

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2/21

EARLY CLOSING

On Tuesday, 2 March, school will be closing at 2pm as our staff will be involved in Professional Development.

We know that this can be disruptive to some families, however, we really appreciate your support with this as all new learning will be very beneficial to our tamariki.

The school bus and chariot will be running on this day, however, the home time run will begin one hour earlier.

The End of the Day bell rings at 2.53pm.

Whanau, where possible, please help your tamariki to stay in school until the end of the day.

During Alert Level 2, students could be picked up at 2.30pm. At Alert Level 1, students need to be at school until the conclusion of the day, 2.53pm.

Drop off times in the morning:

- *Gates open at 8.30am, children head to class via breakfast club if they wish, and prepare for the start of their school day.*
- *Parents who start work before 8.30am, can arrange with their classroom teacher for an early entry.*

The reasons for this:

Teachers have an extra 6 hours a week to prepare for their classroom teaching. This allows them to head home at around 5.00pm. Teachers work 10 hour days.

Since the 8.30am start, we have not had one incident of poor behaviour before school. Everyone starts the day happy and excited about the day ahead.

Thank you for your support.

FREE CLINIC

For those aged three to nineteen 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 needed.*

*Western Heights Health Centre
1 Brookland Road
Western Heights*

Ph 022 484 7628

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has started again for this year. Please ask your children to bring their bank books to the office before school on Wednesdays.

FOUR YEAR OLD CLASSES

Whaea Anita takes classes for four year olds on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

For further information, please contact the main office.

We reply on parents to support our school trips. For parents to be eligible to attend school trips, they must be police vet checked.

If you need to get that done, we have forms in the school office. It is a simple process but can take a while.

As you are aware, we have two special needs students who are on GPS trackers. The reason for this is they run out of the school grounds onto busy roads and put themselves in danger. Due to this, our school perimeter fencing is locked during the day.

If you are coming to the school, please use the electronic gate at the Clayton Road entrance.

Our free school lunches are up and running and they have been a hit so far this week. We ask all children to give them a go. We call it 5 bites and you are out. After 5 bites and they truly dislike the lunch, they can put it aside.

Our new entrant section of the school has filled up very quickly. We are starting a new junior class on Monday. If you have children turning 5 soon, you need to get up to the school to pre enrol. If we don't know you are coming, space may not be available. Don't miss out.

Lunches are as follows for the next 3 weeks:

Monday	Nachos, grapes, cheese, anzac biscuit
Tuesday	Pork Filled Roll, fruit salad, grapes, cheese
Wednesday	Spaghetti Meatballs, muffin, grapes, cheese
Thursday	Chicken Wraps, bliss ball, grapes, cheese
Friday	Meatballs and Mash, biscuit, grapes, cheese

St Mary's School Gala: St Mary's School is having their Gala on Thursday, 4 March from 4.00pm — 7.00pm, Rain, Hail or Shine.

Kauria Te Moana Free Children's Swim Clinic (7-10 yrs) Children must be able to swim 100m in a pool without stopping. The Kauria Te Moana Swim Clinic is being held at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre and Lake Okareka on 13 March 2021. Numbers are limited to 100 children. Each child will receive entry to the pool and lake swim safety clinic, lunch and snacks on the day of the clinic and a free Kauria Te Moana t-shirt. Registrations: <https://event.registernow.io/KauriaTeMoana>

Ngongotaha Sports and Community Association Inc is inviting all new and returning Junior Rugby players to register NOW for the 2021 season.

Registration is easy and can be completed online at www.sporty.co.nz/nsca (click 'junior rugby' tab). \$40 per player which includes a mouthguard and boot bag. Playing in a team sport helps to build confidence, learn new skills and make friendships in a fun environment. For more information, email: nscajab@gmail.com

Kahukura Junior Rugby 2021 Muster: Kahukura JAB are holding their registration days for all current and new players who wish to play this season at the Clubrooms on Pukuatua Street. Saturday, 6 March, 9am-12pm & Wednesday, 10 March, 3.30pm-6pm. \$40 per player, 021810005.