



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 No 1

FROM CATH'S DESK

Kia ora e te whānāu,

*Ki raro i te maru o te Pae Papahua
I tipu ake ahau ki te whenua o Te Tai Poutini
Ko Ryan tōku tane
Ko Parker tōku tama
Ko Thea-bel tōku tamahine
Ko Hughes tōku ingoa whānau
Ko Rebecca tōku ingoa
No Kawatiri ahau*

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all the WNS whānau who have congratulated me on my appointment as Timuaki. It has been a real whirlwind for my family and I over the last few months and it is only through the support of this amazing town and our amazing school whānau that the whirlwind at times only felt like light breeze. Again thank you all so much for the maanaki.

For those that are new to WNS, and I have not been able to meet yet, I have been Deputy Principal and teacher in the senior end of the school for over 10 years. I am also proud to say Westport North is the primary school I attended along with my siblings, cousins, nieces, nephew and now my children and great nieces. I am very proud to be Principal of our very special school.

I would like to congratulate our WNS Kapa Haka who travelled to Reefton to compete in Te Hui Ahurei o Nga Kura o Te Tai Poutini at the end of last term. This Kapa completely embodied the values of WNS and I was super proud to stand alongside them on stage.

On Friday a very excited group of senior students participated in the Kawatiri Primary Touch rugby tournament. Perfect conditions made for some impressive results and a huge improvement in skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the year 6 team who took out the final.

We were surprised on Friday to find out that WNS had been selected to participate in a Blake NZ – VR (virtual reality) opportunity. In partnering with Westpac and NZ Geographic this programme aims to connect young New Zealanders with the marine environment by bringing it to them through virtual reality. Dates for this experience are still to be confirmed.

Finally, congratulations to all the junior students who participated in the Rocky Point Trail run/walk on Sunday. It was a beautiful day and all the students received a medal and spot prizes. Put it on your calendar for Labour Weekend 2024.

*As per usual Term 4 is packed full of events. Please keep an eye on your child's class Seesaw page, Skool loop, our WNS school Noticeboard on facebook and FONS facebook page.
No reira, tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa.*

NAVIGATOR AWARDS

Sports Academy	Bronson Stephens	Room 3	Joel McKenzies
Room 6	Max Walsh	Room 7	Maci Hippolite
Room 8	VJ Johnstone	Room 10	Jax Walsh
Room 11	Luna Waina	Room 12	Sophia Walczak-Johnson
Room 13	Gaddiel Mulowayi	Room 14	Legion Philpott
Eke Panuku	Victoria-Gene Griffin	Room 17	Jayda Adams

HOUSE T SHIRTS

**Don't forget our House T shirts are for sale at the office, \$30 each. Cash Only.
Get in while available.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 23rd October	School Closed—Labour Day
Friday 3rd November	Snazzy Gumboot Day—Gold Coin Donation
Monday—Friday 6th—10th November	Book Fair Week
Friday 27 October	Halloween Disco— School Hall Yrs 1–4 5–6.30pm Yrs 5–8 7–8.30pm
Wednesday 8th November	Wacky Hair Day
Friday 10th November	Book Character Day—Dress up and bring the book
Monday 13th November	Year 8 Discovery Day—PERC
Wednesday 15 November	Senior Swimming Sports— 12–3pm PERC
North Star Applications	Forms due back to school Friday 17th November
Thursday 23rd November	Ministry of Education directed Teacher Only Day– School Closed
Wednesday 29th November	Canterbury Athletics
Tuesday 5th December	Junior Prizegiving—NBS 6.00pm (Yrs 1/4)
Monday 11th December	Senior Prizegiving—NBS 6.00pm (Yrs 5/8)
Friday 15th November	Last Day of Term. 1.00pm Finish— NO BUSES RUNNING

Reminder

Terms 4 and 1 are school hat terms.

Please encourage your child/ren to be sunsmart and wear their school hats in these terms.

Send hats to school with your child/ren each Day.



Assemblies Term 4

Friday 9.15am

3rd November—Eke Panuku

17th November— Room 13

!st December—Room 12

15th December—Final—full school—not 9.15



ABSENTEES



We have recently received notice of mandatory extra reporting requirements from school on absenteeism from the Ministry of Education.

It is mandatory for us to report each child's absence from school twice a day to the Ministry of Education In doing so, we must have a reason for your child's absence as each absence attracts a code depending on the cause of the absence.

Not contacting school is now causing us issues because of these reporting requirements.

Please help us maintain our obligations to the Ministry by notifying us of your child's absence and the reason each day please.

Failure to do so, is required to be reported to the Truancy Officers.

You can notify us by

- 1) Leaving a message on the phone, absentee line 789 7172
- 2) Leaving a message on our cellphone 027 392 5879
- 3) Messaging the skoolloop app
- 4) Leave an email on office@westportnorth.school.nz

Thanks for your co-operation :)



Buller High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Kawatiri

Year 8 Information Evening

Thursday, 9 November 2023

5.30pm in the Hall

We invite Year 8s and their parents

to come along and find out about:

Subjects

Pastoral Care and Support

Opportunities & other fun stuff

We welcome teachers Mrs Aimee Tapping and Miss Serenity Bruce to the Sports Academy and Room 3 respectively for Term 4.

Mr Machin remains out of the classroom in his role as Acting Deputy Principal for Term 4 as Mrs Rebecca Hughes settles into her new role as Principal.

2024 SCHOOL DATES

1 Feb —11 April	Term 1
6 Feb	Waitangi Day—School Closed
29 March—2 April	Easter Break—School Closed
13-28 April	School Holidays
29 April—5 July	Term 2
6 July—21st July	School Holidays
3rd June	Kings Birthday—School Closed
28 June	Matariki—School Closed
22 July—27 September	Term 3
28 September—13 October	School Holidays
14 October—18 December	Term 4
28 October	Labour Day—School Closed

