



West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere

Newsletter

Week 2 Term 2 2022

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Nau mai, hoki mai

Welcome back everyone to our second term. We are all excited about what this term will bring. We are optimistic that we are through the worst of Covid however we are very realistic that things can change quickly.

It is great to see all the students returning to school with a positive attitude and a keenness to learn.

This term we have the Life Education Classroom visiting us at the end of the month. Megan Lilley and Harold will be working with all the classes. We always enjoy the programmes that the Life Education Trust have delivered in the past and we look forward to building on this learning in the classrooms.

Also this term we have inter school sports beginning. This is where the year 5 and 6 students compete against other schools in a variety of sports. It will be great to have our students getting out to visit and play against other students. The dates of these fixtures are still to be finalised.

Pink Shirt Day 2022

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new student was harassed for wearing pink. We've been celebrating Pink Shirt Day in Aotearoa since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year. By taking part in Pink Shirt Day, our school/kura is a part of a powerful movement to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying. Pink Shirt Day is the 20th May however that is our teacher only day. We will celebrate and wear pink on Thursday 19th instead. We would ask each student to bring a gold coin and to wear as much pink as they would like. The money will go to the Mental Health Foundation to continue to support our tamariki and whanau in New Zealand.



Pink Shirts are available from Cotton On
<https://cottonon.com/NZ/co/pink-shirt-day/>

School Board Election 2022

School board members are active leaders in our schools. Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children.

The school board elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education. We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students.

"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference."

- Lorraine Kerr, NZSTA President

Elections will happen in September 2022. If you would like to know more about being a Board member please contact Mr Hislop or one of the follow Board members:

Boyd Benton (Chairman), Chris Ellem, Hillary Takarangi, Sandra Powell, Chris Pye, Mark Dickie and Peter Horne (Staff rep)

Parent conferences

Parent conferences will be happening on Wednesday 1st June and Thursday 2nd June for **all students in year 4-6**.

Year 1-3 students who are due a progress conference will need to book an appointment. Teachers will contact the parents through Seesaw to let them know if they need to book a time.

Bookings will be made through our Skool Loop app. This app is a free download for Apple and Android devices. If you cannot access the app please ring the office and Tracey and Christine can add a booking for you. We will message all families when this becomes available.

On Wednesday 1st school will finish at 1.00pm. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up for the afternoon.

The conferences will run for 15 minutes and the teachers will be discussing your child's progress this year.

The interviews will be as follows:

Wednesday 1.30pm-7.30pm

Thursday 3.00pm-5.30pm

Wetlands Fundraiser

All students have been given a Bug Spotting sponsorship form as part of their Wetlands Fundraiser. This is to purchase plants for the Wetland project at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere. The plants will be purchased and planted around the wetland as part of our Matariki celebrations. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Cocker in Room 2.

Knitting Club Fundraiser

What: Gardening Club Knitting Stall
hand knitted slippers \$10, hand knitted beanies \$10, hand knitted (by students) coat hangers \$ 5, cotton hand knitted dishcloths \$ 5

When: Mon 16 before school and Tue 17 after school

Where: West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere

Why: Gardening Club and friends are fundraising to purchase fruit trees.



Park and Walk Map

West End SCHOOL

It's great if you walk, ride, scoot or bus into school!

Sometimes a car trip may be a necessary part of your journey, on these days park and walk your way to school. This makes it safer for other people and children around you.

If you are driving please do not park on double yellows, across driveways, in cycle lanes or anywhere that creates a hazard for other people and children around you.

Please do not call your child across the road, rather encourage them to cross in the appropriate place, and if necessary meet them at the school gate and walk with them to your car.

The Key

- Safe Walking Route
- Offroad Pathway (sideways)
- Offroad Shortcut - paved
- Stream
- Traffic Light
- ⊙ Remember to push the button and wait for the green man
- ⊙ PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
- STEPS (mainly on off-road tracks)
- ✓ Best place to cross (if you really have to)
- ✗ DO NOT CROSS VEHICULAR CROSSING
- ⊙ PARK & WALK (Great places to park cars and walk)
- ⊙ KEA CROSSING

★ **Park & Walk** - a great way to add a walk or ride into a necessary car trip and keep traffic congestion down

Important Dates

May 9th	New Zealand Sign Language Week
May 10th	Board Meeting
May 19th	Pink Shirt Day
May 20th	Teacher Only Day- School will be closed
May 24th-2 June	Life Education Trust at School. All classes involved June
June 1st-2nd	Parent Conferences (See above)
June 6th	Queens Birthday- Public Holiday. School will be closed
June 24th	Matariki- Public holiday. School will be closed
July 8th	End of Term 2