

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere Newsletter : Term 2 #3 – 3rd June 2021



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Greetings. My thanks to those of you who have taken the opportunity to hui with class teachers over the first 2 days of this week. These 'learning conversations' are vitally important ensuring we are 'all on the same page' in wanting the best possible outcomes for your child's hauora (wellbeing) and learning achievement. Hopefully this enabled a sharing of your child's successes and their 'next steps' in development.

Should you have missed connecting with your child's teacher, please contact them directly. Every effort will be made to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.



My thanks to those family members who have visited our Book Fair held in Te Waonui (Library) over the latter part of last week and also coinciding with our Parent Learning Conversations. This has proved popular with many families adding to their home reading stocks. A huge thanks to those parents who have additionally donated 15 books to our Te Waonui collection. My personal thanks to **Chris Hucker** (Teacher Aide Librarian) for all her visible and behind the scenes work to create such an attractive and enticing display and for the part she played in making an occasion of last Friday 28th May Space-themed book character 'dress-up'. Chris has been ably supported by **Carri-Anne Stone and Jo Ross**. Congratulations to all children who showed such creativity and flair with the costuming - having to select some winning outfits was not an easy decision.



An impressive total of \$4,877.00 was raised in sales with us benefitting 30% or \$1,706.95

Associated Book Fair Winners were :

Posters	Kaylie Jones, Zoe Snyder, Chloe Swanson, Tali Watkins & Carly Zhou		
Colouring in	Maia Shipkov		
Guess the Marbles	Frances Arnold-Clarke, Skye Blair, Savannah Hanscombe, Blakey Stewart-McDonald & Macy Sutton		
Junior 'Dress-up'	Felix Anderson, Capri Birkett & Wesley Putt		
Senior 'Dress-up'	Hollie Corlett, Stanley Kareko & Chloe Swanson		

Classroom winners were :

Room 1	Pagen Elliot	He Kākano	Anahira Whitikia & Keira Ngaia
Room 2	Skye Blair	Room 11	Zoe Xavier
Room 3	Aria Ngaia	Room 12	Leondre Barnes
Room 4	Harmony-Lisa Brophy	Room 13	Charlotte Taylor
Room 5	Jai Frank	Room 14	Hayden Brookes
Room 7	Charles Reed	Room 15	Annalee Bradley
Room 8	Lenni Hewitt	Room 17	Skyler Bailey



A further reminder that this Friday 4th June, school is CLOSED for a WETKOM Teacher Only Day

Again thanks in anticipation of you making alternative child care arrangements for your child(ren), Should you be travelling away for the long weekend, take care. All the best to our WETKOM team and players involved in the coming Queen's Birthday 7-Aside Rugby Tournament to be played at Sanders Park on Monday 7th June.



To our latest WETKOM arrival, **Keira Ngaia (He Kākano)**

STAFFING NEWS

Our congratulations to Grace Lines (He Kākano) and Brogan Knauf (Rm 17) who very recently have been appointed to permanent teaching positions. We are delighted to have them with us in this capacity.

A special thanks to Kelly Fryer (Room 11) who has kindly agreed to stay on for the balance of Term 2 while Diane Smith continues to be absent. The continuity of programming and delivery that Kelly provides will benefit our Room 11 akonga and their whānau.

Please be mindful with the onset of winter that just like our tamariki, staff are equally susceptible to catching 'bugs' and requiring time off work. In some cases this can be lengthened with the requirement to have a Covid test and wait on results. At the end of the day, as for our children, WETKOM is not a place for sick/unwell staff. We are aware of the impact this has with us having to engage relieving teachers but such is the nature of schools.

In addition please be aware that our staff as for all schools, have an entitlement for Classroom Release and Professional Development days once again requiring coverage by part-time teachers or relievers.

Advance Notice of Teacher Paid Union Meeting (Term 2, Week 9)

WETKOM teachers who are NZEI Te Riu Roa members will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on the afternoon (1.30-2.30pm) of Wednesday 30th June. The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss the priorities for the recognition of their collective agreement in 2022. Issues being discussed such as school staffing levels, directly impact on the education of your child. These meetings are a critical component of the negotiation process and it is a legal right of all members to attend a meeting and have their say. **For your information, the school will remain OPEN with available staff used to supervise our children**



Thanks to those staff and children who actively supported by way of attire Friday 21st May National Pink Shirt Day “Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Māori Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying” A timely reminder to us all on the negative effects of bullying and the strategies we can all collectively use to minimise and lessen its impact.

On a personal front just like all other schools, workplaces and families we sometimes have individual personnel who make poor choices with their behaviour, sometimes in a mean and anti-social manner.

As a staff we work exceedingly hard to keep our tamariki ‘safe and well’.

We spend considerable time promoting key messaging like **“If you can’t be kind, don’t be nasty”**. **“Our hands and our words are for helping others not hurting them”**. **“Don’t be a bystander, be an upstander”**.

We are proactive in contacting parents to discuss related incidents and seeking support where necessary to reinforce key messaging. Bullying is a nationwide and wider community problem that we all have a role in helping to address. Your part in this equation is valued.

VOGELTOWN SPORTS EXCHANGE

Last Wednesday 26th May we had chess, indoor bowls, 2 x netball, soccer and rugby teams participate in an away fixture to Vogelstown School. Thankfully the strong and cold winds earlier in the week had abated and the games were played in idyllic conditions in front of healthy numbers of spectators. Results wise, things were ‘tipped in our favour’ with wins in all encounters excepting the rugby. Even then our rugby players showed encouraging teamwork and ‘fight back’ to make a game of it. Congratulations to all teams and players, it is evident that their skills are improving with each outing. More importantly all are seen to be enjoying the comradery of the experience with smiles to match.

Next week we have our final pool game hosting Central School on Tuesday 8th June with a 12.45pm ‘kick-off’.

As for our children, I would ask that our parents and whanau be good ambassadors for our kura when on the sideline modelling sportsmanship and acknowledging the endeavours of both our players and the opposition.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

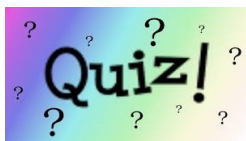
As you are aware our Fundraising & Social Committee is holding a **TRIVIA NIGHT** on **TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 2021 at the TREEHOUSE BAR & BISTRO**

We would like to ask families to donate some Gourmet Grocery items ie chocolates, chips, crackers etc for our raffles on the night.

We do ask for **NO alcohol or canned goods please**

Your donations can be brought to the school office by Friday 11th June. It is going to be a great night so please come along and bring your family and friends. **Tickets available from the EventBrite website**

Thank you for your ongoing support



NZ Playhouse RUMPELSTILTSKIN performance

You will have received a flyer in regard to this performance – taking place next Friday 11th June, 9.00am in our school hall. Attendance is optional with an attendance charge of \$5.00 per child.

Both Cash and Online payments to be finalised by Thursday 10th June.

No payments will be taken on the morning of the performance



2021 SCHOOL / COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE

4th WETKOM Teacher Only Day

7th Queen’s Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED

8th Home Sport Exchange vs. Central School – 12.45pm start

11th BAKE STALL – 8.30-9.30AM – Rooms 13 & 12

11th NZ Playhouse **“Rumpelstiltskin”** performance (Optional attendance)

15th Fundraising & Social Committee **‘QUIZ NIGHT’** at the Treehouse

22nd Board Meeting, 5.30pm in the staffroom

JULY

9th Term 3 ends – 3.00pm close

NB. Advance notice of a confirmed date for our Term 3, Week 9

WETKOM Fancy Dress

MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER : 7.00 – 9.00pm at the YMCA

Internet Health & Wellbeing with John Parsons

Tuesday 8th June 7.30-9.00pm @ Highlands Intermediate

Or

Wednesday 9th June 7.30-9.00pm @ Francis Douglas Memorial College

COST : \$10 per adult

Visit:

www.evenbrite.co.nz to book your tickets. Door sales MAY also be available (cash and eftpos)

For more information about John Parsons:

www.citizen21.co.nz

Nga mihi,

Mike Clarke, Principal

