

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TE KURA O WHAKAAHU

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A note from the Principal:

Kia ora koutou katoa



We have had a wonderful start to the year. We have welcomed into our kura so many beautiful children and our new teachers have added another layer of excellence to our core group of high-quality Kaiako. How lucky are we?

Every week our children are given opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities. We currently have students who have opted into our swim team, dance group, kapahaka team, chess club, netball and touch teams and most recently waka ama.

The tamariki who love school the most are the ones who take on new challenges and get involved in things that are on offer. Please look out for the next batch of events that will come up soon.

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.30 am. Having kids hovering around in the main car park before 8.30 am is dangerous. To eliminate that risk, please ensure your tamariki arrive at school at 8.30 am or slightly after. Breakfast club opens at 8.30 am so it's the perfect time to arrive at school.

When school finishes the front car park is chaotic. Can I encourage some of you to arrange to meet your tamariki at the back gate on Thomas Crescent? It is an in-and-out process up there, much smoother than the front entrance. If we can split the volume of traffic, it will be beneficial to everyone.

School trips can only go ahead if we have parents and caregivers to make up the necessary child-to-adult ratios, you also need to be police vet checked before events take place. We have the police vetting forms at the office. It is a simple process. School trips are so much fun, get involved, you will love it.

If you have a spare few hours in your day and you would like to help support learning in our classrooms voluntarily please contact Whaea Megan, Assistant Principal. Having an extra adult to support us is so helpful to our Kaiako. If you have initiative, a smile and love kids, we would love to have you. Again, a police vet check is required.

My door is always open, if you want to see me pop in and have a chat, feel free to do so.



FUN FACT

Did you know that once every 4 years, February has 1 extra day. This is called a Leap Year



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



Watch this space to see our upcoming Te Kura o Whakaahu Heroes



Over the next few weeks we want to introduce our whanau to our kura Habit Heroes. Our Habit Hero below represents Habit 1 "Be Proactive". Being Proactive means we are responsible for ourselves, we are in charge of our actions and reactions.



Upcoming events:

Thursday March 14: Kakano Cake Stall

Tuesday March 19: Paid Union Meeting, school will start at 12pm

Friday March 22: Teacher Only Day

Friday March 29 - Tuesday April 2nd: Easter Break

Friday April 12: End of Term One

Seesaw

Seesaw is our real-time reporting and partnership tool. We report on student progress and achievement through Seesaw in real-time. We no longer have mid-year or end-of-year reports. We look forward to seeing whānau/parents and caregivers engaging and commenting on student progress via Seesaw.



What's been happening in Term One

Kakano Waka hosted a good old western-themed Hoe Down Disco in week 4.



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 .

What's happening in our Community Rotorua Tennis Club is holding Junior Tennis every Friday at 3:30-4:15 for Primary, Intermediate and New Players Contact Deborah on 021335492

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



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