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Dear Whānau, Family and Friends

It is great to be back at school for Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely holiday break with your whānau. Term 2 is only 9 weeks long and three of those weeks are short weeks, so it is going to fly by.

With the start of Term 2 also comes the start of wetter weather. PLEASE can we all be extra careful when driving and parking around the school. Please do not park on the yellow lines, especially on Clawton Street near the pedestrian crossing and PLEASE do not do u-turns on Sanders Ave.

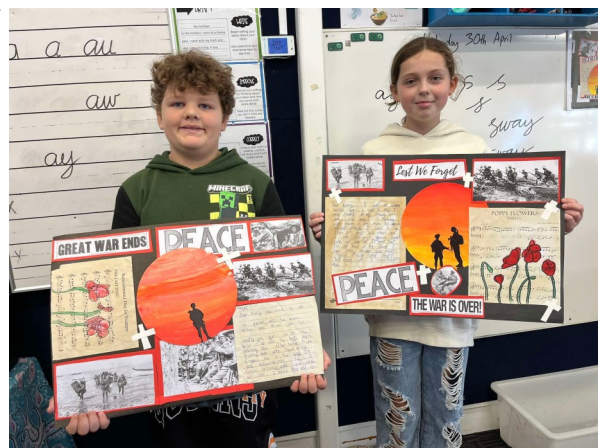
Also do not use the disability parks unless you have a permit. I know it is frustrating when there are no parks but risking an accident or a child being hit is not worth it! Please just be patient, park further away and grab an umbrella or coat and walk to the school gate.

Recently you received your child's Term 1 Attendance Report (and their Swimming Progress Report). It is important for all children to attend school regularly. School attendance across New Zealand is currently not good enough. The government has given every school an attendance goal to work towards. The goal is to have at least 80% of students attending school regularly. Regular attendance is considered to be between 90-100% attendance. Currently Westtown School has 61% of our students attending school regularly. This needs to be improved. This is a goal for all of us and involves whānau doing their bit. Parents are responsible for getting their children to school every morning. Please only let your child stay home if they are sick. If you are keeping your child home for other reasons such as the weather, lack of food etc please let us know and we can help. Please try your best to arrange personal appointments out of school hours. And please remember school starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. If a child is often late or gets pick up early, this affects their attendance. Our school is taking part in the Taranaki Milk Top Challenge. Please save all your milk tops for us and bring them into the school office. Take care and be kind to one another!

Kim Theyers—Tumuaki



School success starts
with attendance



Duffy Books Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded recently for demonstrating our KAHA values and have each received their own Duffy Book to keep.



Week 8

- ⇒ **Cage Hoeta**
- ⇒ **Raider Bradley**
- ⇒ **Oracle Kennard-Stewart**
- ⇒ **Ayaline George**
- ⇒ **Tyvian Vilium-West**
- ⇒ **Ivy Williams**
- ⇒ **Carlos Mazey**



Week 9

- ⇒ **Maddison Brider**
- ⇒ **Scarlett Katene**
- ⇒ **Base Watts**
- ⇒ **Aubrey Smith**
- ⇒ **Jeanagnes Njoroge**
- ⇒ **Ivy Oleksiak-Taylor**
- ⇒ **Willow Finn**

PTA News



Our next big fundraiser is a **Westtown School Motorama** on Sunday 25 May from 10am-2pm. There will be a variety of vehicles on display as well as food available, a bouncy castle, raffles and other fun activities. Entry by donation. **Please see the enclosed letter for further information and complete the return form to help out on the day.** We really need support from our whānau to make this event successful.



All money raised will be used to support our students and our school. We are currently fundraising to upgrade our senior playground.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 19 May at 5.30pm** in the School Staffroom. It would be really great if all helper volunteers could come along to this meeting. Everyone is welcome to come along and contribute to our PTA for the benefit of all of our students.

Megan Nielsen—Chairperson

Have you returned your Swimming Pool Key?

The school pool is now closed and we need all keys to be returned asap. You will also receive your key bond back. Please bring your pool key back to the school office.



Room 5 cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of their new play Cafe



Upcoming EVENTS

2 May—9.05am—School ANZAC Assembly in the hall—all welcome

5 May—5.30pm—Centenary Planning Meeting

6 May—Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport vs Spotswood Primary—home game—kick off 12.30pm

14 May—9.30am-11am—Westtown Wednesday Transition to School Programme in Room 6

16 May—Pink Shirt Day

19 May—5.30pm—PTA Meeting

23 May—Teacher's Only Day—NO SCHOOL

2 June—King's Birthday—NO SCHOOL

3 June—Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport vs St Joseph's NP—away game—kick off 12.30pm