

# WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TE KURA O WHAKAAHU

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*Kia ora koutou e te whanau*

*It is hard to believe, but we are virtually ½ way through our first school term. Time moves so quickly.*

*Attendance is currently our number 1 issue. We need our tamariki at school every day. If they are sick or need to attend a tangi, then that is a justified absence.*

*Really, other than that they need to be at school. Our teachers are outstanding, and if they can have your tamariki in front of them every day, I am confident progress will be significant.*

*Education needs to be a priority in your home.*

### DISCO

*A huge thank you to everyone who supported the school disco last week. We had almost all of the school there and the kids went out of their way to dress up for the Hawaii themed event. So much fun, and marvelous to see so many parents / caregivers in attendance. We have one planned for every term.*

### SICK CHILDREN

*After putting out a plea to get our tamariki to school, it is ironic that I am now saying sick children must stay home. If we have students presenting unwell, we will ask you to pick up your child. Covid-19 is still around.*

*We are not medical experts, we are all trained in first aid, but not medical. We won't make a diagnosis, we just require you to pick them up and you then need to seek medical advice. When they are well, straight back to school.*

*Thank you to all the families for the way you are presenting your children each day. The kids look so good when they wear their uniform with great pride.*

### 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

*Monday –Thursday  
3pm to 6pm*

*Friday 3pm to 5pm*

*No appointments necessary.*

*Western Heights Health  
Centre*

*1 Brookland Road  
Western Heights*

*Ph 022 484 7628*

### Absences

*Please phone the school  
office, 3488459*

### Term 1 is a Hat Term.

*All children are required to wear a hat while out at play. If they forget their hat, they play under the huge sunsailed areas we have available.*

*If they wish to play outside of the sunsailed areas, a hat is the requirement. Caps, brimmed hats, but no beanies.*

***I want to take this opportunity to thank Ka Pai Kai for the quality of lunches they provide to our students. They do an amazing job. Every lunch has nutritional value and provide our tamariki with opportunities to try new things.***

***We have 5 bites and you are out rule. All kids get lunch, all children are asked to give the lunch a go and generally the kids mow them down. If they are unsure, they have 5 bites and if they don't like it they don't eat it. By having this rule, it encourages the kids to try new things and often after they try it, they really like it.***

***Ka Pai Kai take on the kid's suggestions and are very willing to listen to us and look for ways to do things better. A big thank you to them.***

### **ROAD PATROL**

***A big high 5 to my awesome Road Patrollers! They are out in all weather, they are prepared — a great group of kids. Thanks so much.***

### **SCHOOL GATES**

***The School Gates open at 8.30am. Please do not drop your children off before the gates open. The exception is if you start work before 8.30am, contact your child's teacher for an early entry.***

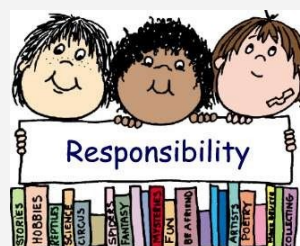
### **MAHURI WAKA CAMP**

***At the beginning of November, Mahuri Waka, (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 12, 16) will be going on school camp to Lakes Ranch.***

***The total cost of the camp is approximately \$200 per person, however, we are asking whanau to contribute \$50 per child and the kura will be fundraising the additional money. As soon as you are able, please make part payment or full payment to the office.***

### **THINK WIN — WITH UNIFORM**

***Do you have any uniform at home your whanau is no longer using or grown out of? If so, we would love to receive it for children at school. Please consider donating it to our school office so that we can utilise it for other children. This includes, shorts, skorts, t'shirts, fleeces and jackets.***



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