

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE  
KURA Ō MŌRERE



## WEEK 1 TERM 1 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO



Welcome Back everyone to West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere for 2024. We were very excited to have all our students back this week to begin an exciting year. I could also see the joy from many parents to see their children come back too.

I would like to welcome our new whanau to the school. This is a wonderful school with amazing teachers, who will care for your children everyday they are here with us.

As you will know we have changed our student management system to HERO this year. This is the way we will communicate and share learning with whanau. Please have a read of the information later in this newsletter about using HERO.

We are working on improving the delivery of writing at our school. **On Monday 19th February we have a Teachers only day** where staff are working with a professional from Writers Toolbox.

## WELCOME SATOSHI YAMAGUCHI

We are really fortunate to have Satoshi come and spend this term with us from Japan. Satoshi is a student from Nihon University. He will be teaching Japanese language and culture to all classes during the term as well as improving his english. Please can you all make him feel welcome.



## POWHIRI

On Wednesday 7th February we had our powhiri to welcome our new students into school. This is important to us that we make all our new students feel welcome and part of our school. Mr Cocker, Mr Hislop and Matua Warren all spoke. We had Aisha Ngaia do a karanga to call the manuhiri onto our kura.

As you can see in the photos we had quite a few students starting on our first full day.



## PROPERTY WORK

Over the summer we have had lots of progress with the classroom renovations, fire alarm upgrades and roofing repairs.

We only have room's 3 and 4 to complete early this term and the majority of the other projects are nearing an end.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

# WHAT IS HERO?

Our new student management system is up and running. This is called HERO.

This is replacing ETap, Seesaw and Skool Loop. This will be where we store students information, learning progress, attendance and share information with families.

A newsletter went home with students on Wednesday with instructions on how to log into Hero using an app or through your computer. If you need any help with accessing this please contact the office. All log in information is linked to the email address you supplied the office when you enrolled your child.

This term the staff are learning the basics of the new system. Over the course of the year more features will become available to you through the app.

# DATES AND EVENTS

2024

Term 1

19 Feb

11 March

27 March

29 March

1 April

2 April

12 April

## Teacher Only Day

Taranaki Anniversary

Weetbix Tryathlon

Good Friday

Easter Monday

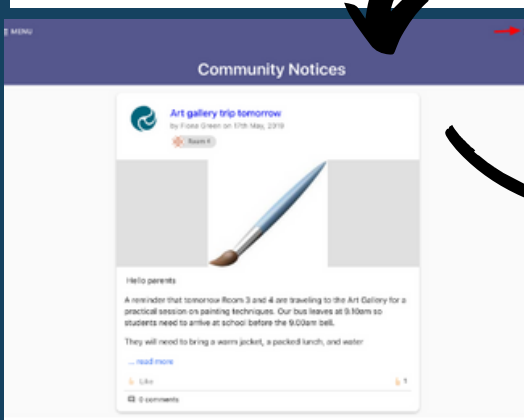
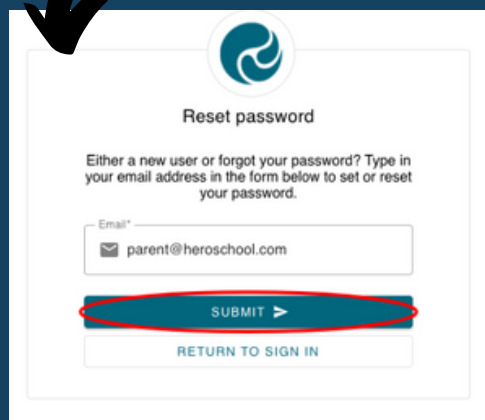
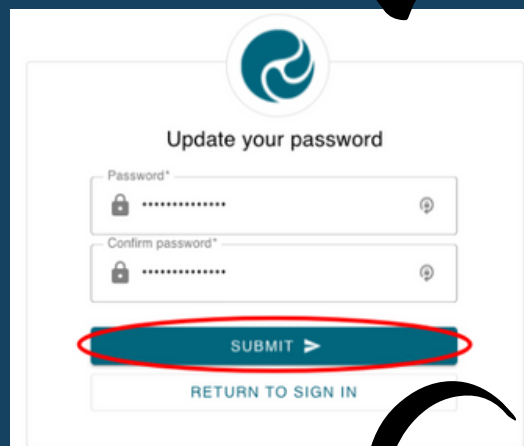
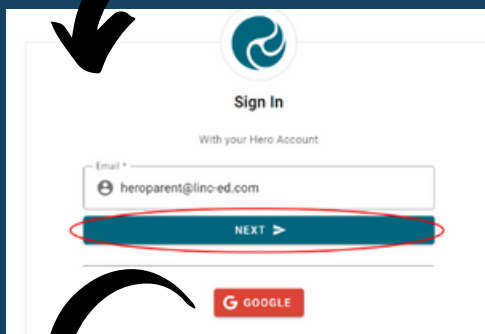
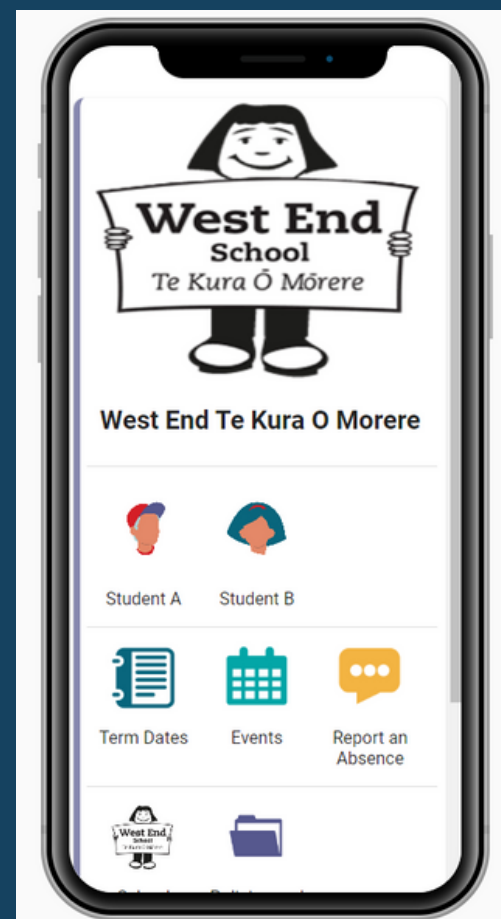
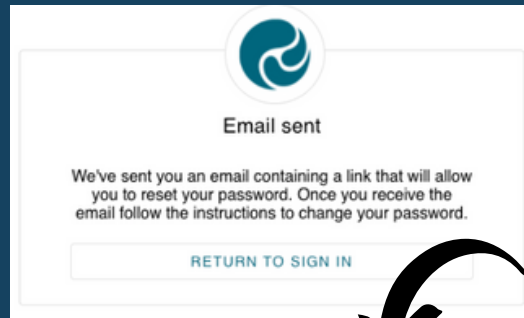
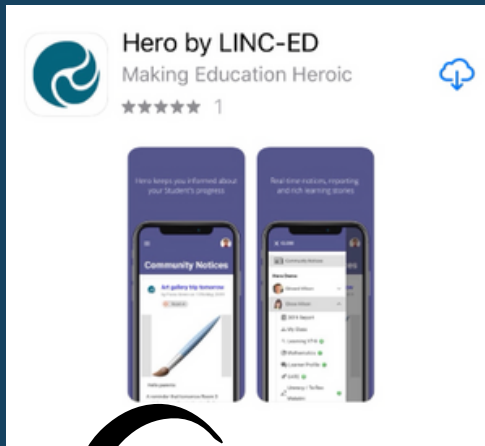
Easter Tuesday (School closed)

Last day of Term 1

HERO has a calendar which has all of the school's important dates. Please make sure you check what is coming up.

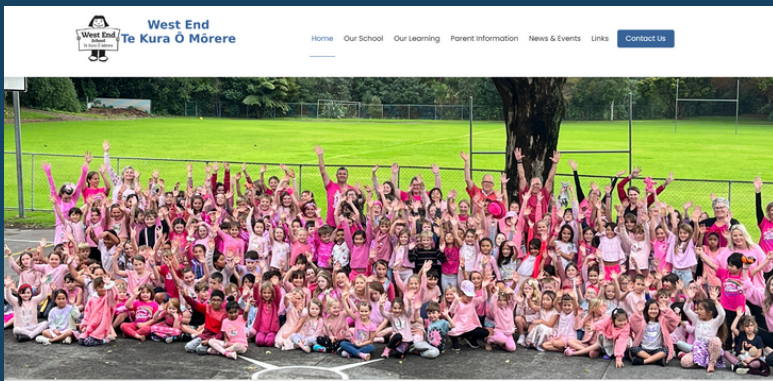


# HOW TO LOGIN





# SCHOOL WEBSITE AND PARENT HANDBOOK



last year our school website was upgraded. You can find it by going to [www.westendnp.school.nz](http://www.westendnp.school.nz) This site has an important document called parent handbook 2024. This has lots of information about how our school works.

## SCHOOL START TIMES

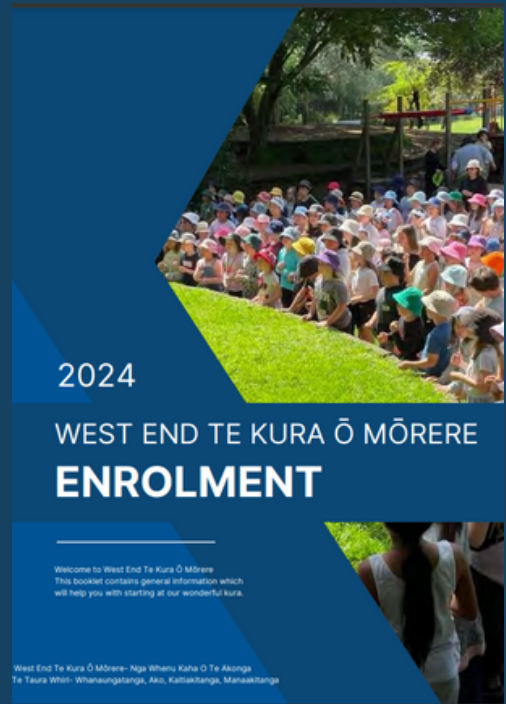
8.15am is the earliest permissible arrival time, with 8.30-8.45am being the preferred time slot. Please ensure your child is arriving sufficiently prior to 8.55am to enable him/her to appropriately prepare for the school day. Late arrivals frustrate all, particularly the classroom teacher and only serves to embarrass the child themselves. Students arriving after 9.00am must go to the office prior to going to their classrooms.

## CELLPHONES

We do not allow the use of mobile phones at school, however if they are required to be at school they must be handed into classroom teachers for safe keeping at the beginning of the school day. Any child who does not hand in their phone will have to have it stored in the office and a parent will be contacted to pick it up.

## SUNSMART AND HATS

To minimise the risk of our students developing skin cancers in later life, approved bucket style hats (NOT caps) are to be worn during the summer terms while playing or working outside. It would be advisable to parents to give your child an added layer of proven sunscreen protection prior to coming to school over the hotter months. Children eat their lunch in shadier areas, which also helps to reinforce positive awareness of smart sun safety behaviour. Please endeavour to ensure that children leave for school during summer, wearing a hat. Those children not wearing the correct bucket style lids will sit outside interval/lunchtimes under a designated shade area.



## TRAFFIC SAFETY

For the protection of all, we urge children and parents to safely use the various pedestrian crossings dotted around West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere and Devon Intermediate School when crossing St Aubyn Street and Devon Street West. West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere students are to take extreme care when using these both before and after school. In addition, each afternoon, Senior Leadership personnel supervise our students using our Belt Road Kea Crossing with a school patrol team operating between 3.00-3.15pm daily. Added to this, the Devon Street West top pedestrian crossing is supervised by Senior Leadership personnel each morning (8.15 – 8.45am) and covered in the afternoon (3.00-3.15pm). The 2012 New Plymouth District Council redevelopment of Davies Lane has provided our school community with a much safer and attractive transition entrance to our school site. A reminder, vehicle access in and out of Davies Lane is restricted to residents only. West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere parents are required to park legally and safely in surrounding streets and if required “walk in” with our students. Please do your bit to keep all our staff and students safe. Be warned!! New Plymouth District Council Officers do regular patrols and ticket offenders. We work closely with the Lets Go team. Often student leaders give away prizes to students who are coming to school on bikes, scooters or walking. Let's Go is part of the New Plymouth District Council and are focused on enabling a safer network for people to ride or walk into schools.



# GIVE IT A TRY!

Enter with your classmates AND be in to

# WIN!



## New Plymouth

Wednesday 27th March 2024  
Ngamotu Beach

enter Now at [try.weetbix.co.nz](http://try.weetbix.co.nz)

We have a school group for 2024. Find West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere when you register.



\*T&C's apply, see [tryathlon.co.nz/event-policies/](http://tryathlon.co.nz/event-policies/)

\*\*To be eligible, your school needs to have the following number of participants linked to your school group: 15+ for a school roll over 100, 10+ for a school roll between 51-100 or 5+ students