

# WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TE KURA O WHAKAAHU

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### May Newsletter 4/24

#### A note from the Principal:

Kia ora e te whanau



Term 2 is underway and we are excited about what lies ahead. We have 10 weeks for our tamariki to achieve their academic goals for the first half year.

It is a big term. Having your children at school every day excluding sickness and tangihana will give them every chance of achieving their goals.

Here are some important reminders;

- 1) School uniform, children can wear a blue or red thermal under their polo shirt for warmth. Not a skivvy, a thermal. We have them here at school but they are cheaper at the Warehouse and Kmart.
- 2) They can also wear blue or red thermal leggings under their shorts or skirts.  
No random colours just red or blue.
- 3) Hoodies are not part of the school uniform. Sadly, students wear them in an intimidating way. We don't have hoodies at school. Children can wear any jacket to school on cold mornings. We have heat pumps set at a very comfortable temperature so when children arrive at school they are asked to take their jackets off and to put them in the cloakbay.  
On very cold days they wear them outside at break times.
- 4) Beanies are fine, no gang insignia, but beanies are allowed in terms 2 and 3. The tamariki are asked to remove them while indoors, this is out of respect for cultural beliefs.
- 5) Gumboots are fine, we have no requirements around footwear. Slippers are fine for in-class on very cold days.
- 6) If you would like to order a school scarf please pop into the office to get an order form.

We must wear our school uniform with pride. Parents and caregivers, you are the last person to see how your tamariki are presented for school every morning. Please help us to keep up our great standards.

Children with allergies that require an adrenaline injection. If you have a child who could have a severe allergic reaction to something, we need to know. Currently, we have no students identified as having severe allergies. Please inform us if you do. We have a consent form for you to sign so we can administer the adrenaline injection if required.

The school gates open at 8.30 am unless you have an arrangement with your child's teacher. Now it's winter we don't want students out in the rain and cold before 8.30 am. The perfect time to drop your child off is 8.35 am as the gates are open and they can head straight to a warm classroom or breakfast club.

Parent interviews will take place in week 8 of this term. Further information will be shared as it gets closer to the time.

#### FUN FACT

Sunday May 12th is Mothers Day. Mothers Day is a chance to show Mum or Dad how much we love and appreciate all she does.

We are currently taking orders for School Scarves. These are \$22 per scarf and can be ordered through the school office.



NB: School Gates Open at **8:30am** every morning. If you require your tamariki to be on our school grounds before this, please get in touch with their classroom teacher directly to make arrangements.

# Te Kura o Whakaahu Habit Heroes

Habit #5  
 Seek First to Understand then to be Understood.  
 I listen to other peoples ideas without interrupting. I try to see things from their point of view and try to understand how they are feeling, even if it is different from how we think.



**Congratulations to** all our Habit Heroes in Term One, watch this space for the announcements of our Term Two Heroes



Feeding Rotorua provides free hot dinner meals each weeknight at 5:30pm if you are in need of additional food support. There is no criteria for this, and this is open to all in the community. These weeknight meals are located at 1129 Hinemoa Street (the old Cobb & Co and previous Steam restaurant)

## Upcoming events:

Friday May 10 : Mufti Day : to support our Dance Group as they attend the DanceNZMade Competition in Palmerston North

Wednesday May 15 : Guest Speaker Jase Williams 6pm in the KPMSC here at WHPS

Thursday May 23 : Pihinga School Disco :

Friday May 24: Pink Ribbon Mufti Day : to support Breast Cancer NZ

Monday June 6 : Kings Birthday-school closed

## JASE WILLIAMS

BUILDING CONNECTED WHĀNAU

**THERE ARE NO PARENTING OR RELATIONSHIP MANUALS ...WE LEARN AS WE GO.**

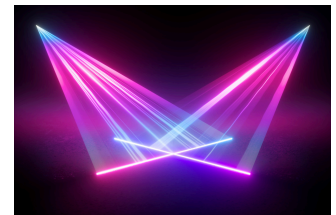
AS ADULTS, WE NEED TO SHOW UP FOR OURSELVES BEFORE WE CAN SHOW UP FOR OUR KIDS AND PARTNERS AT HOME. But what does that mean and what does that look like?

**Come and learn alongside Trauma Informed Education Consultant and former school principal, Jase Williams, who has been working with us; supporting us to better understand both student and adult behaviour.**

Wednesday 15 May  
 6-7.30pm  
 Western Heights Primary School (KPMSC)

🍴 Kai provided      🆓 Free Entry

🎁 x5 Pak'n'Save Vouchers to be won!



Pihinga Waka will be holding a Disco on Thursday May at 6pm in the KPMSC. Dress-up theme to be confirmed so watch this space for the update



## Mufti Day

Friday 10 May

Lets support our school dance group who will be attending a dNZ Competition in Palmerston North Gold coin donation.

Dress up - your favourite hero (someone you admire) eg. sports hero, movie star, superhero, dancer

Prizes for best dressed.



School Assembly is held on Friday afternoons between 1:30 and 2: 30.If you are wanting to pick your tamariki up early, please try and make it either side of these times, as it can be very disruptive for all those involved.



## Pink Shirt Day

Friday 24th May our Kura will be holding a Pink Shirt Mufti Day in support of all those that have been affected by Breast Cancer.

So come along in your Pink Shirt, bring a Gold Coin Donation and help us support the Breast Cancer Foundation of NZ.



Our School Nurse is here Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please feel free to let us know if you would like them to check your tamariki while they are on site



We are a water ONLY school. Please support us by sending your tamariki to school with a Water Bottle

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