



NEWSLETTER

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FROM CATH'S DESK

Kia ora koutou e te whanau.

What an 'interesting' start to the school year we have had. Hopefully we can put the extreme weather behind us and get on with the learning. We welcome new whanau to our school and hope they enjoy Westport and all it has to offer.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone many events already this Term but we are in the process of firming up new dates and we will publish these as soon as we are able. We do have a new date for the Tabloid Sports- Tuesday 10th April. Top Team will be the week before but as yet we are unsure of the day.

The Education Review Office is visiting the school on the 12, 13 and 14th March, we are looking forward to sharing our amazing school students and staff with them. We will be welcoming them on Monday 12th at 2pm if you would like to attend.

You may be aware of the national crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and the children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching.

Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our kura are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign called *Kua Tae Te Wa- It's Time* to address these issues.

Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we will attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their up-coming collective agreement negotiations.

The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend. To reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and whanau, we will be sending half our staff to the morning meeting and the remainder to the afternoon meeting. This will cause the least disruption to the children's day and ensure there are enough staff to maintain the school.

These meetings are scheduled for **Wednesday 21st March.**

Our tamariki deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities.

Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

The first Willian Pike Challenge is scheduled for this Friday, hopefully the weather will be kind and the students will get their tramp in.

Children's Day this Sunday 10-30-12-30 at O'Connor Home, this is always a great day showcasing what Westport has to offer for it's youngest citizens.

Have a great week don't forget its census time.

Kia Kaha—Cath O'Loughlin—Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Upcoming happenings.....

2nd March	William Pike Challenge 1
9th March	NZ Playhouse, whole school pm. School Hall
12th ,13th,14th March	ERO
14th March	West Coast Swimming Sports
16th March	William Pike Challenge

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

TERM 1—Tuesday 30th January—Friday 13th April

TERM 2—Tuesday 1st May—Friday 6th July

TERM 3—Monday 23rd July—Friday 28th September

TERM 4—Monday 15th October—Thursday 13th December

Other holidays:

Easter 30th March until 4th April, includes Tuesday 3rd April.

Monday 4th June—Queens birthday

ABSENTEES

Please ring and leave a message on the absentee line or the school cell-phone if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason during term time. We need to enter a code for the absence into our student management system so a reason for the absence is a must for the Ministry of Education. It is not us being nosy.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is imperative we have up to date contact details for all families. Please contact the office if you have changed address, phone numbers or email details over the holiday period. There are quite a few defunct addresses for parents this year.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEE 2018

There is a supplementary programme fee for everyone this year. This enables us to pay for the visiting artists who visit each term each of which costs a lot of money. This is not a donation, but a \$5 fee per child per term. \$20 a year per student.

Please pay this to the office or credit to our bank account 03 0855 0335172 000 with your name as a reference at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support.

NAVIGATOR AWARDS.....

Sports Academy	Kyan.Dylan	Room 3	Seth
Room 7	Tobias, Amber	Room 8	Ollie, Miley
Room 12	Ana, Joel	Room 13	Ashton, Tyla
Room 14	Blair, Trivahn	Eke Panuku	Autumn, Georgia
Room 17	Maddie, Izak		



WELCOME TO SCHOOL..... Te Iwi, Caleb, Asher, Jakobi, Sierra-Rose

Thank You

A huge thank you to Deidre and Kerry Paterson for taking the time out of their busy schedules the weekend after Fehi to clean up the school field and take the rubbish created by the storm to the dump.

Thank you also to Fiona Smith –Edge who continues to spend tireless hours in the garden and orchard cleaning up.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Is by three weekly school newsletters which are sent via email for those we have addresses for. Delivered to classrooms to those children who we don't have email addresses to bring home. Friends of North School and Westport North School both have facebook pages. Classes also send team newsletters out.

We find the facebook pages the most effective, fastest communication from our side of things. In the event of an emergency, as was last week, this will be our preferred communication if we have access. If we have no power or phones, please call in to school.

Admin

Please remind your child/ren not to enter or exit school through the administration area unless you need to specifically go to the office. Entry and exit is via each end of the main block. Thanks.

Westport Tech Club & BHS Robotics are proud to invite year 7 and 8's to join Junior Robotics. We have only 4 spaces left. We meet Thursday's 4.30-5.30pm and will compete in Christchurch (August) and Nelson (November) Robotics Competitions. If you are interested please register asap as spaces are limited. Register by emailing jessica.wilkes@buller.ac.nz

Westport Tech Club and BHS Robotics invite students from y 5 - 13 to register for Code Club. We offer coding in a variety of languages and at a range of levels. If your child has coded before we can help them extend what they know and if they have never coded before we can help build that. Register by emailing jazper.hamilton@buller.ac.nz or jessica.wilkes@buller.ac.nz

BULLER NETBALL YEAR 1 & 2 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

Buller Netball Centre is running a Junior Netball Development Programme for girls and boys in Year 1 & 2. This programme covers basic ball handling and movement skills needed for any sport (not just netball) and runs for 45 mins. At the end of each skill session, children play a modified game teaching them movement and awareness of other team members. The programme run at Pulse Energy Recreation Centre from 3.30pm—4.15pm for 9 weeks from Wednesday 9th May finishing on Wednesday 4th July when children will receive their certificates.

This programme is by registration only, forms available from the school office.

FEES:

\$25.00 per child

(equates to \$2.80 per week)

Please drop registration forms and payment back to school office by Monday lunchtime 10th April.

Any queries please contact Jenny Keenan on 789-8795.

BULLER NETBALL YEAR 3 & 4 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

Buller Netball Centre is running a Junior Netball Development Programme for girls and boys in Year 3 & 4. Teams will be made up once registrations are closed. Children will be notified of their teams at the first session. Each week this programme will cover a skill and a modified game of 4 x 8 minute quarters. The programme at Pulse Energy Recreation Centre is from 8.30am—9.30am and runs for 8 weeks from Saturday 5th May finishing on Saturday 7th July when children will receive their certificates. **PLEASE NOTE THIS PROGRAMME WILL TAKE A BREAK ON SATURDAY 2 JUNE (Queen's Birthday).**

This programme is by registration only and forms are available from the school office.

FEES:

\$35.00 per child

(equates to \$4.30) per week.

Please drop registration forms and payment back to school office by Monday lunchtime 10th April.

Any queries please contact Jenny Keenan on 789 8795.



Twilight Gala

Friday 23rd March 2018, 5pm-7pm



ENTER-TAINMENT
For young and old



YUMMY FOOD
For all tastes



HOME BAKING
For the sweet tooth



FUN GAMES
For the kids



PONY RIDES
For the kids



Come along for a fun family night!

Westport North School
Cobden Street

Friends of
Westport
NORTH SCHOOL
-building a school community together

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