opportunity to have a 'Learning Conversation' with classroom teachers on Wednesday & Thursday of this week. We value your input and efforts to actively support us in your child's learning journey. Should you have missed this important hui, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient

meeting time.

On the classroom front things have been busy of late with Life Education lessons, Puke Ariki visits and inter-school sports exchanges to add to the mix.

For your information we currently have three teaching staff – Whaea Megan, Carri-Anne Stone & Matua Warren – enrolled in Te Ahu O te Reo, a two term immersion in te reo Maori. This is an exciting initiative to be part of and one that our participants are thoroughly enjoying.

Last but not least Wednesday of this week was 'Support Staff Day'. Again we are blessed to have the calibre of Support Staff in our kura. The mahi they perform in support of our kaiako and tamariki is immensely valued and appreciated.



To our latest 'West Ender' and her family : **Indy Winther Room 10.**

In staffing news we have very recently appointed **Greta Dean Woller** to the mix of our New Entrant / Year 0 team of teachers. Greta joins us day one next term for the balance of the school year.

Greta comes to us from Waitara Central where she has been for the last 10 years. We extend a very warm welcome to Greta and look forward to her adding to the dynamics, experience and skill set of our staff team.



The Difference between PUANGA & MATARIKI



During the months of June and July the Maori New Year is celebrated. Taranaki Iwi often refer to Matariki as Puanga because this is the closest and brightest star (Rigel) to Matariki that can be clearly seen from our region. Puanga / Matariki is a time to reflect on the past year and remember loved ones.

It also recognises the importance of preparing Māra kai (gardens)

As a means to strengthening our tamariki's understanding of Puanga / Matariki we have scheduled Friday 28th June to be a day of themed activities that will be done in unison with 'buddy classes'. You are most welcome to join us for the learning.

If you are wanting more information on Puanga & Matariki check the link below to Te Papa. Well worth the effort.

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/maori/matariki-maori-new-year/what-matariki/difference-between-matariki-puanga>. Should you be interested, the New Plymouth Observatory (weather permitting) is hosting a Matariki viewing session on Tuesday 25th June from **5.30-7.00am** for those keen to see the constellation. Tickets are \$1-2 Gold Coin donation.



SCHOOL – HOME COMMUNICATION

A number of you somehow missed the previous communications regarding the earlier 2.00pm school closures on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th June. A reminder that our school newsletters and alerts/notices can be accessed through the free SKOOL LOOP APP. PLEASE get yourself into our school communication loop as soon as possible.

Download our free school app from your app store today and be guaranteed to receive instant school information. Instant alerts, absentee function and more !The app gives you quick and easy access to school information, notices, newsletters and quickly communicates messages from school with instant alerts

MATHS WORKSHOP **FOR PARENTS**

Tuesday 18th June

6.00 – 7.30pm in Room 13

You are welcome to come and learn about how maths

is taught at school and ways that you can help your child.

Kia ora

We have planned for a

WHANAU HUI

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

2.00PM IN THE STAFFROOM.

We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to make it. If you know of anyone else that may like to join us, please feel free to bring them along.

Nga mihi

Carri-Anne Stone

SPORTS EXCHANGE RESULTS

On the afternoon of Friday 7th June and yesterday Thursday 13th June we were able to host Oakura School and Stratford Primary in the second & third rounds of our pool fixtures. Although the overall results favoured Oakura in the first encounter, the Stratford results were more evenly mixed. Our teams acquitted themselves well and continue to grow in skills and teamwork.

Netball	West End 6	- Oakura 13	Netball	West End (a) 5	- Stratford 12
			Netball	West End (b) 9	- Stratford 1
Soccer	West End 1	- Oakura 4	Soccer	West End 9	- Stratford 1
Rugby	West End 38	- Oakura 35	Rugby	West End 17	- Stratford 41
Chess	West End 0	- Oakura 4	Chess	West End 2.5	- Stratford 1.5

The final exchange is an 'away' fixture v. Fitzroy School on Wednesday 26th June

FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL COMMITTEE SPONSORED OBSTACLE COURSE FUN RUN

There seems to be 17 families who have not yet gone online and selected their prizes as reward for their fundraising efforts. These prizes need to be noted on your child's profile page online as soon as possible. If these are not completed by Monday 17th June, the school will choose a prize on your child's behalf.

******The School and all other families are unable to proceed with finalising this order until ALL prize choices have been made. Prizes will be available during Week 5 of next term all going to plan.******



To the following 92 tamariki who have earned Te Tauri Whiri Bronze bands for their consistent display of our Whanaungatanga, Ako & Kaitiakitanga shared values.

BRONZE BANDS										
Room 1	Room2	Room3	Room4	Room6	Room7	Room11	Room12	Room13	Room14	Room 17
Haelyn	Lucas	Indigo	Gabriel	Elsie	Amaziah	Aaliyah	Ethan	Caleb	Neha	Dylan
Andric	Yorel	Oliver	Te One	Kanami	Anya	Carly		Nicko	Cleo	Caitlyn
Nate	Liam	Oskar	Enzo	Lacey	Charlotte	Ben		Shelby	Eden	Michael
Phoebe	Danny	Ever	Manaia	Tyla	Frances	Ethan		Cash		Shara-Leigh
Cooper	River		Taya M	Tali	Shawn-Zal	Lincoln		Ethan		Tiana
Jayla	India		Vince	River	Chloe	Lily		Christian		Arlo
Riley	Hollie		Daniel	Quinn	Jack	Liam		Shylo		Leyla
Kahlia	Ashah		Maia		Layne	Kayne		Lilee L		Karlee
Ella	Mirakle		Taya B		Ziyang			Bohen		Alisa
Phoebe					Mio			Carly		Mikayla
Payton		SILVER BAND Room 3			Kruze			Sophie H		Jaekyn
Beau		Lola			Zoe					Ben
Lily					Blakey					Alesana

2019 SCHOOL / COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE :

- 17th Puke Ariki visits – Rm.12 @ 9.30am & Rm.17 @ 11.15am
- 17th Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm in the staffroom
- 18th Whanau Hui in the staffroom, 2.00pm – all welcome
- 18th MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS – 6.00-7.30pm in Room 13
- 19th Kindy Club – School Library from 2.00pm
- 21st BAKE / CAKE STALL – Rooms 5 & 11
- 24th Fundraising & Social Committee meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- 25th June – 3rd July **MATARIKI/ PUANGA**
- 26th Year 5 & 6 Inter-School Sports Exchange V. Fitzroy – 'away' game
- 28th Buddy Class Puanga activities

JULY :

- 4th Fundraising & Social Committee – **SCHOOL DISCO**
St Josephs Scout Hall 6.00 – 7.00pm Juniors:7.00 – 8.00pm Seniors
- 4th PhotoLife School Photos
- 5th Term 2 ends

Regards

MIKE CLARKE, PRINCIPAL

