

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

For the past 6 weeks of school our attendance rate has been at 87%. That is so good. Having our students at school regularly gives our teachers every opportunity to lift their achievement levels.

Since Monday and the bad weather, that percentage has dropped away. Bad weather cannot be used as a reason to keep your tamariki at home. We have 4 months of rough weather ahead with winter on our doorstep.

A day without learning is a lost opportunity. Education is the gateway to a successful, happy life.

I would like to welcome Whaea Kayla to the Western Heights Primary School team. Whaea Kayla is our own personal truancy support Worker. For our families who are struggling to get their tamariki to school, Whaea Kayla will be in touch. She will be doing home visits to offer support. Look out for her.

The annual Parent Survey has been distributed via Seesaw. The survey covers many things that happen at WHPS and we want your input to assist us to meet the communities needs. If you complete the survey you go into the draw to win a \$50 4 Square voucher. A hard copy of the survey is available at the office.

Our school roll has had a big spike to start the term. We are now up to 423 students and we are only starting term 2. If you are in zone you have automatic entry to our kura. If you are out of zone and have preschoolers who hope to enrol with us, you need to do it ASAP. We have a ballot once per month. Even if your child won't start until October you can reserve a place via the ballot system now.

Spaces available for out of zone tamariki :

Yr 0/1 Open

Yr 2 10

Yr 3 8

Yr 4 5

Yr 5/6 zero

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**

SCHOOL GATES

Just a reminder, the school gates open at 8:30 am. Now the bad weather has arrived it is really important our tamariki arrive at school at 8:30am or slightly after. Kids out in the rain is not good.

If you start work before 8:30am and you required your child to enter school earlier than 8:30am, please contact your child's teacher and they will make it happen.



Congratulations to our rock climbing team who represented the school in the competition in Tauranga on Tuesday. Whaea Marnel said the group represented the school with mana and displayed top quality attitudes. Well done team.

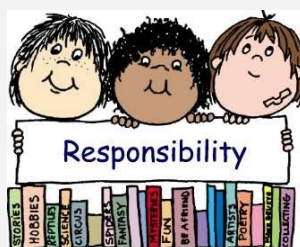
MAHURI WAKA CAMP

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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