

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL TE KURA O WHAKAAHU

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Kia ora e te Whanau

The new school year has started with real excitement.

Our teachers and tamariki were really happy to be back at school, lots of smiles, lots of enthusiasm.

We have started the year with compulsory masks for Year 4-6 students and we are encouraging our junior school to do the same.

All staff are using masks or visors while teaching.

Schools are now seeing the arrival of Omicron first hand. We are very well prepared for a possible outbreak and if we continue to see an increase in student vaccinations and we continue to mask up, we feel confident we can manage the Covid-19 2022 version.

Within the next two months we are likely to see cases at school. You all have the information sent home with your child. This information gives you the guidance you require if one of the three scenarios occur. If you haven't received the information, please contact the school and we can get it to you.

NEW STAFF

A warm welcome to our 28 new students who joined us last week. It is lovely to have you with us. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Matua Mitchell, Whaea Amy, Whaea Maia, Whaea Billinda and Whaea Angela. They will be fantastic additions to our Kura.

FRONT AND BACK GATES

Gates open at 8.30am. Please ensure your children do not arrive before 8.30am.

If you start work before 8.30am, please contact your child's teacher to organise an early entry.

PLEASE NOTE — EARLY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Tuesday, 22 February at 2pm, Tuesday, 22 March, 2pm.

School will be closed for Teacher Only Day on Friday, 11 March.

FREE CLINIC

For those aged 4-19 with:

- Sore throats
- Sores/Skin infections
- Lice
- Scabies

For all other problems, please visit your usual doctor.

Clinic Hours

***3pm to 6pm Monday –Thursday
3pm to 5pm Friday
No appointments necessary.***

***Western Heights Health Centre
1 Brookland Road
Western Heights***

Ph 022 484 7628

Absences

Please phone the school office, 3488459 or text only mobile number 02108402261.

School Banking

First Credit Union is advising parents that there will be no school banking until further notice, however, you are welcome to set up automatic payments with them. Please contact First Credit Union.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you know with Covid-19, trying to purchase mass quantities of any number is a problem. We are still waiting for our school uniform polo shirts to arrive. We are now out of all sizes of polo shirts, but they have been ordered and hopefully, we will receive our delivery soon. Sorry for the inconvenience.

HAT TERM

Term 1 is a hat term. All children playing outside of the sunsaied area must wear a hat. New Zealand has the worst melanoma rates in the world. The majority of damage done to our skin happens when we are kids. Let's protect our tamariki.

***Drink Bottles:* Hydration is so important for student learning. Without water, our students become lethargic and lack energy, particularly by the afternoon. We have a chilled water dispenser for children to fill their water bottles. Please provide one for your tamariki. We are a 'Water Only' school, so no juice, fizzy etc.**

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your address and/or your contact numbers, please inform the office of the changes as soon as possible.



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