



West Park School

Te Kura O Papa Hauāuru

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Kia ora, Talofa, Kia orana,

Greetings Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. Staff would like to thank the many parents and caregivers that attended last term's Matariki event. Food was plentiful, company was lovely, and what the kids shared was wonderful.

You will have read in the Board Newsletter earlier this week that Philippa Matla has been appointed Deputy Principal at St Pius X School in Titahi Bay, commencing on Monday 19th of August. This is a very exciting career opportunity for Philippa and one in which we wish her the very best.

Recruiting for the Year 3/4 team leader vacancy began during the last holidays, with applications having closed Monday of this week. The recruiting agency presented the recruitment team with a number of CVs to review and consider. On reviewing the submitted applications, the team decided not to make an appointment but instead asked the recruitment agency to re-list the job advertisement. In the meantime, Amy Bos who is on leave has agreed to return, to take up a team leader position leading the Year 3/4 team **until the end of term 3**, whilst recruiting efforts continue. It would have been great to have been able to have made a permanent appointment, however, in the interim it is fantastic news that Amy is able to help out during this time. Amy is known to most of the kids and families, having taught many during 2017 and 2018. I will let you all know when a permanent appointment is made.

Further exciting news was shared this week, with the announcement that Emily Osborn and her husband are due to have their first child. They are both very excited and we wish them both the very best, as they move into a new and exciting (and tiring) chapter of their lives. Emily will be taking maternity leave beginning term 4 and is then planning to return sometime during 2020.

Our school roll has again grown much faster than we had hoped, causing us to have to plan for a further New Entrants roll growth class. The new classroom (Room 19) will be starting on Monday the 19th of August, with Maree MacIver having been appointed in a fixed term capacity. Maree is well known to many and is looking forward to having her own class.

Due to the shortage of teaching space Room 19 will be located in the current school staffroom. This will have the staffroom relocated to the hall.

STUDENT VOICE

Name:

Daisy

Team: Kahikatea



- **What are the two best things about West Park School?**
"Playing with friends and having fun."
- **How could we improve our school?**
"by planting flowers all around the school."
- **What do you do to make our school a better place for everyone?**
"I'm nice to people."
- **What do you want to be when you grow up?**
"A dancing teacher."
- **What are the two best things about being you?**
"My name and that I'm a caring person."

Name:

Dylan

Team: Rimu



- **What are the two best things about West Park School?**
"Playing and my friends."
- **How could we improve our school?**
"by having shared lunches every week and having a giant climbing structure."
- **What do you do to make our school a better place for everyone?**
"I let people join into games, and help people who might get hurt."
- **What do you want to be when you grow up?**
"Not sure yet."
- **What are the two best things about being you?**
"My good friends and my nice classroom."

Name:

Umme

Team: Miro



- **What are the two best things about West Park School?**
"Writing and playing."
- **How could we improve our school?**
"By everyone doing good things and trying our best."
- **What do you do to make our school a better place for everyone?**
"I make good choices."
- **What do you want to be when you grow up?**
"A basketball player."
- **What are the two best things about being you?**
"I'm nice and kind."

Name:

Kirana

Team: Totara



- **What are the two best things about West Park School?**
"Cross country races and discos."
- **How could we improve our school?**
"By having a gardening group."
- **What do you do to make our school a better place for everyone?**
"I pick up rubbish."
- **What do you want to be when you grow up?**
"A police officer."
- **What are the two best things about being you?**
"How I help my dad build a house."

Students have been busy preparing for this year's Artsplash events. This year our Year 3/4 students are taking part in the Wellington Artsplash MUSIC festival, at the Michael Fowler Centre on **Monday, 16 September beginning at 7.30pm**. We also have a group of year 5 to 6 students taking part in the Wellington Artsplash DANCE festival, at the Michael Fowler Centre on **Thursday, 19 September beginning at 7.45pm**. Tickets for both events will be \$5 per person per event (students performing do NOT need a ticket!). When the tickets are available for purchase a separate communication will be sent out from the school office. It is anticipated that the communication will go out in 2-3 weeks.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

The 2019 donation being requested is as follows.

One child: \$220

Two children: \$440

Three children: \$660

Please note that the school donation is completely voluntary, however, if you are in a position to make one it is greatly appreciated because it makes a huge difference to what we are able to offer all our students. A school donation is also partially tax deductible.



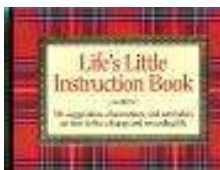
Road Patrol Parent Helpers Needed

We are **desperate to hear** from any parents who during term 3 are able to volunteer 30-45 minutes for one morning a week or 20-25 minutes for one afternoon a week, to go on a roster to help with road patrol supervision.

If you are able to help we would very much appreciate it. Please email Donna Curran-Green on donnacg@westpark.school.nz

JUST FOR FUN!

A COUPLE OF ITEMS FROM LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK



- Be cautious about lending money to friends. You might lose both.
- Never cut what can be untied.

NEW STUDENTS

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed Icazia, Linda, Nazim, Ryan, Charlise and Hamish to Room 18, also Nzisa to Room 2. A warm welcome to you all and your families. We hope that you all have a great start at school!

Have a great final week of term.

Luis Echegaray
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 29 July

Wednesday, 7 August

Friday, 9 August

Monday, 12 August

Thursday, 15 August

Monday, 19 August

Monday, 9 September

Monday, 9 September

Friday, 13 September

Monday, 16 September

Thursday, 19 September

Monday, 23 September

Tuesday, 24 September

Friday, 27 September

- School Badminton programme (Term 3)
- Life Education Van on site until 16 August
- Mid-Year progress reports sent home
- Years 3/4 - St John's First Aid
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- Board meeting @ 6pm in Room 15
- Dental Van on site until 27 Sept
- Years 1 and 2 visiting the ASB Centre
- Orange Day parade (Road patrollers)
- ArtSplash (Choir)
- DanceSplash
- BoT meeting @ 6pm in Room 15
- Science Roadshow
- Last day of Term 3

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WE VALUE



OUR PURPOSE

To provide all students with opportunities to become highly successful individuals within a safe, dynamic, caring and contemporary learning environment that promotes respect for oneself and others.



SCHOOL NOTICES



LUCKY BOOK CLUB: Orders for issue 5 close on Friday, 2nd August. Orders can be made online through the Scholastic Loop set-up or cash orders can be given to Mrs Ayres in Room 2. Our school gets 20% of all purchases to buy books and resources for classroom use.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



RAROA NORMAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – YEAR 7 IN 2020

Raroa Normal Intermediate School is now accepting enrolments for 2020. Please go to the school website www.raroa.school.nz to complete an electronic enrolment form.

Out of zone applications close 3pm Friday 30 August 2019. Parents of students who live within the home zone should apply by Friday 23 August to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

MARSDEN SCHOOL – YEAR 7 IN 2020

A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 7, 2020

Key dates for enrolment at Marsden School in 2020:

Open Mornings (tour the school, ask questions and find out about Marsden's Visible Wellbeing approach and their programmes): 16 August 2019, 25 October 2019, 8.45am-12pm.

Personal tours/a day in class for your daughter: at a time that suits you, please call Enrolment Registrar Sonia Stinson on 476 8707 to organise.

Enrolment for 2020 – places are filling now, apply to enrol at marsden.school.nz

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS

Fire and Emergency NZ are endeavouring to reduce the incidence and consequences of residential property fires. The approach of the *Free Home Fire Safety Visit* initiative is to educate families on home fire safety, working smoke alarms and safe meeting places. Annually Fire and Emergency NZ attend an average of 5226 residential property fires, resulting in 262 injuries and 19 fatalities. The average house can become totally involved in fire within 5 minutes, unsurvivable in as little as 3 min and reach temperatures in excess of 1200 degrees Celsius (4 times hotter than the average oven).

In Wellington, we would like make a start by offering *Free Home Fire Safety Visits* to families with school children and the also the elderly. For more information or to book a free visit, contact your local fire station or email: FENZwellington@fireandemergency.nz



KELLY SPORTS TERM 3 – Starts in Week 2!

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Play Like a Sports Hero! (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try 2 weeks of: *Football, Hockey, Basketball and Turbo Touch*. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.



BIGAIR GYMSPORTS TAWA

Cartwheels, Walkovers, Flips, Kongs, Handstands, Barrel Rolls, Handsprings - it's all here at Bigair Gym! Kids love learning a vast range of skills in **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour and Cheerleading!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests. These classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn extensive personal skills, including increased self-confidence, self-determination, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem and much more! BOOK NOW for TERM 3! Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz

SHUT UP & DANCE DANCE FITNESS CLASS

Shut Up & Dance is a fun, relaxed dance-fitness class where there's NO MIRRORS! (Hooray!) You'll come away having learnt a routine inspired by a film, musical or music video. From Beyoncé to Bruno Mars to Napoleon Dynamite to the Bee Gees - we are about how good it feels to dance, not how it looks.

J'Ville Community Centre on Monday's at 7.45pm or Ngaio Scout Hall on a Tuesday 9.30am

Intro offer - 2 x for \$25 or come along casually for \$20 a class. For more info, visit www.shutupanddance.co or check us out on Facebook or Instagram @shutupanddancenz

TAWA JUNIOR FLOORBALL:

This term we are running a weekly floorball training session at Tawa Rec Centre.

For year 3-year 8 boys and girls - no experience necessary and all equipment is provided

July 24th - September 25th

Wednesdays 4:15-5:30pm

Cost: \$20 per term or \$3 per casual session

To register for term 3 please email Sophie at admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz

If you are interested in coming along for a trial session or casually please get in touch via email or facebook

PLEASE NOTE: We generally advertise in Community Notices activities that are local and child oriented. We cannot however guarantee the quality of these activities