

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A note from the Principal:

Kia ora e te whanau

The term is very quickly disappearing, two and a half weeks left with easter in-between.

Matua Simon will be running an afterschool Physical Education Programme from 3:00pm until 5:00pm every day next term. If it is successful it will continue for the rest of the year. The cost will be \$10.00 per day per student. A maximum of 20 students. Look out for the panui and seesaw notification. It is cheap after -school care. Panui will have all the details you need. It will be sent out tomorrow.

A Lovely Story. In room 12, a year 5 and 6 classroom, they are holding an election to select children who will be put forward to potentially become a school prefect. The voting is tied between two students. The casting vote was Baileys. Bailey happened to be one of the 2 children tied. His vote would either put himself through or he could vote for Evan, the other child and he would go through. Both boys have been working hard to achieve this honour. Bailey cast his vote and he voted for Evan. When asked why he voted for Evan he said "Evan has been working so hard for this, he deserves it".

Bailey is a 10-year-old student, I am so proud of him, for thinking of others before himself. What a fantastic lesson for us all.

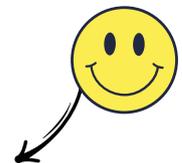
Today our Duathlon team were at the Rotorua competition, our swim team is at the interschool champs on April 3, and Celebrations Assemblies 10 April. When results are available, I will share them with you.

It is with a sad heart that I announce Whaea Tayla and Whaea Maia will be leaving us at the end of term. Whaea Tayla along with her family are moving to the Gold Coast in Australia and Whaea Maia is relocating to London. They will be very missed. We are also fortunate to announce the arrival of Whaea Alison who will go into Room 19 and Whaea Kelly will replace Whaea Maia in her role. We lose two exceptional teachers and we gain two exceptional teachers.



FUN FACT

Did you know that more than 1.5 million Cadbury Creme Eggs are made every day, that's about 500 million every year



School Assembly is held on Friday afternoons between 1:30 and 2:30. If you are wanting to pick your tamariki up early, please try and make it either side of these times, as it can be very disruptive for all those involved.

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

Habit #4
Think Win Win helps us to look at the overall outcome for all involved in our decisions. Its about co-operating instead of competing, considering the mutual benefits and need for a positive solution.



Congratulations to

Kye-Kelly Nicolls, Iesha Brown, Reizarn Matauri, Shayden Brogden, Taimana Whare



Feeding Rotorua provides free hot dinner meals each weeknight at 5:30pm if you are in need of additional food support.

There is no criteria for this, and this is open to all in the community.

These weeknight meals are located at 1129 Hinemoa Street (the old Cobb & Co and previous Steam restaurant)

Upcoming events:

Friday March 29 - Tuesday April 2nd:
Easter Break

Saturday April 6: WHPS Market Day-
see details below

Friday April 12: End of Term One

Monday April 30: First Day of Term Two



SPORTS RAP WITH Matua Mitchell and Whaea Rachel

A few weeks ago, Te Kura o Whakaahu participated in the Rotorua rugby league 9's tournament. Our team played amazing coming away from the tournament undefeated. Standouts from the tournament were Indiviah, Iesha, Annie, Alijah, Eli and our player of the tournament Haize. Team list: Moziis, Alijah, Maggie, Iesha, Annie, Cassius, Eli, Kyzah, Marley, Haize, Indiviah, Mikaira.

On Tuesday 26 April, some of our Tamariki took part in a Duathlon at Waipa.

This included 2 events that were a 500m Run-3km MTB -500m Run and a 1.5km Run-8km MTB- 500m Run. It was a very fun day had by all and much thanks to Whaea Racheal, Whaea Libbee and the volunteers that were able to help and support our Tamariki participate.



April Market Day

Saturday 6th April

8am til 12pm

Variety of stalls including home made crafts, baking, second hand goods, sausage sizzle, and more!

Got something to sell? Stalls are \$10 each, email ngahoawhps@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Money raised helps to fund projects for our school



Matua Josh & Whaea Anna

Waiariki
Mana
Ake

These two wonderful Kaimahi are here to work with our tamariki and whanau to support wellbeing.

Please contact Whaea Melanie for more details.



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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

