

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEST END TE
KURA Ō MŌRERE



TERM 3 2025 WEEK 10

Tena koutou nga whanau

Ko tenei te wiki o te reo Maori. We have been celebrating Maori language week at school. I have been reflecting on Maori language in schools. It has been 50 years since a petition was taken to Parliament to have Maori recognised as an official language of our country. My grandfather grew up speaking only te reo Maori until he started school at the age of 5. This is when government policies of the time forbid children speaking Maori. The language was lost to him and his generation. The mural in New Plymouth of Hana te Hemara reminds us that our language was nearly lost. Hana was part of the group who took the petition to Wellington. The fight of our people was needed to demand the indigenous language of our country be honoured.

As a school staff, we are constantly improving our own knowledge of te reo as well as supporting our students.

"Ake, Ake, Ake" is again the theme which means forever and ever. I do not want our students to experience what my grandfather went through. Let our language continue to thrive in Aotearoa. Toitu te reo- honour the language



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI
AKE AKE AKE
A FOREVER LANGUAGE

TATARAKIHI KAPA HAKA

Our kapahaka group- Te Waikoropupu o Tarawhata (The bubbling springs of Tarawhata) took part in the annual Tatarakihi Kapahaka competition in Hawera last week. Our group was led by our students Beau Henderson, Indigo Greenhill-Morgan and Fleur Sanders. They were a credit to our school and showed amazing mana. This was the first time our group performed our new haka, written by Matua Peter. Thank you to all the whanau who came down to support, Matua Peter and Carri Anne Stone for the hard work preparing the group and all the staff who supports our kaupapa.

We were very proud of our Devon Intermediate tuakana (older siblings) who were crowned champions. Their ropu was amazing and it was great to see so many ex West End Students representing their school.



SCHOOL DISCO

Our glow disco took place at Devon Intermediate hall on Tuesday night. The students had a great time with their friends dancing and knee sliding around the hall. Thank you to the Social and Fundraising committee for making this event happen.

MARAE TRIP TERM 4

We have a date for our senior school Marae trip in Term 4. The year 5 and 6 students will go to Owae Marae on Wednesday 19th November. They will go via the airport and hear the local creation story which is illustrated in the building. The seniors will stay over the night and the year 4 students will come out on Thursday 20th November for a day of activities.

Carri Anne Stone will provide more information next term. We are excited to be able to make this trip happen.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photolife are taking school photos on the 9th of October. This is the first Thursday of term 4.

All sibling forms need to be returned before this date.

You will get an email from Photolife with ordering information.

CROSS COUNTRY

Term 3 has been very busy with our different cross country events. We held our junior and senior cross country races at school. This year the junior team gave out ribbons to the winners.

The New Plymouth Cross Country was well attended and our students competed really well. Kiara came 7th in the 9-year-old girls. Her sister Tia came 3rd in the 11-year-old girls, Reid Clark came 2nd in the 11-year-old boys, and 9 other runners came in the top 50. The Taranaki Cross Country competition was in Hawera this week and a team of 16 traveled down to race. Many of the races had over 150 students competing. Reid came 10th in the 11-year-old boys, Beau 22nd, and Wiremu 45th in the 10-year-old boys. Misa came 37th in the 11-year-old girls. All of our students who took part gave it their best. Thank you to our amazing parents who came to help and support.



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DATES AND EVENTS

2025

Term 3

18 Sept

Choir Performance

19 Sept

End of Term 3

Term 4

6 Oct

Term 4 Begins

9 Oct

School photos

10 Oct

Colour fun run

15 Oct

Junior school Puke Ariki Trip

16 Oct

Big Shake Earthquake Practice

Book Fair Starts

17 Oct

Grandparents day

23 Oct

Strike day- More info to come

27 Oct

Labour Day- School closed

BOOK FAIR AND GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our yearly Book Fair is set to take place early in Term 4, from October 16th to the 20th. All classes will have the opportunity to explore the available books during school hours. The library will also be open before and after school for parents who wish to purchase a book.

Grandparents' Day Invitation

On **Friday, October 17th** we warmly invite our grandparents to visit the school and witness the learning experiences taking place. An invitation will be shared on HERO, along with a schedule for the day.

Grandparents will have the opportunity to participate in a classroom activity and visit the Book Fair as well.

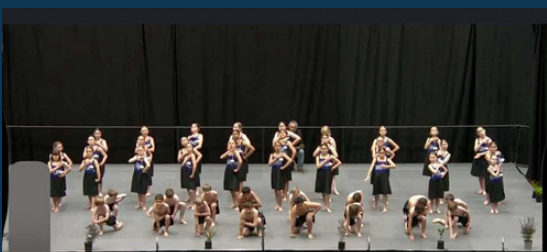
ENVIROSCHOOLS

Our Enviro team leaders went on a beach clean up trip to Epiha Road, north of Waitara. They met up with Richard Carr from Enviroschools Taranaki. The team found a huge amount of plastic rubbish and removed as much as they could. Sadly there were many large tyres that they could not move. Thank you to Tranzit Buslines for donating the bus for this trip. The team are also involved with the plastic free challenge. We are halfway through the challenge and updates are on HERO. Our junior school have been working with Richard as well. This week they were learning about erosion on our mountain and the effects of it in our rivers. Richard created an amazing maunga in Te Repo (our wetland) to illustrate the effects erosion has on our waterways.



JUNIOR SWIMMING

Our junior classes begin swimming in term 4. The lessons are at the New Plymouth Aquatic Centre and all students in year 0-3 will be involved. The lessons begin on Wednesday 5th of November. Each class will get 9 lessons from swimming instructors and students will be put into ability groups. Thank you to the Toi Foundation, Lion Foundation and the Social and Fundraising Committee for funding these important lessons.



COLOUR RUN

The School Colour Run returns on Friday 10th October, from 1:30pm at West End Te Kura ō Morere. This fun event encourages children to be active without competition, featuring obstacle courses designed by Year 6 students. Participants should wear white clothing to highlight the colour powder, which is safe and made from natural ingredients. Parents and whānau are invited to join in the fun, whether running alongside their child or watching. Let's make this year's Colour Run as memorable as last year!



SENSEI SHANE

We were surprised this week by Sensei Shane Wallaceshoskin. He popped in with a donation of his reading books. They are designed to help teach students about dealing with bullies. The books were kindly donated by Proof and Stock. We are so thankful for this wonderful gift for our school.



WHIRIA PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION CHOIR FESTIVAL

Last night eighteen students from our school participated in the Whiria Principals Association Choir Festival held at the TSB Stadium. We were among 19 primary and intermediate schools showcasing their talents. The students performed a selection of classic New Zealand songs, Kiwi Kid favorites, and some popular contemporary hits. This endeavor required significant effort from our students, and their outstanding performance was made possible by the dedication of Jo Ross and Rachel MacAvoy. Our teachers have consistently gone above and beyond for our students. A heartfelt thank you to the whānau who also provided their support last night.

