

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



SCHOOL HANGI- WHANAUNGATANGA

Tena koutou nga whanau o West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere.

It was amazing to finally have our whanau hangi last week. We were thrilled to gather together again after a disrupted year in 2022.

The whole school was excited to see the process of cooking the hangi and it seemed that everyone who attended enjoyed being back together in our wonderful school.

The morning rain gave some of us some anxiety but as that cleared, and the fire started, everyone took a collective breath and got to work.

We had a great group of senior students who were asked to support all aspects of the hangi. The students were involved with digging the hole, stacking the fire, transporting wood around the school, preparing the vegetables, supporting the teachers with health and safety and some gardening on the side.

Carri Anne Stone, Grace Lines, Matua Warren, Jeff Cocker and Grace Lines took up the leadership role of getting and preparing the kai and putting down the hangi. The rest of the staff worked hard to make sure that everyone got fed and everything was cleaned up afterwards. Thank you so much for your hard work. We have a great staff at our kura and everyone works together to make days like that run smoothly.

The purpose of our Whanau Hangi is to get our families together. We have te Taura Whiri of Whanauangatanga. This is acting and working like a family. We do this to demonstrate to your children that we care for each other, look after each other and work together to achieve the best we can. Thank you also to the whanau who helped serve up the kai and look out for the little ones running around having fun. We will definitely be doing this again



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS HURRELL

The bagpipes rang out in celebration for Mrs Hurrell's birthday last week. We appreciate all the work you do for our school. We all enjoyed celebrating with you, especially sharing this lovely cake.



SCHOOL PEPEHA

Ko Taranaki te maunga
Ko Mangaotuku te awa
Ko Tokomaru te waka
Ko Te Atiawa te iwi
Ko Ngāti te Whiti te hapū
Ko Pukehino te pā tawhito
Ko Tarawhata te puna wai rongoa
Ko Hamish Hislop te Tumauki
Tihei mauri ora

It is important to mana whenua and our school that we understand the importance of where we are in Ngamotu and the connection our school has to the whenua (land).

FUNDRAISING

Our school has had a home and school association since 1956. This group of teachers and parents have helped fundraise for many school projects from establishing the Devon Street pedestrian crossing to swimming cost for our juniors.

We are now the Social and Fundraising Committee and our first meeting is on Monday 6th March in the school staffroom at 7.00pm

UPDATE INFORMATION

If you have moved house, changed your phone number or email address please get in contact with the school office. We need to make sure we have the best contact information for you and your emergency contacts. Also if you have a child due to start in the next few years please let the school know. This helps with future planning.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

We are planning a school working bee for Sunday 19th of March. We have 3 areas we would like to improve. If you are available to help from 9.00am-12.00pm we would appreciate the support.

SUNSAFE AND HATS

Our school expectation is that all students and staff wear hats when outside and are responsible to apply sunscreen. We are wanting to keep all of our school community as safe as possible from the effects of the sun. If a child does not have a hat at school they will be expected to play under the shade sails. Bucket type hats are expected to be worn as they provide protection to ears and the back of the neck.

ST JOHNS IN SCHOOL

On Thursday 2nd March, Friday 3rd March and Thursday 9th March we have St Johns in school doing basic first aid with the students. This will be for all students in the school. The focus is on being emergency ready and ready to respond.

Can you please bring a gold coin donation for St John's.

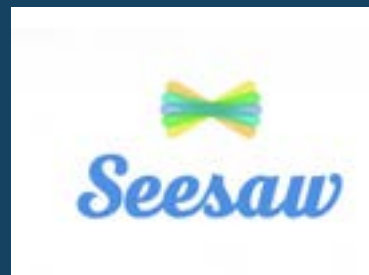


COMMUNICATION

Our school office team are able to help you with most queries from 8.00am-4.00pm. You can email us at office@westendnp.school.nz or phone 067589331.

All classrooms use Seesaw for communication. All families will be automatically connected to their child's class. If you need help with signing in please see your child's teacher.

We also send newsletters through Seesaw and Skool Loop. Skool Loop is a free app and it is easy to use. If you would like some help accessing these tools please contact the office.



SCHOOL CAMP

Our year 5 and 6 camp planning is moving along well. Thank you to the parents who have offered to come and support the camp. Without you we would not be able to run it.

If you have any questions or concerns please see your child's teacher or Mr Horne.

The camp is held at Vertical Horizons on April 3rd-April 5th. This is the last week of this term.

DATES AND EVENTS

<u>1 March</u>	Teachers NZEI Paid Union Meeting
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<u>2 March</u>	Teachers NZEI Paid Union Meeting
<u>2&3 March</u>	St John's In School
<u>6 March</u>	Fundraising committee meeting
<u>7 March</u>	New Zealand Census
<u>9 March</u>	St John's in School
<u>13 March</u>	Taranaki Anniversary Day
<u>19 March</u>	Working Bee at School
<u>3-5 April</u>	Senior School Camp
<u>6 April</u>	Last day of Term 1
<u>7 April</u>	Good Friday
<u>24 April</u>	Teacher Only Day- NZ Curriculum refresh
<u>25 April</u>	ANZAC Day
<u>26 April</u>	First day for students term 2



NZEI- STRONGER TOGETHER

This term teachers and principals will be taking part in paid union meetings to discuss the collective contract negotiations. School will remain open on these days. Teachers and Principals are fighting for improved work conditions, better staffing and ways to support the wellbeing of the professionals in our industry.



SCHOOL TIMES

our school starts at 8.55am each morning. Students are not expected to be on site before 8.30am. School finishes at 3.00pm. We are trying to develop resiliency with our students and you can help. If you are picking your child up they could meet you at the gate instead of outside of the classroom. Also the students can carry their own bags.

If you want to catch up with teachers after school or before school please arrange this through Seesaw or their email. Often staff have responsibilities before and after school and might not be available.

SCHOOL POLICY

Schooldocs is our policy and procedure portal for our school.

www.westendnp.schooldocs.co.nz is the site to find this information. To log in you need to use the username and passwords as follows:

Username: westendnp
password: morere

You will find information on our procedures and policies. These are reviewed regularly and updated when legislation changes at government level.



Students have been working hard on their literacy goals over the last few weeks. Here are some pictures showing their focused learning in class.

ATTENDANCE

Students attendance at school makes the biggest impact on their learning. All students are expected to be present at school every school day. If there is an absence please contact the office. We have to follow up absences as part of our child protection policy. Any continued unjustified absences will result in a referral to the truancy services. Good attendance is 90% of days open.

BLACK AND WHITE DAY FOR THE BAY



**FUNDRAISER FOR HAWKES
BAY & TAIRAWHITI
SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY
CYCLONE GABRIELLE
GOLD COIN DONATION**

**DRESS UP IN
BLACK AND WHITE
1ST MARCH 2023**



**TARANAKI SCHOOLS SUPPORTING THE EAST COAST
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NEW PLYMOUTH PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION**