



## **WEST END Te Kura Ō Mōrere : Newsletter No. 1: Term 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Tena koutou, e hoa ma. Nga mihi kia koutou.  
Greetings to you and your family for the start of the 2021 school year.  
Hopefully as for the staff, the extended holiday break gave your child(ren) the chance to connect with family and friends and freshen themselves for the next stage of their learning journey.



At 11.45 am on our Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February opening day, we had a Whakatau /Powhiri for our new starters and arrivals including 2 staff. **Miss Grace Lines**, (He Kākano) and **Mr Brogan Knauf** (R17) both Fixed Term appointments for this year, and 17 tamariki inclusive of 14 five year olds were officially 'welcomed aboard'. Thanks to those parents and whanau who joined us for this milestone occasion. A special thanks to Matua Warren for his Whai Korero on behalf of our Manuhiri and to Matua Pete and Mrs Stone for the considerable and influential roles they played as Tangata Whenua. A huge mihi to our Kapa Haka Ropu for their accompanying support and active involvement. It is hoped our new arrivals quickly feel part of our West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere whanau.

The staff have once again spent considerable time planning and preparing the 2021 school year with Term 1 full of lots of stimulating learning experiences ahead of us.

You may have noticed that our decommissioned school pool has recently been demolished and removed as part of a planned WETKOM Wetlands Project incorporating appropriate fencing, additional native plantings, an excavated pond and the establishment of an observation / learning space.

This will be a really special feature to enhance our existing school environment. My thanks to Jeff Cocker and Chris Pye for the spade work they have put into this project to date.

**A reminder this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February we have a TEACHER ONLY DAY. There is NO provision for us to be supervising any children who turn up for school. Thank you for the alternative care and supervision arrangements you have made.**



to our newest "West Enders" and their respective families:

**He Kākano – Aaliyah Christensen, Aliya More, Anahira Whitikia, Jahkaiah Cassidy-Taha, Kiki Itoh, Alonzo Collins, Arika John-Dunn, Ashton Paterson, Jamie Kersey, Louis Jacobs, Mason Purcell, Silas Thomas & Soren Zimmerman, Charles Reed (Rm.7), Sam White (Rm.3) & Isobel Reed (Rm.13),**  
giving us a total of **309 students**.

**Staffing wise** we are delighted to have **Grace Lines & Brogan Knauf** joining us for this year. Grace in her second year of teaching comes to us from Woodleigh School while Brogan a Beginning Teacher has an extensive background in Social Work. We look forward to the positive imprint they will have across our kura.

### **CORONAVIRUS**

Let's hope we are able to remain in Alert Level 1 for an extended period of time enjoying the relative freedom and opportunities it offers us. That said we do need to be proactive and prepare ourselves for the likelihood of a change of status potentially at short notice.

The onus remains on us all to protect ourselves and one another. For our kura we will continue the emphasis, importance and messaging of:

- Displaying and promoting the use of QR code posters / NZ COVID Tracer App at our entrances
- Keeping our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date
- Monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- Encouraging people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through HealthLine ( 0800 611 116) or their GP and get tested if recommended to do so
- Reinforcing the importance of effective hand washing / drying and safe coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- Ensuring that all parts of our school continue to be appropriately cleaned.

Please continue to refer to the Ministry of Health website for health advice and the latest information.

**SCHOOL / HOME COMMUNICATIONS** - Should you have any general or specific issues pertaining to your child's health, welfare or schooling, **you are asked initially to make your child's teacher the first port of call.** Classroom teachers are always available for such discussions, though bear in mind they sometimes have professional commitments both before and after school. A prior telephone call is ideal or simply call in to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time. **From our perspective, please keep staff informed of any happenings in the home that may be impacting on the wellbeing and performance of your child at school.** A successful education involves an active partnership between home & school personnel where respective roles are valued, supported and complement one another. Catherine Cooper, Peter Horne and I are also easily accessible and eager to discuss your issues, concerns.

## Staff / Class Organisation – 2021

Principal : Mike Clarke

Associate Principal Senior Classes: Peter Horne –

released to do schoolwide ICT teaching support, Literacy enhancement through ICT (Room 16), administration, senior team pastoral care teacher/student support

Associate Principal Junior Classes: Catherine Cooper –

.2 R11 teaching , administration, junior team pastoral care teacher/student support, transitions to school.

### Senior Team Classroom Teachers :

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

### Junior Team Classroom Teachers:

Room 17	Brogan Knauf	Year 3
Room 5	Julie-Anne Hall	Year 3
Room 11	Diane Smith (.8) & Catherine Cooper (.2)	Year 2
Room 12	Janet Muggeridge (.6) & Kim Ramsay (.4)	Year 2
Room 7	Anitra Roberts	Year 1 & 2
Room 8	Laura George	Year 1 & 2
He Kākano	Belinda Baldwin & Grace Lines	Year 0 & 1

### Classroom Release:

Gary Bruckner (Senior Team)  
Janet Muggeridge (Junior Team)

### Learning Assistance (Part Time Teachers) :

Matua Peter Taylor – Te Reo, Tikanga, Kapa Haka Kaiako (Thursdays)

### SUPPORT STAFF:

#### School Secretary

Christine Hurrell (& Tracy Hill, Part time)

#### Teacher Aides

Christine Hucker, Linda Leighton, Edwina Rowlands, Trish Potter, Kirsty McKibbin  
Fiona Christiansen, Sonja Johnston & Taryn Davis.

#### Caretaker

Rhyss Taylor

#### Cleaners

Contractors Taranaki Associated Cleaners

## TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Did you know the three “P’s” as they are often referred to, are the principles of **Partnership, Participation and Protection**. These underpin the relationship between the Government and Maori under the Treaty of Waitangi. These principles are derived from the underlying facets of the Treaty.

The three “P’s” link to our West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere ‘Te Taura Whiri’ values:

- **Whanaungatanga** – we are a whanau/family
- **Ako** – we are all learners and teachers
- **Kaitiakitanga** – we are guardians (kaitiaki) of our environment

*E hara taku toa  
I te toa takitahi  
He toa takitini*

**My strength is not as an individual  
but as a collective.**

## WHANAU EVENING – THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY- Term 1, Week 3

'Kia ora Koutou – welcome everyone

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February we welcome you and your whanau/family to join us at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere for our Whanau Evening.

Again we hope to strengthen our school sense of Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga. Various staff and tamariki will be involved throughout the day preparing and laying down a hangi for this occasion.

The hangi will be lifted at 5.00pm and ready to serve at 5.30pm. Each whanau/family group is invited to join us in sampling this kai/food and will be served a plate of hangi to share with their whanau.

In order to help meet the cost of this we are asking for a koha (donation) that can be sent along to school via the classroom blue boxes.

Classrooms will be open throughout for children to share with their whanau and sports equipment will be available for use. We hope that this will be a relaxed and fun evening out, providing an opportunity to mix with staff, students and whanau. 7.15pm will be lock-up and homeward bound.

### Some Important Reminders

#### ABSENCES

It would be helpful if ALL absences were notified via a phone call to school prior to 9.00am.

Our Phone No. is 7589 331 / 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.



Thank You!

#### 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 2021 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 OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson: Mr Boyd Benton

Members: Mrs Dianne Roberts, Mrs Hilary Takarangi, Mr Chris Pye,  
Mr Mark Dickie, Mr Michael Ellem, Mr Mike Clarke (Principal),  
Mr Peter Horne (Associate Principal & Staff Representative)

## 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. 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 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 being a valuable resourcing arm of the school. Membership is open to all interested parents. The Committee provides the option of a bought lunch on average twice a term. Co Presidents: Sarah Ellem & Alana Clarke, Secretary : Yolonda Xavier, Treasurer: Sandra Powell.

## KAPA HAKA ROPU

Early in the new year, interested Year 3 – 6 tamariki will have the opportunity to join our Kapa Haka Ropu. 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, perform at our local Interschool Kapa Haka Competitions and support our onsite powhiri.

## LIBRARY



2020 saw the construction and development of Te Waonui - our 'Central Learning Hub' inclusive of a new library, resourcing and variable withdrawal teaching space.

## MOBILE PHONES

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

## 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 inside Room 7's cloakbay. 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 Conference, along with an Achievement Report during the school year. For our Year 1-3 students their progress report and learning conferences 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 2021 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 2021 our Board of Trustees are once again participating 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 occur fortnightly and will be **emailed** to families and made available for viewing on our **SKOOL LOOP App**. A paper copy can be issued if requested – please see the school office. **Please download the FREE SKOOL LOOP App today**  
School email [office@westendnp.school.nz](mailto:office@westendnp.school.nz) if you wish to be attached to our School Newsletters email tree.

## SCHOOL TERMS – 2021

Term 1 :	Monday 1st February	- Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2 :	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	- Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3 :	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	- Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Term 4 :	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	- Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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

Devon Intermediate's pool is currently having a 'makeover' but we are hopeful that our senior classes will soon have access to it while our junior team classes are yet again scheduled to receive x9 instructional lessons at the NP Aquatic Centre from the 10<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March. 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 & 'volunteer' personnel each morning (8.15 – 8.45am) and covered in the afternoon (3.00-3.15pm).

Parents please model the appropriate safe and regular use of our 'crossings'.



**A reminder, vehicle access in 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.

**2021 SCHOOL / COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**

- 1st Day 1 start for our students
- 5<sup>TH</sup> TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Waitangi Day – school closed
- 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> ASB St Johns in Schools (Junior Team )
- 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm in the staffroom
- 18<sup>th</sup> **‘WHANAU EVENING’ – 5.30pm complimentary hangi served by staff (Koha appreciated)**  
An informal opportunity to mix with staff, tamariki and whanau.  
Classrooms will be ‘open’. Homeward bound at 7.15pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Junior Beach Trip to Ngamotu – He Kākano and Rooms 7 & 8
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Junior Beach Trip to Ngamotu – Rooms 11, 12, 5 & 17

**MARCH**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Year 5 & 6 Vertical Horizon Camp –  
Year 3 & 4 In-School Day Camp – Yr 4’s from Rooms 2 ,3 & 4 & Yr 3’s from Rooms 3, 5 & 17
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Taranaki Anniversary Day – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 10<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Junior Team swim instruction @ Aquatic Centre
- 31<sup>st</sup> Weetbix New Plymouth Tryathlon – Ngamotu Beach



**ADVANCE NOTICE OF 2021 NEW PLYMOUTH WEETBIX TRYATHLON**

For your information the 2021 Ngamotu Beach based event is scheduled for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. A West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere School Group has been set up to assist with your registrations. The link below will enable you to join our school group with ease.

<https://registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40604&G=123411>



**2020 TERM DATES**

<b><u>Term 1</u></b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>
<b><u>Term 4</u></b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>

**Additional**

**WETKOM Teacher Only Days**

- T2 week 5 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- T4 week 1 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October



**School Website** : to view all school newsletters and current events including photos in Galleries, please visit our website [www.westendnp.school.nz](http://www.westendnp.school.nz). Please advise the office of your email address to ensure receipt of school newsletters via our school email tree. School email address : [office@westendnp.school.nz](mailto:office@westendnp.school.nz)

Nga mihi,  
**Mike Clarke, Principal**