



NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 No 1

FROM CATH'S DESK

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

Make the most of this beautiful weather because we are in for some rain. The weather definitely played its part over the term break which is always helpful when the children are out of school.

Over the term break we celebrated ANZAC Day, and we were all very proud of our students who were able to march in the parade and the two girls, Charlotte Smith-Edge and Makayla Green who represented North School so well with their speeches.

This term we have students travelling to Christchurch for the Young Leaders day, Greymouth for the Literacy Quiz, and no doubt we will have runners at the Reefton and Kumara Cross Countries. Our own school Cross Country (Fun Run) is on Wednesday 15th starting around 9.30am. The children are encouraged to wear their house colours and we would love it if you could come along and cheer them on.

Swimming for the year 3-5 students started last Tuesday with an out of pool session before the programme in the water starts today (Tuesday). This programme will continue until week 8. Parents are very welcome to come along and watch or even better bring your swimming gear and join the children in the pool.

The William Pikelets start their community service this term kicking off with collecting for the Westpac Helicopter Rescue appeal in town on Thursday. The next project will be on Tuesday 21st May when they will be spending the day with the Kawatiri Beach Reserve team removing weeds from affected areas.

The teachers have a paid union meeting on Thursday at 2pm so will not be available at school. School remains open with a modified programme overseen by teaching staff who have volunteered to stay at school with the students and of course our wonderful support staff.

We will join with other schools across Aotearoa to participate in "Pink Shirt Day" on the 17th May to raise awareness around the bullying culture that does seem to be an issue in New Zealand. Children are invited to wear pink and bring a gold coin to support this cause.

'Harold' will be visiting this term with his wonderful "mother" Carmen to teach our tamariki lessons from the Health Curriculum. The children always look forward to this visit and love the pens etc that they are able to purchase.

Learning Conferences will be in Week 7, 12th and 13th June booking times will be out soon. Please try and attend these important opportunities to engage with your child and their teacher around the learning taking place. If the days and times don't work for you we are happy to find a time that does.

He aroha whaktō, he aroha puta māi- If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

Cath O'Loughlin

SCHOOL NOTICES

Upcoming happenings.....for May

Friday 10th May	William Pike Experience—Mt William
Friday 10th May	Assembly—2.15pm Rm 8 Hosting
Monday 13th May	Last meeting for current board members 7pm—staffroom
Tuesday 14th May	Literacy Quiz—Greymouth—selected senior students
Wednesday 15th May	School X-Country (FunRun) 9.30am—school
Friday 17th May	Mufti Day “Pink Shirt Day” - gold coin please . Assembly—2.15pm
Monday 20th May	District X– Country Reefton—selected students
Tuesday 21st May	School Photos
Wednesday 22nd May	Postponement date District X-Country
Thursday 30th May	Young Leaders—Chch—selected senior students
Friday 31st May	Assembly—2.15pm
Monday 3rd June	Queens Birthday Holiday



Westport North School & the 2019 William Pike Challenge Group would like to convey their sincere thanks to Hugh McMillan and SGS Westport for their generous and ongoing commitment to the programme this year. This will certainly go some way in helping the participants reach their goals.

Without this generosity, the children would spend all year fundraising as well as gaining individual sponsorship for this amazing programme. The level of willingness to help sponsor the programme is testament to our town and the people who live in it.

A huge thank you to the individual participants sponsors so far this year:

Buller Surf Rescue, Heritage Giftworld, Buller Electricity, ComuniTea, Ultimate Breeding, BT Mining, Rainbow Cake Kitchen, Granity Christian Community, Robert Walsh Computing, Barb Maloney, BP Westport, Criterion Hotel, Dennis Bookshop, Solutions and Services, Coast to Coast Kitsets Ltd, FT Dooley, Sarah Hearne, Tracey Jane Properties.

Without this sponsorship (\$500 per participant) the programme would not proceed. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Rm 2	Makayla Green	Rm 3	Terrance Hearne
Rm 7	Ollie Robertson	Rm 8	Jed Spale
Rm 11	Kayla Murrell	Rm 12	Melah Archibold
Rm 13	Spencer Keoghan	Rm 14	Ana Irving
Eke Panuku	Shayla Pawson	Rm 17	Eden McLean



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NAVIGATOR AWARDS

Rm 2	Makayla, Emily	Rm 3	Robert, Aroha
Rm 7	Sophie, Brayden	Rm 8	Maclane, Isabelle
Rm 11	Luke, Parker	Rm 12	Isaac, Thomas
Rm 13	Brody, Zane	Rm 14	Johnny, Siana
Eke Panuku	Shayla, Kaya	Rm 17	Stella, Damon



WELCOME TO NORTH SCHOOL..... MICHELLE, AVA & OLIVE



Parent Election Notice

Westport North School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the returning officer at school.

Nominations close at noon on 24th May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7th June 2019

Signed

Diana Menzies

Returning Officer

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for our schools 

What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state or state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers, and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifica learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communication skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

2019 Returning Officer—Diana Menzies, Executive Officer / Bot Secretary—Admin Westport North School

