



# Westport South School Newsletter

Week 3 Term 3  
4 August 2020

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## Two important dates to be put in your diaries please.

Thursday 13 August school will finish at 2pm to allow for Maths PD. *This is different from what we originally advertised as the provider has had to change his day.*

Monday 24 August School will be closed all day for Professional Development .



These handsome looking gentlemen presented the school with Rebel Sports vouchers worth \$500. Mr McLellan bought supplies for his electrical business that put him in a draw to win the vouchers for a school. Fortunately for us, he won and nominated us. We are very grateful for this generous sponsorship offered by Phillips to Ideal Electrical Supplies who in turn passed it on to Mr McLellan.

When we have purchased the equipment we will take a photo and show you in the newsletter.



Ms Halsall you are a legend and your transformation of the backboard is amazing. Thank you.

Congratulations to all of our children that took part in the West A Maths yesterday. Our Year 6 team came first, Year 7 seventh, Year 8 1 Third and Y8 2 fourth. Well done to all involved.



**Just a reminder that we have no problem with Parents paying off their account at the school office.**

**Bank account number 03 1354 0404349 00 please make sure that you put your child's name as the reference.**

## **Buller High School Open Night**

**Thursday 20 August 2020**

33 Derby Street

from

**5.15pm -6.45pm**

**All parents/caregivers, students and families are invited to attend this event.**

## **COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE**

### **Free Dental Care for Children 2020**

The Community Dental Team will be working at Westport South School at various intervals during each term for 2020. They will be examining children due for their checkups during this visit.

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth, but may also clean, apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required and take x-rays at the examination visit.

**Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care – you can talk to the dental team in the clinic or phone them.**

If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care is needed. You will be contacted in due course, for an appointment for these treatments to be done at the Westport South School Dental Clinic.

**You will be required to attend these appointments with your child.**

Please contact the Community Services Department if you need further information on the Community Dental Service, to enroll your child, or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care.

The receptionist will arrange for a therapist to call you back.

### **Contact numbers**

Cell (Phone or Text)

**Westport South Clinic** (03) 7888 237

**Buller Therapist** 0278862783

**Community Services: Grey Hospital** 03 769 7710

**National Freephone:** 0800 825 583 (0800TALKTEETH)



**Lynley Pratt the Public Health Nurse will be in school every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2.30-3pm in the library if you would like to see her for anything. She is available for parents at this time.**

Harold from the Life Education Trust is visiting our school for the next couple of weeks. We have the following for sale in the office

Pens \$2.00

Toothbrush \$5.00

Harold soft toy \$5.00



For the next couple of months we will not have an eftpos machine at school. You can make payment by cash or internet banking. We would like to thank the NBS for their continued support in the use of the machine.

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## **A collaborative story about Matariki**

Written by the students in Room 14/Hall

In Aotearoa we celebrate the Maori New Year once a year during the month of July. There are lots of different Maori tribes in Aotearoa, they celebrate Matariki in similar and in different ways.

Matariki is passed on through generations to mark the Maori New Year, it is a celebration of the seven stars that appear in the sky during July.

Matariki is the Maori celebration in Aotearoa where the 7 sisters shine in the sky. The Maori people feed the stars by cooking with fire and the steam rises up, it reaches and feeds the seven stars.

Matariki is a time to get together with whanau and friends.

The Maori people come together with friends and Whanau – they reflect on the previous year and set goals for the future year.

The celebration is about reflection, appreciation, Whanua and growth.

Matariki celebrates an old Maori legend about the 7 sister stars.

Matariki is the mother of all the 6 stars. Matariki is the protector of the daughter stars, she takes care of them, helps them and motivates them together.

The six sisters and the mother Matariki, travel around the world and come back around every Maori New Year in July.

Matariki and her daughters travel to visit their grandmother here on Earth, The Matariki stars are in the sky for one month and come back every year at about the same time.

Every year the Stars come around because of where the Earth and universe is positioned in space, this becomes the time to celebrate the Maori New Year.

The stars look after their family here on Earth.

All the stars associate with different parts of nature.

The stars have special meaning for the Earth, but the Mother star – Matariki, she supports, helps and encourages her 6 stars, just like our Mums do here on Earth.

There are stars for the trees, weather, wind, ocean and birds.

Each star helps things on Earth – like the weather, people, water, food.

People celebrate by having people coming together and sharing a big feast.

To celebrate Matariki, people will often hold a Hangi.

Matariki – the main mother star is all about encouragement and family gatherings.

If you wish to see the stars in real life, have a look in the sky before the sun rises every morning during July.

A lot of people believe we should make the Maori New Year a public holiday in Aotearoa.

What do you think?





## Coming Events:

3rd to 14th August-Life Education Caravan at school

5th August-West-A-Maths at NBS Westport

12th August-Canterbury Cross Country

13th August School finish at 2pm

21st August-Buller Science Fair

26th August-Year 5/6 Winter Sports Tournament

9th September-Year 7/8 Winter Sports Tournament



Congratulations to all the students that went to Kumara last Wednesday to compete in the West Coast Cross Country. You showed a lot of HEART and did the school proud.

A special congratulations to: Jack Anderson, Lenka Cargill and Morris Campey for finishing in the top five for their age group.

## Principal Awards:

Adam Kapua: Showing HEART in the classroom by being kind to others.

Connor Gardner: Your positive approach to all curriculum tasks and working hard to achieve success.

Joseph Hoffman-Cook: Trying hard in everything he does, and presenting work to a high standard.

Kiana Harris: Working diligently and attempting challenging tasks independently.

Aaron Bradley: Making an excellent start to term 3 in Room 3!

Reid Jones: A phenomenal written recount of your Tranz Alpine Train Journey. Tumeke-Awesome!

Teoti Dohi: Making a positive start to the term. WE love having you in Room 12!

Shylah Pitama-Karaitiana: Stunning progress in independence!

Layton Larking: The kindness and support you give to others in the classroom.

Kaleb Hateley: Writing super stories with lots of detail.

Leon Bennett: Writing a wonderful recount of his holiday trip to Nelson! Tumeke!

Holly Cunneen: A really well presented procedure on how to walk!

Dylan Muir: Being a wonderful citizen of Room 4 and Westport School School! A legend!

Vera Campbell: Giving her best effort during Science Fair.

Tilly-Rose McLellan: Working with independence during SRA and making amazing progress.

Leroy Hart: Excellent 'HEART' in class and in the playground.

James Shierny: Working very well during Maths time.

**Welcome To:** Lucas Salter.

**Special Principal Awards:** Jameson Walsh, Izabelle and Emmy-Jean Saunders.

The Playground Committee need your help with the playground. They will be holding a meeting on Sunday 9th August at 1pm in the playground. So if you can help design/plan and build please come along.

