



15 February 2023

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Term 1 No 1

FROM CATH'S DESK

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

We were all hoping 2023 would be the year of calm and normality. For so many across the motu it is the very opposite, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those coping with the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle. Covid is still having an impact and I hate to say it but I for one would welcome some rain and respite from this on-going heat.

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Shistata Dha-kal, a year 1 teacher whom is teaching a year 6/7 class. Sophie Gallivan is working on Wednesdays in Wāiti (Room 3) to cover Shistata's release. Ruth Vaega is working two days a week with our ORRS students and releasing our senior staff for their Classroom release. Kate Zampach joins the Eke Panuku whanau as the new kaiawhina. I know you will join with us in welcoming these new members of our whanau.

We had our Tabloid Sports today, a day always enjoyed by staff and students alike. It was lovely to see our new "house shirts" being worn. These are now available to purchase at the school office for \$30.00. Please bring cash if you are purchasing one as we can not offer EFPOS. Once again the staff beat the year 8's at the Tug of War but I have to say it was touch and go.

A reminder that all our Policies and Procedures are available online at School Docs, <https://admin.schooldocs.co.nz/DashboardSchool.aspx?id=280fa284-4066-468c-84e4-0ca605a182c8> the log in and password are as follows.

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We have assembly this Friday at 9.15am whanau are always welcome at these times.

Advance warning we have two teacher only days next term. The first one is a ministry requirement as we join the other Primary schools for professional development around the New Zealand histories new curriculum. This day is on Friday the 5th May. The second one is on Friday the 2nd June when all the schools are going to a session with the Literacy giant Liz Cane. I know teacher only days can be difficult so I am trying to give whanau as much notice as possible.

Ngā mihi nui

Cath O'Loughlin

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai --If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive

SCHOOL CROSSING

We strongly encourage all of our school community to use the school crossing when coming and going from school. The street can be very busy at times and we would like to keep all of our tamariki as safe as we can. Thank you



2023 School Terms and Holidays

Term 1	Tuesday 7th Feb—Thursday 6th April
Term 2	Monday 17th April—Friday 30th June
Term 3	Monday 17th July—Friday 22nd September
Term 4	Monday 9th October—Friday 15th December
Statutory Days	Tuesday 25th April—Anzac Day Monday 5th June—Queens Birthday Matariki is in the Term 2 holidays Monday 23rd October—Labour Day Easter is in the Term 1 holidays Last day of the year—Friday 15th December—1pm

SEESAW

Please keep an eye on class Seesaw for any events that may be happening for your child in the coming weeks in their classes.

POLICE VET CHECKS



If you are thinking of attending overnight camps this year, It is a requirement of the BOT you pass a Police Vet Check. These need to be renewed every three years.

If you have a current one, even better, we just need a copy.

Please come get a form from outside Di's office and return to her to process for you. (Please do it this way as doing it yourself will cost you around \$70.00)

Two forms of photo ID are required, one of these being a license.

Thanks so much for your co-operation.

PARENT/CAREGIVER DETAILS

It is of upmost importance we have your correct details so if we need you for your child/ren during the day we can contact you. It is especially important at present in this evolving world of covid and weather events or accidents at school.

If you have changed phone numbers, email address or emergency contact details please contact the office.

We do not have contact details for some families, please ensure this is not you. Your child/ren rely on you to be contactable.

We have several outdated contacts for whanau, please update at your earliest convenience.





Our awesome Tamariki showing off their new Sports tops. These are available for purchase for \$30 each. Limited sizes available at school now.

Congratulations to this year's William Pike Challenge participants. We hope you have a great year.



- Sophia Hippolite
- Trivahn Hemalotto
- Alexis Menzies
- Xanthe Nelson
- Sahara Neill
- Charlie Kearns
- Hadriel Mulowayi
- Victoria-Gene Griffin
- Kael Walton
- Shelby Smith
- Kyras Philpott
- Sahara Neill

Learning in the great outdoors.....

Kia Ora, my name is Sarah Field and I am the new Family Support working in the role of SWiS at Westport North, Granity and St Canices. I joined Homebuilders in October 2021 as a Navigator for Buller's Flood Recovery. I moved to Westport from Christchurch in March 2021, where I worked for an IT company. I will be studying the Bachelor of Social Work in 2023 via distance at Massey University, alongside working in the Social Workers in School team at Homebuilders. I am appreciative of the opportunity Homebuilders have provided, being able to combine study and work. I really enjoy living in Westport and the way of life on the Coast. In my spare time I enjoy running and exploring the outdoors. I am excited for the years to come at Homebuilders and look forward to working with whanau through the Buller. You can reach me on 027 274 9639, and sarah@homebuilderswpt.co.nz. Please feel free to speak to your classroom teacher or principal about a referral to SWiS, alternatively you can go on our website www.homebuilderstrust.co.nz and download a referral or phone the

2023 mid-term dates for schools with cohort entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID TERM DATE*	END OF TERM
1	07/02/2023**	06/03/2023	06/04/2023
2	24/04/2023	29/05/2023	30/06/2023
3	17/07/2023	21/08/2023	22/09/2023
4	09/10/2023	13/11/2023	20/12/2023

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY

SUNDAY, 5 MARCH 2023

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Let our
CHILDREN
PLAY!

WESTPORT

O'Connor Home
Queen Street

10.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday, 5 March

NGAKAWAU

Ngakawau Pool
Free entry, sausage sizzle
and lolly scramble.

1.00pm - 3.00pm
Sunday, 5 March

**FREE FUN time For
the WHOLE Family!**



**TE RĀ O NGĀ
TAMARIKI**
CHILDREN'S DAY

**Pony Rides, Sausage Sizzle,
Fire Engine Rides, Face Painting,
Activities and Lots More!**

Contact Homebuilders for more details
03 788 8065 or office@homebuilderswpt.co.nz
Cancelled if wet - advised on Facebook and Coast FM