

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL TE KURA O WHAKAAHU

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Kia ora o te Whanau

We have had such a great start to Term 2. Yesterday, I got to visit classes and our tamariki were just loving their learning. Rm 18 learning the recorder; Rm 4 clay work; Rm 12 building and Design; Gifted and Talented Journalism class; Gifted and Talented Visual Arts group; Gifted and Talented Dance class; Planet studies in Rm 2; ESports and Pihinga Waka involved in learn to swim classes. Awesome teaching and awesome learning.

There is a feeling that things are starting to return to some form of normality. Covid-19 is still around and will be for sometime. It is important we continue to meet the Health requirements at school.

- Masks are no longer mandatory but we strongly encourage all Year 4-6 students to wear masks during indoor learning time.**
- Year 4-6 students must wear a mask in full school assemblies.**
- Hand sanitising is important. Children are encouraged to hand sanitise when leaving the classroom and re entering the classroom.**
- Parents can now come to school again. It is so nice to have whanau back in our kura. On entry, you must wear a mask.**
- Because our juniors and now some of our seniors are not wearing masks, social distancing has an added importance. Children are asked to stay out of the breath zone of other children.**
- Please can you provide your child with a drink bottle. We have a water dispenser for the children and they can fill their bottle with cold, filtered water. Drinking fountains at this time are a little risky.**

Other than that, it is life at the moment.

If you have a device at home and you are looking for activities to entertain your kids, jump onto codingnz.com/signup

There is a free trial coding lessons for kids. If you don't know what coding is, get your kids to show you. It is building important skills for the future.

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**

School Banking

First Credit Union has advised that they will continue to pick up school banking.

Please have your child's bankbook handed into the office by Wednesday of each week.

Thank you.

The front gate at 2.53pm currently is absolutely chaotic. The end of the school day has returned to 2.53pm - no early exits.

Most children are picked up from school. The number walking seems to get smaller every year.

With that, it has put huge pressure on the Clayton Road carpark. On some days, the queue goes around into Thomas Crescent. It is not great.

There are two other options for pick up, one using the Thomas Crescent pickup bay. It is not busy and the pick ups run like clockwork. Two, parking down Clayton Road off the yellow lines and have your children walk down to your car.

If everyone continues to use the Clayton Road carpark, then we will continue to have long queues and traffic congestion.

ATTENDANCE

We have had two years of Covid-19 and attendance for many children has been really concerning.

If children are not at school, then we cannot teach them. A day without learning is a lost opportunity.

Please get your children to school, they love it and they need to be here!

If there are problems getting your tamariki to school, please contact us and we may be able to help.

The following children have completed their Number 1 Click Cards.

Olivia Job Shivam Manu Teru Carson T-Jay Smith Jean Crease Aisha Fraser
Nellie Hira Ezra Horan Hayne Hunt Lilly Duthie Tara Ngatai Aronui Wiki
Abbie King Rome Te Paea Mikaira Allen Kyzah Green Hirani Wati
Eli Martin Leon Drake JJ Crease Hori Rikiti AJ Tipene Aura Welsh
Baylor Kidwell Miya Buckley Pages Nikora Rosie Waiapu Johnny Eru
Mana Reuben Andre Sisley Kyle Zinsley Mana Tumata David McLean
Acez Simiona Isaiah Holani Domonic Brown Duran Te Pairi Aneko Maruera
Kyro Uri Elijah Campbell Jay-Lee Nixon Dayton Mulcahy Sidney Tutauha
Kahu Tuhura Clinton Vannak Isabella Duthie Trina Lambert Maea Waiapu
Jackson Blackburn Rita Harbottle Hayden Akurangi Wikitoria Tutauha
Zephaniah Wade Ataahua Waretini Christopher Clarke Bhavya Segvakar
Jayde Angel-Mihaka Kymarli Unuwai Nuala Haumaha Lilith Howard-Mills
Elka-Rae Nicholls Harlyn Smith-Raroa Jaydeen Tarei-Ripia Matariki Te Roihi
Bentley Paul Te Rongomau Tautari Tyson Rio-le Noel Kihiroa Merito Huriwai
Rimu Crallan Harlyn Corbett Sophia Poto Izrael Hamon Dominic Tumata
Tyson Wikiriwhi Ria Waiapu Navahra-Rose Tamiau Te Hano Metuataopu
Paige Hancock Leeyah McRae Lexus Ohlson Peyton Portland Laurel Waldon
Magnus Wilson Taylor Ohlson Rianna Ngauora Dannielle Hira April Vannak
Jake Nicholas Breeze Wairau Aterea Walker Van Anstiss Lochlyn Collier
Tama Matapa Upoko Tiwha McRae Tymiah-Lee Unuwai Compton Wairau
Kitana-leigh Atkinson Isobella Manahi Shareen Poaru Kymani Haumaha-Pere
Jouri Holland Sa-Tarryn Raroa-Molnar Naveen Kahu Locklyn Row Woods
Cordell Agnew Portland Keanu Royal Kasharna Te Roihi Sophie Hartfield
Khaliyah-Rei Hona-Rukuata Rawiri Kohiti Rapana La'Chae Solomon-Meelker
Tomairangi Skipper-Muru Kere Collier Camiera Williams Ali-Jackson Wikingi
Ngapera Poumako-Edwards Kasey Ohlson Colton Sykes Philomena Fidow
Ce-zareian-Juno Ngawhika-Werahiko Ysabel Drake Rana Conmee-Evetts
Neriah-Jo'Dhea Christie-Skinner Korei Waaka Dyhan Patel Connell Donnelly

Have

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