### SCHOOL

### **NEWS**LETTER

### WEST END TE KURA Ō MŌRERE



### **TERM 2 2023**

Tena Koutou,

Welcome to our first newsletter of term 2 2023. We all hope you have had a safe and enjoyable term break together as a whanau.

This is already shaping up to be a busy term. Please check out the dates and events section on the following page. It outlines all the major events booked in for this term.

Sports exchanges are beginning this term for our year 5&6 students. The students are involved in netball, rugby and football. Occasionally we offer other sports, if the opposition team can field a team.

This term we have our parent conferences where students and parents book times to see their child's teacher to discuss learning and progress. More information will be out next week on how to book. Keep an eye out on Seesaw and email.

# VAS KOVALSKI THE MAGICIAN

We were luck to have a visit from Vas Kovalski this week.

All the students and staff spent an hour in the hall being mesmerized by his roadshow which shared messages about healthy eating.

The tricks and interaction with the students was really engaging. Many students left the hall with big smiles on their faces and lots to say.

This event was funded by the school donation scheme. The government provides funding to schools to pay for events like this, so we do not have to ask parents for money.







### **DATES AND EVENTS**

<u>8 May</u> Fundraising committee meeting in staffroom-7.00pm

Lets Go 'Car Free Day'

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<u>12 May</u> Sports Exchange- Stratford (A) <u>18-29 May</u> Life Education- All classes

23 May St Joes NP Sports exchange (A)

<u>24-25 May</u> Parent Conferences

<u>2 June</u> NZ Playhouse

9 May

<u>5 June</u> Kings Birthday- School closed

<u>6 June</u> Arbor Day planting <u>30 June</u> Last day of term 2

### **WELCOME TO RACHEL**

We are happy to announce the appointment of Rachel MacAvoy as a teacher in our kura. Rachel is going to be the new teacher in room 12, starting in term 3. Rachel is currently teaching at Puketapu school and comes to us after many successful years as a junior teacher. We are looking forward to working together. If you get the chance please make her feel welcome in our school.

#whanaungatanga

## 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.

### **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.



### **WE HAVE BABY NEWS**

Congratulations are in order for Anitra Thwaites in room 7. Anitra and Campbell are expecting their first child in October this year. All the staff are thrilled for Anitra and Campbell and we look forward to becoming aunties and uncles in the future. Congratulations from all of us.







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#### **ANZAC LEARNING**





Our middle school classes had 3 days of ANZAC learning last week. They learnt about life during the 1st world war, baked some ANZAC biscuits, explored trenches and more. Two of our senior school classes visited the cenotaph and lay a wreath on behalf of our school.









### **COMING UP AT DEVON**



### **CAR FREE DAY 9 MAY**



Our school will be celebrating with breakfast (pancakes and fruit) to reward those who make the effort to come to school 'car-free' on ...

### Tuesday 9th May

Note: If your tamariki need to come by car that day, why not try 'park & walk' by parking away from the school and walking the rest of the way. This still makes a difference by giving your child some fresh air and exercise on the way to school, and reduces the traffic immediately outside the school, making it safer and less congested for everyone. Every trip counts!

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