



# NEWSLETTER

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FROM REBECCAS DESK

Kia ora e te whanāu,

Welcome back to Term One 2024. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable break catching up with whānau, friends and making the most of the warmer weather and our beautiful coast. I would like to welcome all of the new whānau to our kura and hope that your child/children have found their first few weeks with us at Westport North welcoming and have made plenty of connections with staff and their peers.

Last Friday students participated in our annual House Tabloid sports day. It was great to see so many whānau supporting this day and observing the way our students support each other through these challenges.

I have noticed a huge change in the pride in which students are wearing their uniform. Around 95% of students are now wearing correct black shorts or tights, appropriate footwear and I am no longer seeing long coloured t-shirts hanging out the bottom of school tops. Thank you whānau for supporting this.

It was great to see so many WNS faces eagerly participating in the Mini Marathon on Saturday (remember to add this participation to your North Star sheet that should be coming home soon). Also coming home soon will be a Whānau Insights form for parents/caregivers to complete and return to classroom teachers.

Finally, thank you for the positive feedback around our new Whare Manaaki. If whānau do have an extra produce in their maara kai/vegetable gardens, please feel free to leave for other school whānau to take.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourouka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Finally, please stay updated on events throughout the week on our WNS FONS (Friends Of North School) Facebook page, on your child's class Seesaw messages or on the SkoolLoop app.

Ngā mihi nui  
Rebecca Hughes

## NAVIGATOR AWARDS

<b>Room 2</b>	Mia-Jane McCullough	<b>Room 3</b>	Shone Johnstone, Caitlyn Richards
<b>Room 6</b>	Zoey-Ross McCabe	<b>Room 7</b>	
<b>Room 8</b>	Lucy Hegman, Caileb Baros	<b>Room 10</b>	Eli Kinsella, Luna Lagan
<b>Room 11</b>	Wolfgang Wohlers, Mila Howard	<b>Room 12</b>	
<b>Room 13</b>	Walter Newburry, Madison Adams	<b>Eke Panuku</b>	Olive Poynter, Izzy Menzies
<b>Room 17</b>	Ace Walker, Ashlyn Doyle		

A reminder that our school classes and teams for 2024 are as follows:

### Year 0-3 Team

Room 11 -Jendy Price-Team Leader  
Room 12- Jenny Reynolds-New Entrants  
Room 17- Sharon Turner  
Room 10- Carey Shepherd

### Year 4-6 Team

Eke Panuku- Lara Hall-Team Leader  
Room 8- Nicki Singleton  
Room 7- Sandra Barrett  
Room 13- Serenity Bruce

### Year 7-8 Team

Room 6- Aidan Bonisch-Team Leader, William Pike Challenge  
Room 3- Aimee Tapping – Garden to Table  
Room 2- Nick Machin-Deputy Principal

## REMINDER..... Terms 4 & 1 are SUNSMART TERMS

Please remember to bring and wear a hat during break times at school.

There is always sunscreen available outside by the hill for children's use. Please encourage your child to be sun smart. Applying sunscreen before your child/ren come to school is always a good idea.



## A reminder of our WNS Student Cell Phone Policy

Westport North School does not allow students to bring personal digital devices to be used at school. These are not necessary to have during the day. We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed. Any changes to our school rules are communicated to students and our school community.

### Parent/Caregiver and student responsibilities:

If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.

The device should be turned off and handed into the school office before school and collected after school.

### Inappropriate use

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately, we confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day and parents will be notified.

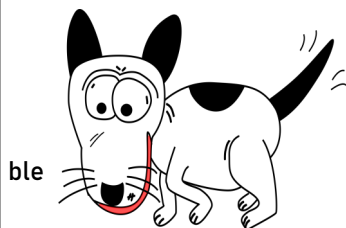
Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

Using the device when not permitted

Any sort of bullying, including online bullying

Taking photos or videos of other people without their permission

Forwarding inappropriate messages or content.



### **DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school site at all.

Your dog may be the most placid, cutiest fur baby there is and while we may agree, there are some children, staff and other adults who are not comfortable in the presence of dogs for one reason or another.

Please don't be offended if you are asked to remove your dog from our school grounds.

For those senior students chosen for the William Pike Challenge, a reminder that your Commitment statement was due back to Di on Tuesday. Please make sure it is with her before the 1st challenge takes place on Friday.

Congratulations to Aidan Williams, Bronson Stephens, Leroy Hopkins, Ana Irving, Skylah Bruce, Evelyn Newburry, Fletcher Reynolds, Julia Frampton, Ethan Schmid, Grayson Gardner, Mia-Jane McCullough and Asher Williams on your selection.

Have a great year exploring and learning new exciting skills.









