

WEST END TE KURA Ō MŌRERE

Newsletter #3 Term 2 : Friday 19th June 2020



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Greetings all ! The rain we have had in the last day or so has been cleansing. Our local duck and pukeko population have made the most of our sodden grounds. A pity it couldn't have been directed to Auckland to help with their continuing water shortage.

Please ensure over the coming winter months that your children come prepared wearing weatherproof and warm clothing/footwear and are supplied with a nourishing food supply.



A reminder the only place for sick / unwell children is at home.

This week we have returned to our usual schoolwide morning tea break-time further normalising our routines and staff celebrating the opportunity to share a cuppa with a greater number of colleagues.

Our Central Learning Hub continues to take shape with windows and wall linings installed this week.

Thank you to our parents/whānau for the safe driving and parking behaviour you have shown of late in and around our school entrances. Please continue with this as it helps to protect our children and staff.

The end of this term is in sight with us finishing on Friday 3rd July. The term break will come at a good time enabling our tamariki and staff to freshen and prepare for what looks to be a busy Term 3 ahead of us.

A further reminder although we have largely returned to normal school life, the Level 1 protocols still remain in place.

WETKOM operation as from Tuesday 9th June

- No restrictions on the movement of personnel.
- Parents / whanau welcome back on site. **Our children's new found independence and self-management has been admired. Let's celebrate this and continue to foster these important learner competencies.**
- No requirement to maintain Contact / Tracing registers / documentation. As previously a "Visitor Register" to be used.
- 1m physical spacing between adults (where practical) to be observed, especially with people you do not know. Common sense approach needed respecting other's personal space.
- QR Code posters displayed at both school entrances enabling use of NZ COVID Tracer app.
- We will continue with having hand sanitiser available in classrooms for the time being. Good hygiene practices will remain an important focus.
- Sick/unwell children to continue to sit on plastic chairs outside the main office entrance. Should it be required Christine will bring to sickbay. Parents will be promptly contacted to arrange pickups.
- We will continue to limit the entry of children into the office / admin area unless invited in or essential.
- Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces to be continued by our contracted cleaners.
- In short we need to continue to be vigilant – wash and dry hands and recall where we have been so that we can contact/trace if required. **Please ensure you continue to do your bit to keep our kura and it's whanau protected and safe.**

STUDENT MOVEMENT

As mentioned in our last communication, we are having to move a number of our Year 1 – 3 junior children to a range of new classes for the start of next term, to accommodate our He Kākano 5 year old starters still to come over Terms 3 & 4. Notes went out to parents / whanau of the identified 49 children earlier this week. Not surprisingly our focus as a Senior Leadership Team and staff will be to ensure that each child has a smooth and successful transition to their new setting. Additional to this as from the start of next term, Mrs Lace as planned will join the Room 12 teaching mix. We are excited about the personal skills and strengths that Michele will add to the teacher equation.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

FURTHER REMINDER : Due to the 'Lockdown' our normal cycle of Reporting to Parents on Student Wellbeing & Achievement has had to be readjusted. Learning Conferences will occur in **Term 3, Week 3 – Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th August** with school closing an hour earlier on both days. For our Year 4 – 6 learners we have an expectation that they will be in attendance for these important conversations. More information will follow on the booking of these Learning Conferences. Year 1-3 Progress Reports will come out at the same time. **We are investigating the trial use of a parental booking app for the Term 3, Week 3 Learning Conference timeslots. Once confirmed we will inform you of the process.**

SCHOOL DONATIONS SCHEME

At our earlier Tuesday 26th May Board of Trustees meeting, our Board of Trustees agreed to continue its involvement in the Ministry of Education "Opt-in" School Donations Scheme for the 2021 school year. This will be the second year of our participation in the scheme, one that we believe is benefitting to our school families. If you have any questions or queries re the scheme, please contact me either by email or phone (Ph : 75 89331). Background details can be found following this link.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-16-MAR.PDF>

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

It is our intention over the next two terms to run an enhancement programme where we can offer some extension activities to some of our students. These would be in non-traditional school subjects and may include things like learning a different language, an art project, a sports skill, an environmental project or any number of other ideas. We would like to involve children from different age groups of the school to give them a taste of a new project in an area they might show some interest or aptitude. If you have a skill that you think would be of benefit to our students, and importantly the ability to spend some time at school coaching, mentoring, guiding a group of children in your area of expertise then please let us know. This could also apply to someone within your network you know as well.

We are collecting expressions of interest at the moment so that we can put this into action in Terms 3 & 4 of this year. If you have anything to offer in this way, please email the school office.

Term 3 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EXCHANGES

As many of you would know these Interschool Winter Sports exchanges are usually well underway by now. The COVID experience has meant a rescheduling of these to next term. We have been placed in the same pool as Woodleigh, Welbourn, Central & Vogeltown Schools. The following are confirmed dates and venues :

- Term 3, Week 3 Thursday 6th August : WETKOM to 'host' Woodleigh School, 1.00pm start
- Term 3, Week 4 Thursday 13th August : WETKOM 'away' to Welbourn School, 12.45pm start
- Term 3, Week 6 Thursday 27th August : WETKOM to 'host' Central School, 1.00pm start

Mark these dates in your diary. More information to follow.



PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Owing to our inability to provide a wet weather venue option (remembering Room 7 is currently in the hall space), our Thursday 2nd July School Photos are being rescheduled to later in the school year. Once this date is known we will share it with you.



CUP CAKE / MUFFIN STALL

Rooms 1 & 15 held a Cupcake / Muffin stall this morning before school.

Both classes have been watching *James & the Giant Peach* as read by Taika Waititi and friends on Youtube. The money raised from our stall, in conjunction with the Youtube fundraising, will contribute to *Partners in Health*. A generous donation of assorted cupcakes and yummy treats from families and friends enabled us to raise \$323.50. Thank you so much.

2020 SCHOOL / COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE

- 29th Start of our *Puanga* week activities
- 29th Fundraising & Social Committee AGM & Meeting
7.00pm in the staffroom
- 30th Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm in the staffroom

JULY

- 3rd Parents & whanau welcome to join us at 1.00pm to share in some kai (soup and bread) and to see the mahi of our Puanga celebration.
- 3rd END OF TERM 2 – close at 3.00pm
- 20th START OF TERM 3



MIKE CLARKE
Principal



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