



9 February 2012



## From the Principal's Pen

**MOTTO:** Ria Kotahi Ra Maku e Mea – Together as one we will do it  
**ULTRANET - [www.westend.school.nz](http://www.westend.school.nz)**

**Kia Ora Koutou. Nga mihi kia koutou.**

### **WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR? WHERE ARE WE GOING?**

Our school Charter contains our direction and goals. Each month at the BOT meeting we report our progress against these goals. This year and over the next three years we have a bigger focus on using Inquiry Learning and will continue to use a variety of technology to connect our children with the wider world.

### **PLAN FOR RAISING MAORI ACHIEVEMENT**

Each year all schools are asked to develop a plan to raise Maori Achievement. Input is sought from all parents and the wider community through a consultation process. The Board of Trustees will be starting the process of review at their next meeting. Your input and that of Rangitaane will be an important part of this review.

### **WHAT DID YOU LEARN AT SCHOOL TODAY?**

Please ask your child this question regularly. This is different to 'What did you do at school today'.

### **OUR TARGET AND FOCUSED TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

This year our target area is Writing, Inquiry Learning and Music.

### **SCHOOL DONATION**

The Board of Trustees will set the voluntary school donation at their first meeting of the year and will send invoices home soon after.

### **CELL PHONES**

Are not required at school by children. All contact with and by children is done through the office/classroom teacher.

### **VISITORS**

For parent information, all visitors to school are required to sign in at the office first.

### **PARENT ULTRANET ACCESS**

For parents to access more than just the public pages of our Ultranet you need to have a user ID and password. If you have filled in the form from last week's newsletter and handed it in to the School Office then you should receive by the end of next week an email from our Ultranet Administration with your access details. If you haven't received it check your SPAM and junk email box to ensure it isn't in there. If you still have not received it email Victoria Powell our Ultranet Administrator directly on [vpowell@westend.school.nz](mailto:vpowell@westend.school.nz)

### **CHILDREN LEAVING DURING THE DAY**

This should only be done when it is impossible for appointments to be made before or after school. Please advise the office/classroom teacher. Parents are asked to come through the office before going to their child's class if school has started for the day.

## SPECIAL THINGS

If we require special things from home to be brought to school we will always advise parents in writing. We will ensure that these special things are locked away. We can not be responsible for things that are lost, damaged and taken if brought from home by your child voluntarily.

## STAFF LIST

This is now on the Ultranet and includes staff email addresses.

### INVITATION TO MEET YOUR CHILDS TEACHER - TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher in their child's classroom. The purpose of this is for parents to become familiar with classroom routines, school events and teacher expectations. Children are not required to attend as they will already know these things. This open environment will not be a suitable time to discuss individual children. Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss your child in private.

#### Times are:

6:00 pm	Pihipihinga (Rms 8 / 16 / 17)
6:30 pm	Tipuranga (Rms 5 / 13 /14)
7:00 pm	Puawaitanga (Rms 6 / 10 / 11 / 15)
7.30 pm	Te Wao nui o Tane including Te Reo Rua. (Rms 1 / 2 / 3 / 4)

## GENERAL SECTION

### WEST END SCHOOL CENTENARY 5-7 APRIL 2013

Planning is underway for the West End School Centenary, being held 5-7 April next year. There is currently an Expression of Interest form available on the school website. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the celebrations next year please forward this information onto them.

### CENTENARY FUNDRAISING EVENING

A West End School Centenary fundraising event is being held at the Awapuni Radius Pharmacy on THURSDAY 3 MAY AT 7:00 PM. This is just ten days before Mothers Day so will be a wonderful opportunity to make purchases at discounted prices as well as having an evening of fun with your friends.

Tickets will be \$10 and will be available at the end of March. Please book 3 May in your diary now.

## SPORTS

### FLIPPERBALL DRAW FOR WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY @ LIDO AQUATIC CENTRE

WE Dolphins	vs	Whakarongo Dolphins	4:30 pm
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### WEST END GOLD CRICKET TEAM

Games for this team will start on **Friday 17 February**. Games are played at 5:30 pm at Fitzherbert Park and run for 1 hour.

### CRICKET DRAW FOR SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY – ALL GAMES PLAYED AT 8:30 AM

WE Stags	vs	Feilding JCC	Venue: Kowhai Park, Feilding
WE Blue	vs	Te Kawau JCC	Venue: Papaioea Park J2

Regards from the West End T.E.A.M

**Together Everyone Achieves More**

## WEST END SCHOOL - ULTRANET ACCESS

My child/ren's names are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/S (of people requiring access - can also include family member here and abroad)	EMAIL ADDRESS for each person named

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent / Caregiver)