

Ni hao

Dear Whānau, Family and Friends

We are now half way through this term, I just can't believe how fast it is going!

Thank you very much for your support with keeping your children home on Monday. We had a very busy day here at school.

Last Friday we had an exciting day at school celebrating KAHA's Birthday. We reconfirmed our KAHA School Values and enjoyed taking part in a variety of birthday themed activities.

It is with sadness that I share with you that Jess Muir and Paul Tattersall will both be leaving us at the end of this year. They have decided to take on the exciting adventure of moving their family to Australia. Paul and Jess have been a big part of our school for the last few years and we will miss them both. Jess has been our Deputy Principal and grown in this role developing in leadership, while Paul has been our teacher in charge of Sport and PE and organised and led many fun school events. Both Paul and Jess always keep the students at the centre of what they do. We wish them all the very best with their move. Currently we have two teaching positions advertised and we are looking forward to welcoming some new staff into our Westown whānau. This means there will possibly be some teachers changing classrooms and levels next year, but we will let you know about this once it is all confirmed.

Next Wednesday 20 November is Devon Intermediate's Orientation Day from 11am-2pm. All Year 6 students who are going to Devon Intermediate in 2025 are expected to attend this day. Parent's are required to make their own arrangements to take their own child to this. If your child will be away from Westown School for the whole day, please ensure you notify the school office.

Enjoy the rest of your week. Nga mihi
Kim Theyers—Tumuaki



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are

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Ako

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Westown School Centenary 2025

Friday 24—Saturday 25 October
2025—Labour Weekend



Further information, including an expression of interest form and a centenary Facebook Page to follow.

Our next meeting on Monday 18 November at 5.00pm and anyone is welcome to attend.

Is your child getting enough sleep?

We have a lot of very tired children at school at the moment, especially in the senior school. Primary School aged children require 10-12 hours sleep to allow the body to recharge, and grow. Please help your child by ensuring they are in bed at a suitable time for this to happen. A 'school-night' nighttime routine is a really good idea.

Research shows that device use should stop at least 1 hour before going to bed—this includes using tablets, i-pads, phones and gaming devices.



PTA News



Even though our school hall is currently out of action we have managed to secure the Tukapa Rugby Clubrooms to hold our

School Disco. This will be on Friday 22 November from 5.30-7pm. Tickets are \$3 a child or \$5 a family. Only Westown



Students and pre-schoolers (with a parent in attendance) can attend the disco. Tickets are available from the School Office.

We are also currently collecting donations for our **Christmas Raffle.** For this we ask every family to please donate something for the raffle. This could be a food item, gift item or Christmas item. Please bring your donations into the school office. Raffle tickets have been given to students today.

Our **Next Meeting** is Monday 9 December at 5.30pm in the Staffroom—all welcome.

Megan Nielsen—Chairperson



- 18 November 5pm—Centenary Meeting
- 20 November 11am-2pm—Devon Intermediate Orientation Day for all Year 6's going to Devon in 2025
- 22 November 5.30-7pm—School Disco at Tukapa Rugby Clubrooms
- 27 November Road Patrollers Appreciation Day—Aquatic Centre
- 27 November Board Meeting
- 9 December 5.30pm—PTA Meeting
- 10 December Little Day Out (Rm 6, 7, 5 & 13)
- 11 December Board Meeting
- 13 December End of Year Reports home
- 16 December 10.30am—Year 6 Graduation and School Prize Giving
- 18 December 12noon—School Finishes

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