



# West End School

Te Kura O Urumutu

## NEWSLETTER

6 December 2018

Week 8 Term 4

*Kia Ora Koutou. Nga mihi kia koutou*

### **FROM THE PRINCIPALS PEN**

I have really enjoyed stepping in for Gary these past few months. We will farewell Gary next week, wishing him well for his future endeavours.

Most of all I have appreciated the interactions with parents, grandparents and the children. Getting to know all of our children and spending time working within classrooms continues to be a highlight. To see the progress and hear about the learning from children has been inspirational as West End students are certainly encouraged to be 'active learners'. This was reiterated during our recent ERO visit when they noted that "children are supported to be self-managing and agents of their learning....with high levels of engagement" Next year I will continue as Acting Principal for term 1, with Louise Baynes as Deputy Principal in support.

As this is the final newsletter for 2018 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break. Enjoy the opportunity to recharge and spend time with your children. On behalf of the children I would like to thank you as parents for your participation in supporting your school by contributing in so many ways so that children have been able to experience opportunities like trips and sports coaching that are not possible without your help.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and PTA for their wonderful support and hard work this year. Their efforts to ensure governance is undertaken, and support given is very much appreciated. The discos and PTA lunches are very much appreciated.

I thank the teachers who have continued to nurture and facilitate learning for our students with dedication and expertise to ensure they all progress, which they have. Thank you to our teacher aides who put in a huge contribution to all our children at West End supporting the teaching programmes. We wish Amanda Kirton all the best as she moves on to a position at Ross Intermediate, Yvonne Calder as her family moves to Wellington and Judy McKay as she retires. Thank you Rachael Macrae and Jackey Te Puni for coming 'out of retirement' this year to once again teach our children.

Personally I would like to acknowledge and thank Marian and Sue in the office whose tireless efforts keep the school running so smoothly. Without their recent support my role would have certainly been more challenging, thank you! Alan, Farida, Pete and Janice daily keep our school environment clean and safe, for which we are all grateful. The children and teachers thank you.

Finally to our children and especially those moving on to their next stage in their learning thank you for displaying our school values of Respect and Responsibility. West End students are caring of others and active participants in their learning. These qualities will certainly stand them in good stead for their future as citizens of today's world.

Ngā mihi

**Audrey Larsen**  
**Acting Principal**

### **IMPORTANT DATES!**

#### **Friday 7 Dec**

2:00 pm Final School Based Assembly in West End School Hall.

#### **Wednesday 12 Dec**

School Wide Treat – whole school to Esplanade. We will leave school at 9.30 am and will be back at school by the end of the school day. Bring hat, lunch & drink.

#### **Friday 14 Dec**

11:00 am (doors open 10:30 am) Farewell Assembly to be held in Awatapu College Gymnasium  
12:30 pm Children released for year by teacher on return.

#### **Wednesday 30 January 2019, 8.50am**

Children return to school for 2019, please go directly to your new classroom.



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## GENERAL NOTICES



### SCHOOL PICNIC

Next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December all children and staff will celebrate another successful year of learning with a picnic and play at the Esplanade.

Parent helpers are not required as children will be supervised by their teachers.

Children will need sensible walking shoes, morning tea, lunch, a full water bottle, sunblock and hat.

### 2019 CLASSES

Children will be going to their 2019 classes next week to meet their new teacher and classmates. They will also bring home their 2019 stationery list. Stationery can be purchased from Officemax online or from the store in Princes Street, Palmerston North. Stationery Lists will also be sent to Warehouse Stationery. It always makes your child feel good and ready to begin learning straight away if they can have their stationery with them on the first day. We appreciate your support in making sure this happens.

## SPORTS

### FLIPPERBALL DRAW FOR WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER – GAMES PLAYED AT LIDO AQUATIC CENTRE

WE Dolphins	Vs	Finals To be advised		
WE Sharks	Vs	Finals To be advised		

### T BALL DRAW FOR SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER COLQUHOUN PARK

WE Blue Socks	Vs	Cloverlea Strikers	9:00am	T4
WE Panthers	Vs	Blue Sox	9:00am	T11



### SPORTS UNIFORMS

As Sports have finished for the year please wash and return all sports uniforms to the school as soon as possible.



### THANKS COACHES / MANAGERS

Thank you to all parents who volunteered to coach and manage teams this term.



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## STAFF 2019

### Pihipihinga Team - NE/ year 1

Mrs Louise Baynes (Team Leader/DP)/Mrs Heidi Parker  
Room 15

Mrs Shinade Cousins/Mrs Jenny Paddison  
Room 8



### Tipuranga Team - year 2

Mrs Amanda Zambazos (Team Leader)  
Room 5

Mr Dan Minchin  
Room 6

Mrs Rochelle Buttar  
Room 7



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## Puawaitanga Team - year 3 and 4

Matua Paul Davis  
Room 10



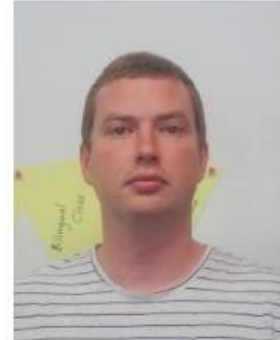
Mr James Arnold  
Room 11



Ms Zarnia Pickering  
Room 13



Mr Chris McKeever (Team Leader)  
Room 14



## Te Wao nui o Tane - year 5 and 6

Mr Rhys Lobb  
Room 2



Ms Georgia Black  
Room 3



Ms Jessie Higginson (Team Leader)  
Room 4



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## Bilingual Class - year 4, 5, 6

Whaea Pam - Ruma Tahī



### ORS Team

Charlotte Rowland (Team Leader)



Tracy McKnight



Kelly Donald  
(and CRT release in all classrooms)



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## Additional Teachers

Mrs Nicky Bowles  
Room 15/Room 3



Ms Caro Hacking  
Room 5/Room 4/Room 14



Mrs Aliza Rickard  
Learning Enhancement



Mrs Janet Blackmore  
ESOL



Ms Jess Lightbody  
Reading Recovery



Mrs Jenny Paddison  
Reading Recovery



## PTA



## GALA

In Term 1 2019, West End School will be holding a Twilight Gala! The Gala is a great opportunity for parents and the wider community to come together and celebrate being part of the school. There will be stalls, food, games but we need your support and ideas! The Gala also serves as a fundraising event that is coordinated and supported by the PTA.

If you have ideas, want to run a stall or know people that can support/sponsor the event in any shape way or form then we want to hear from you! We need volunteers and enthusiasm – we can't do

this alone.

Regards from the West End T.E.A.M  
**Together Everyone Achieves More**



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