



West Park School

Te Kura O Papa Hauāuru

Every student matters, every moment counts.

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Kia ora, Talofa, Kia orana,

Greetings Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

This week saw the opening of our latest role growth classroom (Room 19). Maree and her small group of kids (3☺) have had a lovely week and looking forward to the new students due to start over the coming weeks.

Thanks to the staff who have given up their staffroom to give room 19 a teaching space. Staff are now sharing the hall with the many other activities that utilize the space.

Life Education Van visit



It has been fantastic having The Life Education Van and Harold onsite during the past week. Students and staff alike have appreciated the expertise, perspective and programmes that the children are involved in.

Developing Childrens' Vocabularies

We want every child to enjoy environments in which words are not only noticed and appreciated, but also savoured and celebrated. From an early age, children can enjoy new or unusual words and use them in speech and writing. The key for parents is paying attention to what words *mean* – and how they *work*.

Phonology

For young children, learning about how words work begins with the sounds of words. You can play with sounds through activities like listening to and chiming in on rhymes and songs and clapping the syllables in long words and short words.

Orthography

This is the bridge between spoken and written words, and children can build words and notice what happens when they add and subtract letters – for example, *set* becoming *sent* becoming *tent* with the addition and substitution of letters. This can become a game to challenge the whole family.

Morphology

Children discover the meanings within words, often through Greek and Latin roots, for example, *-er*, *-or*, and *-ist* denoting 'someone who' as in *dancer*, *actor*, and *naturalist*, and *-spect* meaning 'to look at' as in *inspect*, *inspector*, *perspective*, *retrospective*, and *spectacular*. Children enjoy homophones like *coarse* and *course*, *medal* and *meddle*.

Syntax

Children enjoy exploring verb and noun forms, for example, *inspire/inspiration*, *illustrate/illustration*, getting the feel of parts of speech and how words can move from one use to another.

The first step is choosing high-quality reading books. You can look for and talk about the new words children encounter in books and can understand from their own experiences,

but may not hear or use in conversation. The next steps are introducing words in ways that help children make sense of them and getting children interacting with the words in interesting ways. Reading poems, singing songs, listening to the words in television shows and on the radio are all chances to spot new words.

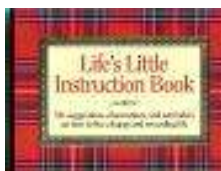
SOME STEPS TO USE WITH A NEW WORD

- Explain the meaning of the word in the story.
- Repeat the word together several times.
- Write down the word so you can look at its shape and letters together.
- Think of other contexts or uses for the word.
- Use various forms of the word.

Use the word when you are talking and explain its meaning again if necessary

JUST FOR FUN!

A COUPLE OF ITEMS FROM LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK



- Never underestimate the power of words to heal and reconcile relationships.
- Call your mother.

NEW STUDENTS

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed Alexa and Holly to Room 18, Misha, Louis and Ethan to Room 19 also Nayla to Room 7. 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, 26 August	-	Years 3 and 4 visiting the ASB Centre
Friday, 30 August	-	Northern Zone Swimming Competition
Monday, 9 September	-	Dental Van on site until 27 Sept
Monday, 9 September	-	Years 1 and 2 visiting the ASB Centre
Friday, 13 September	-	Orange Day parade (Road patrollers)
Monday, 16 September	-	ArtSplash (Choir)
Thursday, 19 September	-	DanceSplash
Monday, 23 September	-	BoT meeting @ 6pm in Room 15
Tuesday, 24 September	-	Science Roadshow
Friday, 27 September	-	Last day of Term 3

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.

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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



LOST PROPERTY

The lost property is displayed in the hall today Friday, 23 August. Due to the hall being used before and after school, the items will be displayed from 9.00am and packed up at 2.30pm. Please come down and have a look through the lost property items as there is a large amount of unclaimed clothing, hats, lunch boxes/drink bottles and a variety of other items. All unclaimed items will be bundled up at the end of the day and donated to charity.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB: *Orders for issue 6 close on Friday, 30th 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.*

SICKNESS... a reminder if your child is absent from school. Please ring in on 478-7074 each day your child is away from school and leave a clear message on our answerphone with your child's name, room no. and reason for absence. Alternatively you can email us at office@westpark.school.nz. This will save the office staff valuable time from having to ring parents as we need to ensure that your children are safe each day. Thank you.

THANK YOU! TO ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF OHARIU

Thank you to Altrusa International of Ohariu for the coding books donated to our school library. Altrusa is a service organisation that was founded in the USA just over 100 years ago. They contribute to the community through hands-on service, literacy projects, fundraisers and international outreach. Altrusa International of Ohariu is a brand new club that covers a similar geographic area to the Ohariu electorate in Wellington.



Their project "Get set for a brighter future" aims to provide sets of literacy resources that empower women and children to develop new skills, extend their knowledge, and understand the opportunities that are created through education. Altrusa have purchased sets of instructional readers for Linden Primary School, sets of novels for the Arohata Prison Library Book Club, and sets of books that represent women in technology for local primary and intermediate school libraries, providing a total of over 250 brand-new books to our local community.

"We hope that the books we are donating to your school will provide positive role models for girls who may be encouraged to pursue STEM careers, and offer teachers a wider variety of teaching resources. We welcome new ideas and aim to provide flexibility so that our members can give their time in a way that works for them. Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of each month in central Johnsonville. Guests are always welcome; contact the Club President to arrange a no obligation visit and see what Altrusa is all about!"

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball Competition – REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or our Netball Summer Series Leagues. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Netball at Samuel Marsden (Karori) & Karori Normal School beginning 25 October 2019. There is a break over Christmas then we start up again in term 1 2020. It's a great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months. For full details and to enrol your team visit www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports email summerseries@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

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.

INTERNATIONAL SPRINGBOARD DIVING AT KILBIRNIE POOL

Come & be inspired at the Pacific Junior Diving Championships this weekend at Kilbirnie Pool – 23-25 August. Over 60 young divers, aged 12-18yrs, from around the Pacific region will compete in this inaugural event. Three Wellington divers join the New Zealand team competing against teams from Malaysia, Adelaide, Sydney & Queensland. See www.wellingtondiving.org.nz for more details or contact Barbara on 027 485 8888

Junior Softball for ages 5 - 14 - Registration with Johnsonville Junior Softball Club is open on the 25th August (via <https://www.sporty.co.nz/jvillesc/>). Subs are \$70 per player with full uniform provided. Further details available on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jvillescjuniors/> OR contact johnsonvillejuniorsoftball@gmail.com or phone Sue 027 276 0644.

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

SPRING HOLIDAYS AT BROOKLYN – 2 BELL ROAD

30th Sep – 11th Oct 2019 from 7.00am-7pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$240 per cub/week or \$450 for two or more siblings/week. WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz or Visit our Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare](https://www.facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare)

Bus network review request

Metlink would like to engage with our community to promote a series of neighbourhood drop-in workshops. The workshops are designed to get customer ideas for improvements to the Metlink bus routes and services in Wellington city. They will look to address the rest of the region next year.

Just over a year ago some big changes were made to the Metlink bus network. They are now checking in with their customers to find out what is working well, and what still needs to be fine-tuned. There are still

some issues in some parts of the network, but the more detailed feedback they get from customers, the better they can address those problems.

Engagement is being organised by city area. They have just completed the engagement for the Eastern suburbs of Wellington city and now have a set of local neighbourhood drop-in workshops for Southern, Western and Northern suburbs. In addition there are two city centre drop-in workshops that cover all city areas, these are also for Eastern suburbs customers to have another chance to come and have their say.

If you can't make a local session, then you can give feedback through an online survey, just go to [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](https://www.metlink.org.nz/busreview) from Friday 23 August onwards.

NORTHERN SUBURBS - Friday 6 September: Johnsonville Community Centre – Trust Room (3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville): **11am to 6.30pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/869581243441874/>

Saturday 14 September: Khandallah Presbyterian Church (33 Ganges Road, Khandallah): **11am to 5pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/396421974411460/>

CITY CENTRE - Sunday 8 September: Thistle Hall Community Centre (cnr Cuba & Arthur Street, Te Aro): **11am to 6pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/430418847560104/>

Wednesday 11 September: Victoria University of Wellington School of Business- Mezzanine Floor, (Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Pipitea): **11am to 6.30pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/405322393424309/>

To get more information and to sign up for project updates go to: [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](https://www.metlink.org.nz/busreview)



The flyer for German School Wellington features a blue header with a sun icon and the text 'lesen schreiben sprechen' in a red and yellow box. Below the header, the title 'GERMAN SCHOOL WELLINGTON' is written in large, bold, black letters. The main body of the flyer is yellow and contains several paragraphs of text. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of three children playing. At the bottom, there is a blue footer with the text 'Der Spaß steht an erster Stelle.' in white.

Do you have or know of a German-speaking child keen to improve their German-speaking, reading, and writing in a fun, playful environment?

The German Language School Wellington is now at Karori West Normal school, Wednesdays from 16:00 – 17:00 - <https://www.dswellington.org/>

We are a parent initiative aimed at teaching reading, writing, conversation and grammar to German-speaking kids from the age of 5yrs+.
Our classes are engaging and fun and include loads of different media, including German primary school workbooks, and games.

We currently have 5 classes of up to 10 kids each, ranging from 5-16 years.
Our families come from all over Wellington, the biggest group is from Karori.
We keep lessons affordable: about \$10/session - ca \$100/term.

Please note that unfortunately, we cannot offer classes of "German as a foreign language".
Our students already speak German as one of their mother tongues.

As part of our move to KWNS, we warmly welcome new students!
All ages 5+ welcome!

If you're interested, please contact us at:
paul.aschenberger@gmail.com, or 021 244 6987

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