



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau
Ko Ngai Tahu Ko Kotiranga nga iwi
Ko Hikarora te Maunga
Ko Waikouaiti te Awa
Kāti Hūirapa runaka ki Puketeraki ahau
Ko Hamish Hislop toku ingoa
Nau main hoki ki te kura Ō Mōrere



Welcome back to West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere for 2022. My name is Hamish Hislop and I am the new Principal/Tumuaki here at school. I was previously the Principal of Moturoa School and I am proud to have the opportunity to lead West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere. I look forward to getting to know our students, staff and community over the next few months. I would also like to welcome Chanelle Prentis and Anita Smith. Both are new teachers starting with us this year. I am sure you will all get to meet them over the course of the year.



to **Mikhael Garrett, Jaxon Capper, Ayla Brine, Summer Weir, Donna-Maria Walding-Barnes, Eloise Crawford, Thea Donald, Douglas Jolly, Loui Yukich, James Austin, Sarah Martin, Giovind Kunnungaparambil Rajosh, Liam Galley, Samuel Craddock, Judah Jones, Cameron Jones** giving us a starting total of 310 students.

COVID RED LIGHT

Covid Red Light settings have meant that our start to the year has to be different than usual. We are mandated from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health in the way we are allowed to operate. As a state School we have to follow these instructions to keep our school open as well as students and staff safe from Omicron outbreaks.

The Ministry of Health and Education require all students in year 4 to year 6 to wear masks. All staff of West End must also wear a mask at times when interacting with students and each other. We continue to use contact tracing, hand sanitisation, ventilation and social distancing to keep students and staff well.

Vaccinations are another tool in the fight against COVID. This is available for children between 5 and 12 years of age.

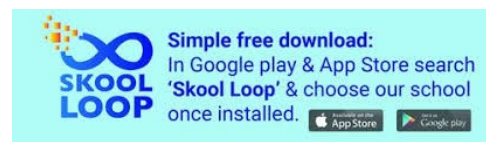
These will only be available through your doctor or by booking at <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>

We understand how challenging this is for everyone. I would like to encourage you to be kind and show aroha to each other.

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.

It would be helpful if **ALL absences** were notified via a phone call to school prior to 9.00am – Ph# 06) 7589 331 / 027020 604266 **OR** via our SKOOL LOOP App under "Absentee"



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.

SCHOOL TERMS – 2022

Term 1 :	Monday 31 st January	- Thursday 14 th April
Term 2 :	Monday 2 nd May	- Friday 8 th July
Term 3 :	Monday 25 th July	- Friday 30 th September
Term 4 :	Monday 17 th October	- Wednesday 14 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. Senior team students use Devon Intermediate's pool with our junior team classes yet again scheduled to receive instruction at the NP Aquatic Centre in Term 4. 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 (8.15am – 8.45am) and covered in the afternoon (3.00am-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

MEET THE TEACHER 2022



Due to current Covid / Omicron regulations nation-wide, we are unable to hold our annual 'Meet and Greet the Teacher' & hangi. In place of this, our teachers will post a video on Seesaw introducing themselves and letting you know the happenings in and around their classroom.

ROAD PATROL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a parent / grandparent / community minded person who would like to volunteer for our Road Patrol Devon Street West Crossing each morning. Crossing time is 8.15am – 9.45am. If you would like to find out more information regarding this, please ring Peter Horne (Associate Principal) in the office 7589 331. Thanks in anticipation.



2021 SCHOOL / COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEBRUARY

****Friday 4th February 2022 – Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 7 th	Waitangi Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 15 th	School Board meeting, 5.30pm in the staffroom
Monday 28 th	Fundraising and Social Committee meeting, 7.00pm in staffroom



MARCH

Monday 13th Taranaki Anniversary Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Ngā mihi
Hamish Hislop

