

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2023

Tena koutou katoa, naumai, hoki mai ki te Kura ō Mōrere.

Hello everyone and welcome back to West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere for 2023. We are thrilled to have everyone back with us for another year of learning.

This year we are looking forward to a bit more normality after two years of challenges with Covid. First of all we would like to send our best wishes to our friends, families and colleagues in Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland) who have been battling against floods and storms. The impact on families and schools are devastating.

Last week our teaching staff were working hard getting prepared for 2023. We have had professional development with Matua Damon Ritai from the Maori Achievement Collaborative (MAC). He has been supporting our understanding of our school pepeha. We learnt about our local Pa and our people who lived here before us. We also had sessions with Enviroschool facilitator Richard Milne, and The Healthy Active Learning team from Sports Taranaki.

Our teachers have been working on developing our whole school curriculum focus of 'Nga haerenga' which means journeys. Our staff are looking at ways to connect all of the curriculum areas into investigations and inquiries around this topic. Our literacy and numeracy skills will still be a focus. We are looking at engaging our students in their learning, to make them more focused and exposed to a wide range of curriculum areas. This year we welcome Sarah Thomas to our teaching team. Sarah is a beginning teacher in room 5. She is no stranger to our students as she did some of her training here at our school.



ENVIROSCHOOLS

This year we are working towards some major goals around our environment. We will be working alongside Richard from Enviroschools Taranaki. Richard is the facilitator for Enviroschools and comes from a primary teaching background.

Our first focus is about waste minimisation. All classes are looking at improving recycling, reducing plastic and looking after their classroom environment.

SCHOOL PEPEHA

Through our work with the Maori Achievement Collaborative and Matua Damon Riitai we have been learning our school pepeha. We have included a Pa tawhito (old pa site) which sits at the intersection of Bonithon Avenue and St Aubyns Street. We have also included the hot pools (Tarawhata)

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 Tumudki

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).

CARPARKING

Please make sure you are making the right choice when parking near our school. Davies Lane does not have space and parks for many cars. It is best that you park on Belt Road or Gaine Street and walk up to the gate instead of trying Davies Lane. We often have Council parking wardens patrolling this area.

Also using the Scout Den carpark is a good choice. Our students are able to walk to you, as long as you have made a plan of where to meet. Do not park in the disabled car park (unless you have a pass), on yellow lines or in driveways. Our residents need to be able to access their houses safely.

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.

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.

MEET THE STAFF- HANGI

We will be holding a school hangi on Wednesday 22nd February. This will be a chance for our community to come to school, meet the staff and enjoy some kai together. More information will be shared as we get closer to the event.

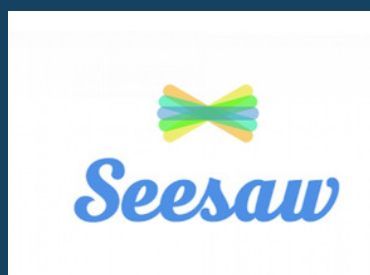
COMMUNICATION

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

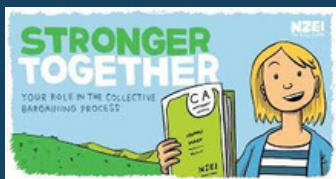
Our year 5 and 6 students are going on camp this term. The dates of the camp are the 3rd, 4th and 5th of April and they are booked in at Vertical Horizons. Mr Horne has newsletters ready to hand out to students this week and we will be calling for parent volunteers to come and help.

DATES AND EVENTS

<u>14 Feb</u>	Board Meeting
<u>21 Feb</u>	Principal NZEI Paid Union Meeting
<u>22 Feb</u>	School Hangi
<u>1 March</u>	Teachers NZEI Paid Union Meeting
<u>7 March</u>	New Zealand Census
<u>13 March</u>	Taranaki Anniversary Day
<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.

www.westendnp.school.nz

Email: office@westendnp.school.nz
Whanaungatanga, Ako, Kaitiakitanga



VOLUNTEERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Last year we started our Kickstart Breakfast club. We are looking for people to support us this in 2023. We would like parents to help with set up, serving and clean up in the mornings before school starts. We have been offering breakfast club twice a week and we would like to increase this in 2023. If you are interested in offering some time please see Christine or Tracy in the office or email office@westendnp.school.nz

A poster for KickStart Breakfast titled 'Volunteer With Us!'. It features the KickStart Breakfast logo at the top. Below the logo is a photo of a smiling woman in a white apron. Text on the poster includes: 'KickStart Breakfast currently has over 1,300 schools across New Zealand - a range of Primary, Intermediate, Secondary & Alternative Education programmes.', 'Our school is proud to be a KickStart Breakfast school, providing Anchor milk & Sanitarium Weet-Bix, and we'd love for you to join us and be part of something special.', and 'Our school often needs a hand running breakfast - serving, cleaning up, and generally helping out! If you'd like to help out, please share your interest with the office.' At the bottom, it says 'To learn more, check out www.kickstartbreakfast.co.nz' and features logos for Sanitarium, Fonterra Dairy for Life, and the Ministry of Social Development.

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.

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