

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



WEEK 9 TERM 2

Kia ora whanau

Keeping our students safe travelling to and from school is a high priority. We are currently having a car parking blitz on Davies Lane. Too many drivers are parking illegally on the street which causes safety issue for our students. Please do not drop off or pick up from the school end of Davies Lane. There are very limited short term parking places and pulling into the school drive or resident driveways create a danger for our students. Dropping your child off at the Belt Road end of Davies Lane (by the poles) and walk up is the safest way to protect all our students. Likewise meeting them at the end of the day by the Belt Road poles ensures we keep everyone safe. *Please consider all our school whanau when you make pick up and drop off plans.*

We held our first Arbor day for a few years on the 6th June. We planted two feijoa trees which were kindly donated to the school. These trees will provide our students with fruit in the next fruiting season.

Sports exchanges have finished for the term. It was great to see whanau support at all of our fixtures. We are now waiting to see if any of our teams have made finals day. This will take place in term 3 at St Josephs School. Thanks to the teachers and volunteers who helped our teams each exchange.

PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the whanau who answered our two questions in the parent consultation. This information will help shape the future plans for our school.

Some of the main themes from our parents were:

- Hands on and local history learning is very important
- A balance of perspectives are needed when looking at the past.
- A wide and varied curriculum is important
- Consistent approaches across the school.
- It is important to tap into students interests.
- Social and emotional education is valued. Teaching students to be good people and how to deal with challenges.
- Connecting with our local environment
- High expectations are essential
- More te reo and tikanga taught
- Less maori teaching in school

As part of the new strategic plan we will be having more opportunities for whanau to share their thoughts on shaping our school's direction.



Arbor Day planting



Bell Block Sports Exchange

DATES AND EVENTS

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| Term 2 | |
| 26-30 June | Puanga Week |
| 30 June | Shared lunch with whanau |
| <u>30 June</u> | Last day of term 2 |
| Term 3 | |
| 17 July | Term 3 starts |
| 25 July | Board Meeting |
| 27 July | Quiz night Fundraiser |
| 31 Aug | School photos |

SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

On Thursday 27th July we are holding a school quiz night at the Treehouse. This is a fundraising event for the Social and Fundraising Committee.

Save the date and get your team together. \$60 per team (max of 6 per team). Starts at 6.30pm. There will be raffles and prizes up for grabs. More information will be on seesaw soon.

Come along and have some fun.

#whanaungatanga



CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE

We had some of our students demonstrate their mindfulness yoga work at the Trauma Informed Practice Conference two weeks ago. The students performed and taught a simple yoga routine to the many teachers, principals, Ministry of Education staff and educationalists at the Devon Hotel. They have also taken this routine around our junior classes each morning. Thank you Becky Bruckner for supporting our students.

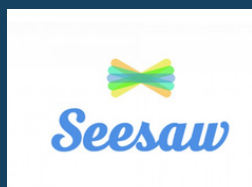
SCHOOL PROPERTY WORKS

Our kura is about to start property works during the school holidays. This will stretch into terms 3 and 4. Roofing and cladding are the first projects then classroom refurbishments. During the next two terms classes will be relocated to the hall and room 17 while class blocks are upgraded. Please stay out of areas fenced off.

PAK N SAVE RECEIPTS

Pak n Save receipts are one way you can support our school. If you shop at Pak N Save New Plymouth please save your receipts and bring them to school. We can get vouchers from them for school events and to help with our Breakfast in School programme.

ARE YOU ON SEESAW?



Seesaw is our app for communication and student learning. Seesaw login information is provided by your child's teacher. It is free to families and a great way to keep up to date with classroom activities.



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PUANGA WEEK 10

We will be celebrating Puanga (the Maori New Year as celebrated in Taranaki) as a school in Week 10 (Monday 26 – Friday 30 June). All classes will be involved in activities throughout the week.

These will include tuakana/teina activities that involve:

- Learning about Puanga (Matariki)
- Kaitiakitanga (caring for our environment)
- Preparing kai to share



On Friday 30 June we are preparing to celebrate with shared kai (soup and bread) as a school whanau.

Classes will be asking for donations of vegetables/flour/bread etc via individual Seesaw pages to ensure we don't have an oversupply of what is required to prepare/cook/bake for our shared kai.

If you have a specific way in which you would like to be involved or are able to offer some skills/korero in and around Puanga, please feel free to email carriane@westendnp.school.nz

If you are available to support your child/childrens class in assisting with preparation of vegetables, soup, boil up, making bread alongside groups of children, please make contact with your child's teacher via Seesaw. I'm sure they will welcome your support.

We welcome you to join us for kai at 1 pm on Friday 30 June.



Our youngest students planting on behalf of the junior school



Our oldest students planting on behalf of the senior school