

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TE KURA O WHAKAAHU

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

February Newsletter 1/25

Kia ora e te whanau



The first two and a half weeks have been amazing. Our students have settled in so well and the staff at Te Kura o Whakaahu have hit the ground running and are really excited about the year ahead.

We have had a lot of new enrolments, particularly at the junior end of the school.

To all of our new families, welcome, and to our existing families, welcome back.

If you have any 4-year-olds at home that are starting school this year please pop in and pre-enrol. This gives us time to prepare for our new arrivals. We often have to start a new class and on some occasions a second class. Having pre enrolled students allows us to pre plan.

Teacher Only Day This Friday 14 February 2025

The Government has allocated two Teacher Only Days to all schools in New Zealand to help introduce the new English and Math Curriculums. Our first allocated day is this Friday.

The staff will focus on the new Maths Curriculum and the Government's expectations.

We know it's an inconvenience for many of you but it is requirement for all schools to undertake the training.

Thank you for your understanding.

MEET THE TEACHER- This Wednesday, 12 February 2025, 5.30- 6.30 pm.

This is a great opportunity to put a face to the name and get an understanding how things work in your child's classroom.

I will also be available if you would like to catch up with me.

The school gates open at 8.30am. Can I ask all families to ensure their children don't arrive at school before 8.30am. The only exception are families who have organised with their child's classroom teacher for an early entry. Early entry is only for families who begin work before the gates open at 8.30am.

We don't want our tamariki hanging around in the carpark before 8.30am, it is dangerous. It is a very busy area. Thank you for your support.

Our school uniform is cool, and our students look great when it is worn with pride. If you are having problems with your child's uniform, get in contact with Whaea Mel on melanies@whp.school.nz

At the moment our specialist teachers are asking for children to join choir, dance, kapahaka, and the PI Cultural group. Education is so much more fun for our kids if they take up these amazing activities that are on offer.

Just a reminder: my door is always open. if you have any questions about education or life in general, feel free to pop in and have a chat.

The Incredible Years 
 Parents, teachers, and children training series




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The Incredible Years parenting course is due to start on 4 March. and runs from 6pm until 9pm.

This is a 6 week course and can be very beneficial for parents, with evaluations showing that it significantly improves parent-child interactions. The programme is provided by the Ministry of Education at no cost to the participant and is facilitated by trained group leaders.

Classroom Teachers will have brochures in the class this afternoon at the Meet the Teacher event.

To find out more information contact Group Leaders
 Cissie Bennett : Cissiebennett@hotmail.com 0279368232 or
 Erna Cullen : erna.cullen@education.govt.nz Phone 07 3498307 / 0277079766

We have a school bus and Chariot that can provide transport to school outside of our zone if required . Please contact the office if you would like to know more details



Don't forget we have 4 year old classes for those children getting ready to come to our kura.
 For further information call the office and speak with Whaea Teresa .



Stay in touch :

Community Sports :



JUNIOR TENNIS TERM 1 2025




Junior tennis is on every FRIDAY during Term 1 @ Manuka Cres.
 Junior club days are about fun games, with ball and court sizes adjusted for different age groups, and match play when ready. You do not need any equipment to start, just show up and have a go!

Every Friday:


- 3.50-4.15: Primary and Intermediate / New players
- 3.50-5.00: Secondary School and those younger players able to play full matches with normal balls.


Full year membership are available if you try tennis and decide that you like it :-). Besides junior club days, you have access to the tennis courts all year round, Saturday "Interclub" matches, and are invited to join in tournaments. Professional group coaching is also available separately.

Contact Nick | genni951egmail.com

Valentine's Day is a holiday that people celebrate on February 14. It is also called Saint Valentine's Day. On Valentine's Day people greet loved ones, close friends, family members, and classmates by sending them cards called valentines.



 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

