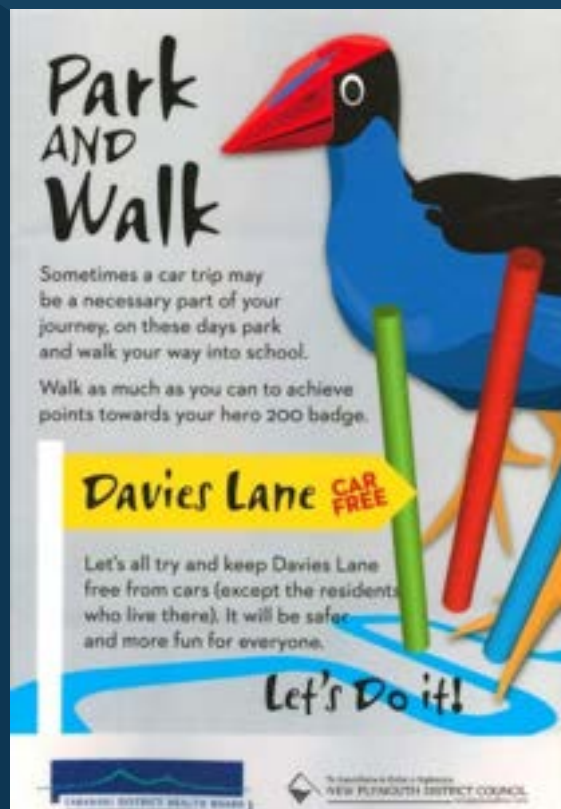
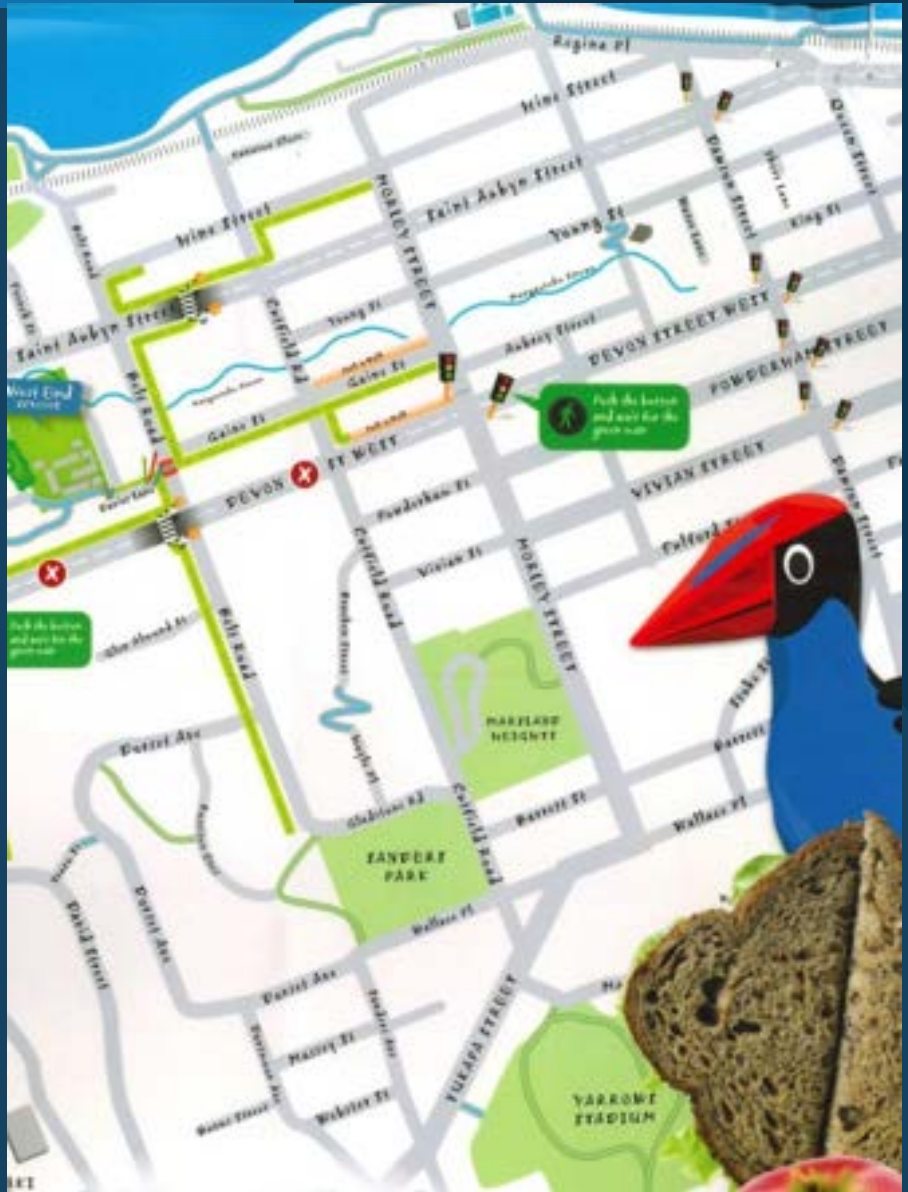


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



Tena koutou,
Over the last 2 weeks we have had at least 3 traffic accidents near our kura. Thankfully none of our whanau were involved but it does remind us about the dangers on the road. West End Te Kura O Morere has been involved with "Lets Go" for many years. This is through the New Plymouth District Council and focuses on getting students to school safely, to travel sustainably and to have fun. We have many safe routes into school but our biggest concern is the dangers of cars and road crossings. The map shows places where you can park and walk into school. We have monitored crossings at Devon Street each morning and Belt Road in the afternoon. If you park and walk/scooter/skate into school from Gaine Street or further away there will be less congestion and hazards to our students.



Davies Lane should be free from parent cars at pick up and drop off times. The NPDC parking monitors do come and ticket cars parking there regularly. Let's all try and keep Davies Lane free from cars. If you come from Bonithon Avenue we have limited safe car parking. Stopping in the roundabout area causes a hazard to the children walking into school. Perhaps parking at the scout den and walking across the field to school would be a better option.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We are thinking about starting a Walking School Bus. A Walking School Bus works just like a bus: children catch the bus at pre-determined stops along the route and walk to school supervised by an adult. By walking to school, tamariki gain independence, become familiar with their neighbourhood, have fun with friends and arrive at school fresh and ready to learn. Whānau also help to increase road safety, reduce carbon emissions and traffic congestion at school gates.

If you are interested in the Walking School Bus or being a 'bus driver' or being involved with organising this please scan the QR code and fill out the form. We have not decided on the route the walking school bus will take yet. This will depend on the interest from whanau.



WORKING BEE

Thank you to the school families and staff who came to help at our Working Bee last weekend.

It was disheartening that only a few people came to help. We were hoping to have more come as we know from our hangi that many people support our school. We will be holding more of these working bees during the year and it would be great if 'manakitanga' (support) can be two way, instead of just the school giving out.

We are looking forward to seeing you next time.



COMMUNICATION

Our school office team are able to help you with most queries from 8.00am-4.00pm. You can email us at office@westendnp.school.nz or phone 067589331.

All classrooms use Seesaw for communication. All families will be automatically connected to their child's class. If you need help with signing in please see your child's teacher.

We also send newsletters through Seesaw and Skool Loop. Skool Loop is a free app and it is easy to use.

If you would like some help accessing these tools please contact the office.

SCHOOL PEPEHA

Ko Taranaki te maunga
Ko Mangaotuku te awa
Ko Tokomaru te waka
Ko Te Atiawa te iwi
Ko Ngāti te Whiti te hapū
Ko Pukehino te pā tawhito
Ko Tarawhata te puna wai rongoa
Ko Hamish Hislop te Tumuaiki
Tihei mauri ora

It is important to mana whenua and our school that we understand the importance of where we are in Ngamotu and the connection our school has to the whenua (land).

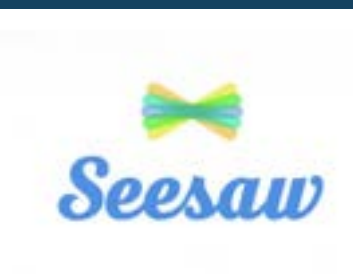
FUNDRAISING

Our Social and Fundraising Committee met recently to discuss some ideas for fundraising this year.

Mr Hislop asked the Committee to decide on a major fundraising focus for the school. He suggested a new playground could be a wonderful project.

We currently have our Easter Raffle going. Please make sure you have any donations in by Friday 31st March.

This will be drawn on Wednesday 5th April.



UPDATE INFORMATION

If you have moved house, changed your phone number or email address please get in contact with the school office. We need to make sure we have the best contact information for you and your emergency contacts.

Also if you have a child due to start in the next few years please let the school know. This helps with future planning.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

If your child is taking part in the Weekbix Tryathlon please make sure you remember to contact the school office in the morning.

Good luck to all the students taking part.

DATES AND EVENTS

<u>31 March</u>	Last day for Easter donations
<u>3-5 April</u>	Senior School Camp
<u>5 April</u>	Easter Raffle draw
<u>6 April</u>	Last day of Term 1
<u>7 April</u>	Good Friday
<u>24 April</u>	Teacher Only Day- NZ Curriculum refresh
<u>25 April</u>	ANZAC Day
<u>26 April</u>	First day for students term 2

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

We are currently advertising to out of zone enrolments for term 2 2023.

Our zone helps the Board control the size of our school roll to avoid overcrowding.

Now and again we offer space to families who live outside of this zone.

We are offering:

- 10 places for new entrance Year 1 students
- 10 places for students in years 2-5.

If you currently live out of zone and your preschool child is due to start in term 2, you will need to apply for an out of zone place.

Please ring or visit the office to get an enrolment form.

All applications need to be in by Monday April 3 2023.

SCHOOL TIMES

our school starts at 8.55am each morning. Students are not expected to be on site before 8.30am.

School finishes at 3.00pm. We are trying to develop resiliency with our students and you can help. If you are picking your child up they could meet you at the gate instead of outside of the classroom. Also the students can carry their own bags.

If you want to catch up with teachers after school or before school please arrange this through Seesaw or their email. Often staff have responsibilities before and after school and might not be available.

TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL STRIKE

Last week teachers and Principals went on strike to put pressure on the government to improve their offer in the latest contract negotiations. Teachers and Principals are wanting to address many of the challenges facing our profession. We are losing teachers and principals from education and less people are training to become teachers which is causing a shortage of workers. The workload demands are getting higher and many of our colleagues are facing extreme behaviour from children and parents. Pay parity with secondary teachers and staffing ratios are wanted which will enable smaller classroom sizes and more time to teach. Teachers also want to be paid a fair wage which reflects the training and continual development expected of a teacher.

We appreciate the support we receive from many of our school families. We saw you on strike day supporting us and our colleagues throughout Taranaki. Thank you.

Our core role as teachers is to educate. We are not baby sitters, we are not counsellors or social workers, we are not the students parents. We are teachers who are passionate about education and developing the life long skills with our students.

