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## Kia ora

Dear Whānau, Family and Friends

It is great to walk through the school and see happy, engaged and settled classes. There are already so many cool things happening in the classes and new learning goals are being worked on, routines are being established and everyone is adjusting to all of our changes.

Our Year 5 & 6 students enjoyed a wonderful day at East End Beach on Friday taking part in the Surf Lifesaving Beach Education Programme. This learning is so important. Our beaches are beautiful and we love spending time at them, but they can also be



very dangerous. Thank you so much to the wonderful team of whānau that came along to support the students and got in the water to help them out.

The weather at the moment is beautiful! This means our pool is very popular both within school and out of school hours. Remember if you have a pool key you can continue to use the pool from 3pm to 8pm on school days and from 8am to 8pm in the weekends until the pool closes (this is normally around April). If you are new to our school or would like a key we are now offering them for \$20 for the rest of the season (plus a \$20 key bond which you get back when you return the key). Please come into the office if you are interested.

On Tuesday all of the classes took part in a special session of swimming with Jo from Swim Safe Taranaki. Our swimming lessons are part of the Physical Education Curriculum and therefore it would be appreciated if you could support your child by making sure they have their togs and towel in their bags every day. Next Monday we have our first PTA Meeting for the year which is also the AGM. Anyone is welcome and invited to come along to the PTA Meetings. The first meeting will be held in the Staffroom (come in through the school office) at 5.30pm. Come along to join in the discussion on how we can support our school this year. Enjoy the rest of your week. Take care and be kind to one another!  
Kim Theyers—Tumuaki





We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters cover printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding

school activities.

The newsletters are financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements appear on the newsletters back cover. This enables the school to receive the newsletter covers free of charge.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement in the newsletter, please contact Craig Neeve or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, phone (09) 817 3867 or 021 535 308 or email [newsletters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:newsletters@xtra.co.nz).

This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

We now have Small Sized School Sunhats back in stock.  
\$12 each from the School Office



## PTA News



Happy New Year and welcome to all of our new students and families.

The PTA is a group of whānau members that meet regularly to discuss with our staff how we can best support our children and our school. We organise fun events and fundraisers so we can purchase desired extras for the school and generally help out as much as we can.

The PTA is for all and any interested whānau members. You are welcome to jump in and come along to every meeting or just pop in every now and again and do what you can.

Our first meeting is on Monday 17 February at 5.30pm in the School Staffroom—this will be our AGM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Megan Nielsen—Chairperson

## Upcoming EVENTS

17 February—5.30pm—PTA Meeting in the Staffroom

19 February—9.30-11am—Westtown Wednesday Transition to School Programme in Rm 6

26 February—Board Meeting

3 March—5.30pm—Centenary Planning Meeting

4-5 March—ERO onsite

7 March—1pm—School Swimming Sports

10 March—Taranaki Anniversary—School Closed

12 March—9.30-11am—Westtown Wednesday Transition to School Programme in Rm 6

14 March—Green KAHa Day—come to school dressed in green ready for a fun day!

18 March—Rm 12 & 13 Trip to Puke Ariki and Govett Brewster Art Gallery

19 March—Rm 5 & 6 Trip

1 April—Rm 10 & 11 Trip

2 April—Rm 14 Trip

