

# **Westport South School**

#### Newsletter

Week 4 Term 4

Principal: Jo Duston Deputy Principal: Alex Finnerty Phone Number: 789 7132

Sadly last week, we fare-welled Mr Peter Duston. Peter has been a member of our staff for over 19 years as a reliever and release teacher. He was also our ICT 'go to' man for much of that time. Peter was a gifted artist and musician and many students have benefited from his expertise over the years. The sounds of music could often be heard coming from the classroom when Mr Duston was teaching. His distinctive baritone will be greatly missed at school assemblies especially during our national anthem. Rest easy Mr D, we will miss you xx.



The Kapa Haka group will perform at the school assembly on Friday 15th November. This is in preparation for their annual performance at the Health Hui on Friday 22nd November.

This Saturday the Year 7 children will be holding our annual car boot/garage sale in order to raise funds for their Wellington Camp in 2020. If you would like to have a stall please contact the office on 789 7132. Cost is \$10.00 per site.

We are currently looking at our classes for 2020. If you have not enrolled your pre schooler with us and you intend them to come to South School, please call into the office and pick up an enrolment form.

Once again our Annual Bookfair will be running in our school library from Monday 4th to Saturday 9th November. There will be something for everyone and books make a great Christmas present. Classes will go through on Monday morning.

**Bookfair Times** 

Monday 4th November 2.30pm - 4pm

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th 8.30am - 9.15am and 2.30pm - 4pm

Wednesday 6th Family Night 6.30pm - 8pm

Saturday 9th November 9am - 12pm





#### DEVASTATED

On Saturday 26th of October I turned on the tv, went to the sports channel and watched the Rugby World Cup.It was New Zealand and England playing for the semi finals. I got some food and sat down

"GO All Blacks" I shouted "go go go". After a short time or so I looked at the tv "No!!!!" I shouted.

England got 19 and New Zealand 7, we lost and I was devastated and probably The All Blacks too.

I felt so devastated.

BY AMBER PATTERSON

Health Message. Reminder

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in New Zealand. Skin cancer is largely preventable. Over 90% of all skin cancer cases are attributed to excess sun exposure. Be Sun Smart when you're outside from September to April.

### Slip on a shirt

Slip on a shirt with long sleeves. Fabrics with a tighter weave and darker colours will give you better protection from the sun.

### Slip into the shade

Slip into the shade of an umbrella or a leafy tree. Plan your outdoor activities for early or later in the day when the sun's UV levels are lower.

# Slop on sunscreen

Slop on plenty of broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen of at least SPF 30. Apply 20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours and especially after being in water or sweating.

### Slap on a hat

Wear a hat with a wide brim or a cap with flaps. More people are sunburnt on the face and neck than any other part of the body.

# Wrap on sunglasses

Choose close fitting, wrap around style sunglasses. Not all sunglasses protect against UV radiation, so always check the label for the sun protection rating.

For more information contact Lynley Pratt, Public Health Nurse 027520844

Events:	
13th Nov	West Coast Athletics in Greymouth for selected children.
25 Nov - 6 Dec	Room 9-13 children swimming \$10.00 per child
6 Dec	Middle School Awards R 9,12,13
6 Dec	Disco at school
2 Dec	Senior Triathlon
9 Dec	Middle School Athletics
12 Dec	Junior School Awards 6.30pm in School Hall
13 Dec	Senior School Awards R11,14,2, Y7 in R 3/4
16 Dec	Y8 Dinner and Senior Social at school
18 Dec	1.30pm Y8 Leaving Assembly
20 Dec	End of Term
7 Feb	Start of school 2020.

**Events:** 

4-9 Nov Book Fair

9 Nov Year 8 Car Boot Sale

11-22 Nov R10/12 Swimming \$10 per child



#### **Principal Awards:**

Kaleb Hateley: Great application and focus with all learning tasks.

Ella-Rose Commons: Working hard to learn poi actions.

Josh Hand: Consistently displaying HEART during kapa haka practise.

Reid Jones: Top marks in IKAN and Schonell spelling.

Riley Hawes: Displaying HEART in the class by working well and doing his best.

Estelle de Witt: Making great progress with number knowledge. Well done Estelle!

Emily Ratcliffe: Putting in 100% effort in class cricket sessions. What a star! Lachlan Taggart: Making good use of his time to complete an exceptional pencil sketch. Well done!

Charlie Campey: Using lots of strategies to work out unknown words in reading and a fantastic attitude towards all class activities.

Kieran Ashton: Creating detailed art works and for making positive decisions about behaviour in class.

Porsha Carey: Managing herself—being focused and ready to learn.

Wendy Currie: Displaying HEART constantly in all settings!

Levi Stanger: Always putting in a 100% effort during Kapahaka. Thankyou!

Ayla Lind: Excellent focus and determination to do well in kapahaka.

Benjamin Ritchie: Using a variety of rich vocabulary and creativity in your narrative writing.

Kyle Mclaughlin-Walsh: Finding letter o's in his Octopus Poem!

Brooklyn King-Stewart: Making progress in all areas of her learning and demonstrating a positive attitude at school.

Oliver Ferguson: Persevering in all areas of the curriculum to improve.

Holly Cunneen: A quality improvement in the IKan test!

Sam Shierny: A Positive improvement in the PAT reading comp test! Farrah Stevenson: The enthusiasm and focussed effort she puts into her learning.

Rihanna Warren: Her great result in the PAT reading assessment.

Sam Barlow: Working responsibly and with HEART.

Riley Hawes: Displaying HEART in the class by working well and doing his best.

Isla Ferguson: Improved work habits and a more positive attitude in R12. Keep up the good work Isla! Tumeke!

Welcome to School. Joseph Hoffman-Cook

Reading Recovery: Harper Brown

Spring Reading Challenge Winner: Taylor Hateley. Ivy Thompson, Ivy Bain, Lilly Rossiter, Emma Shepherd, Liliana Signal, Ngahina Putaura, Leon Bennett, Sophie Russ.

Principals Special Award: India Coleman, Ollie and Levi Bennett