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## Mālō'e tau lava

Dear Whānau, Family and Friends

It has been another very busy week at Westtown School with a large number of staff away. Thank you very much for your support and understanding with this. We are trying our very best to ensure the students are able to remain in their own classes for the day and reduce the amount of change, but sometimes due to the massive teacher shortage we have here in New Zealand at the moment, it just can not be helped. You may have heard in the media about the asbestos that has been discovered in coloured sand play products. Here at Westtown we did have a very small amount of this coloured sand. It WAS NOT the identified batches, but just to be safe we have removed it all from the school and have had it disposed of correctly.

Last Thursday we were honoured to host the New Zealand Duffy Books in Homes Board here at Westtown School for their Board Meeting. Our students welcomed them onto site with a simple mihi whakatau which the Board Members found very moving and we sang the Duffy Song for them. It was a great opportunity for us to show our appreciation of being one of the original Duffy Books Schools and to also discuss the future of Duffy Books. Hundreds of children at Westtown School have received thousands of free Duffy Books over the years. We are extremely grateful as well to our Duffy Books Sponsor, Warehouse Stationery New Plymouth. On Tuesday, our Year 3-4 Rippa Rugby Team took part in a tournament at Tukapa Rugby Club. They played really well and had a great day. Thank you very much to Mr Haimona for coaching the team, and to Ms Debbie, Judah, Maifala and Fa'amai who helped out during the day. Thank you also to all of the whānau that went along to support the team. As we near the end of the year we know extra stresses and strains can come on students and families. Everybody is tired and every body is busy! It is important at this time that we remember to respect each other. It is not appropriate to speak disrespectfully to anybody within the school. If you have something you wish to discuss you are welcome to make an appointment to do this in a respectful way.

Enjoy your weekend. Take care and be kind to one another!

Kim Theyers—Tumuaki



## KAHA AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have earned the following KAHA Awards:

### Silver Award

Priscilla Rangī	Em Delmar
Te Whetu Matarere Gibbins	Carlos Mazey
Shayan Mohammed	Lucia Nebbia
Henry Lowe	Joanna Hoskin
Moe Phillips	Austin Martens
Nikau Hotene	Lachy Shotter
Tilly Bush	Jaime Goodwin
Tarquin McKee	Maverick Doherty
Milly Baldwin	Skylar Cassidy
Shelby Wilson	Rhea-Jade Ekenasio

## 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 6

- ⇒ **Austin Roger**
- ⇒ **Navaeyah Joyce**
- ⇒ **Rhea-Jade Ekenasio**
- ⇒ **Abigail Alex**
- ⇒ **Jeanagnes Njoroge**
- ⇒ **Hunter McKee**
- ⇒ **My Boye Konggaard**



Year 3-4 Rippa Rugby Team at the Tournament on Tuesday

## PTA News



Thank you very much to those who have already sold some of our Christmas Raffle Tickets and returned them to the school office. There are additional sheets of tickets available from the office if you are able to sell more tickets we would really appreciate it.

Our next meeting is **Monday 1 December at 5.30pm** in the School Staffroom. Come along to see what we are up to next and to share your ideas. All welcome.

Megan Nielsen—Chairperson



21 November—9.05am—School Assembly in the hall—all welcome

21 November—Virtual Kiwileles Jam in Assembly

THURSDAY 27 November—9.05am—School Assembly in the hall including a School Choir Performance—all welcome

28 November—**No Assembly**

1 December—5.30pm—PTA Meeting

3 December—9.30am-11am—Westtown Wednesday Transition to School Programme in Rm 6—last one for the year

5 December—9.05am—School Assembly in the hall—all welcome

5 December—5.30-7pm—School Disco

9 December—Middle Day Out (Rm 10 & 11)

10 December—Montessori Day Out (Rm 14)

11 December—Little Day Out (Rm 5 & 6)

11 December—Senior Day Out (Rm 12 & 13)

16 December—10am—Year 6 Graduation & School Prizegiving Assembly in the School Hall

12.30pm—Year 6 and their whānau Graduation Lunch in the School Hall

16 December—**LAST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

17 December—Pack-up Day

12noon—School Finishes

2 February 2026—KAHA Whānga Goal Setting Hui