

Hujambo

Dear Whānau, Family and Friends

Time continues to fly on by—we now have less than three weeks left of school for this year. Students are tired, staff are tired—but the school is a hive of busy activity as we get ready for the end of the year.

Mr Guthrie, with the support of the rest of the staff, has been working really hard on the 2024 School Magazine and once again it looks amazing. A copy of this will be given to each family near the end of the year. Once again this year there was a competition for the students to produce a piece of art to feature on one of the covers of the magazine. These were judged anonymously. Congratulations



to the winner—Bree Hartley-Quinn whose artwork will appear on the front cover and runners-up Ayla Hotene & Cliff Awa, Jeanagnus Njoroge and Ellie Masivou whose art will appear on the inside and back covers.

Thank you very much for your positive feedback on our section in last weeks newsletter regarding Montessori Primary Education at Westown School from 2025. I will continue this information sharing in the next few newsletters. Remember if you have any questions you are very welcome to come and see me.

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

Together we
are

KAHA

Kotahitanga

Ako

Hauora

Aroha

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Have you connected
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Can my child join the Montessori class?

The Montessori philosophy is underpinned by learning through self-discovery. The nature of the Montessori method of learning is that it is most successfully developed from age three years in a Montessori preschool. For a Montessori Primary Class to perform well, a substantial majority of the pupils, well experienced in the Montessori method is essential, preferably though a full three-year Montessori Preschool Education. Westown School will be working in partnership with the New Plymouth Montessori School Principal when determining enrolments for the Primary Class. To be considered for enrolment, parents will need to show an existing and ongoing commitment to Montessori Education and meet with both the Westown School Principal and New Plymouth Montessori School Principal. Children who have no prior Montessori experience may be considered for admission into the Montessori class if they meet the Entry Guidelines. If you are interested in having a look at the Entry Guidelines please contact the school office for a copy.

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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 is on Monday 3 March 2025 at 5.30pm and anyone is welcome to attend.

Our Year 6 Graduation and School Prizegiving

will be held at 10.30am on Monday 16 December at the Tukapa Rugby Clubrooms. Students will walk down to the Clubrooms as a class in the morning and return to school afterwards.

Whānau are invited to attend this special event and celebration of the year.

PTA News



Wow, what an amazing night we had at the School Disco. A huge thanks to Mr Guthrie for being our DJ and to all of the helpers and supporters who helped to make the night so great.



How are you Christmas Raffle Tickets going? Please return your sold tickets to the office asap and remember if you are able to sell more tickets there are extra books available in the office.

Thank you also to everyone who has been bringing in donations for the prize hampers. Please keep these coming.

Our last meeting for the year is on **Monday 9 December at 5.30pm** in the Staffroom with Christmas drinks and nibbles—all welcome. Megan Nielsen—Chairperson

Tainui Market Day



Saturday 30th November 2024

10:00am-2:30pm

Get some Christmas shopping done and browse our many stalls filled with an array of goodies!

We have Christmas decorations, sweets, white elephant stall, raffles, Tinkerbell, sausage sizzle and much more!



96 Clawton street
Westown



Upcoming EVENTS

- 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
- 2025**
- 28-29 January 9am-3pm—Office Open
 - 30 January OFFICE CLOSED
 - 31 January 9am-3pm—Office Open
 - 3 February KAHA Whāinga Hui—individual 15 minute meet the teacher & goal setting interviews—further information and how to book to follow
 - 4 February School Starts for all students