

## **How to Help Your Child Homework**



Some school home work may be set from time to time, increasing with the age of the child.

This will not involve new learning but may involve such things as:

- Practice of learned material.
- Research or home questions.
- Presentation or publishing of work already completed.
- Sharing of work or experience.
- A period of reading each night.

It is important that parents make homework a positive experience. There will be some 'mistakes' and things they cannot do. It is important to look for the things they can do well and praise them.

### **Parent Helpers**

We welcome help in the classroom to give children a little more individual attention. Talk to your child's teacher. Help is always welcome mending and shelving books if the classroom is not your scene.

### **Reading**

Learning to read is vital. We often involve parents in sharing this by giving children books to read at night. Children who are read to and who share their reading at home usually make excellent progress.

Here are some ideas to promote reading at home each night:

- Read to your child / children
- Share a book—you read a paragraph, they read a paragraph.
- Praise all their efforts
- Pause, don't be too quick to correct
- Prompt, get the child to think about the meaning and/or the first letter
- Don't ever growl, hurry the child or over emphasis 'sounding'
- See us at school if you want more specific help
- Remember easy and familiar materials are important for reinforcing the level your child is at and so you may reread books that have already been seen.



### **Positive Behaviour For Learning**

Westport South School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. We are a school with HEART

H—honesty  
E—encouragement  
A—attitude  
R—respect  
T—Together We Can.

Children are rewarded for being caught doing the right things or displaying these positive behaviours.



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### Classroom Teachers

Room 1	Lisa Halsall	Yr 7/8
Room 3	Justin Hart	Yr 6/7
Room 4	Craig Adams	Yr 7/8
Room 5	Julie Shepherd	NE/Yr 1
Room 7/8	Deb Forsyth/Anita Fairweather	Yr 1
Room 9	Lyn Rodger	Yr v 4/5
Room 10	Jenny Sloan	Yr2/ 3
Room 12	Jenny Clementson	Yr 3/4
Room 13	John Herrick	Yr 5/6
Room 14	Nicky Campey	Yr 6

- The PB4L leader analyses the Behaviour Boards each week and will talk to children whose names appear frequently and after consultation with the teachers will contact parents if necessary.

### Classroom

#### Rules

Follow the teacher's directions the first time.  
Use appropriate behaviour, language and common sense ie. No calling out, swearing, hitting, bullying etc



#### Consequences

When a student breaks a rule:

- Warning, name on board, 3 ticks indicating 3 chances
- Away from group in another class until next session
- Whole day out of classroom
- Parents will be notified at this stage or for severe behaviour and further consequences will be worked out in consultation with the parents

### Supporting the Staff

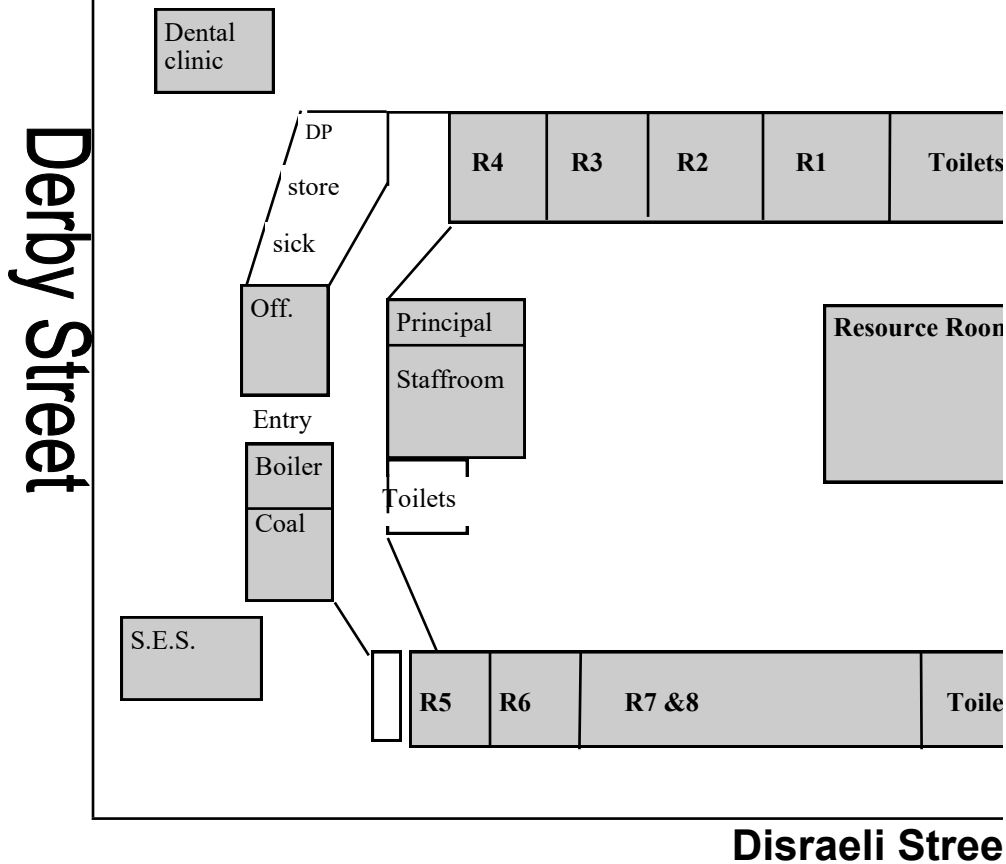
When you enroll your child at Westport South School you agree to support the school staff.

It is important that parents/caregivers do this. Many things happen at school and I can assure you that our staff always act skillfully and professionally. However it is all too easy to undermine a staff member.

Some positive suggestions are:

- Do not be critical of a staff member in front of a child.
- Find out the facts of what really happened, or ask the school to do so.
- Talk to the right person. If you have a worry about the class room talk to the teacher first, then to the senior teacher or principal.
- If you want to talk to the teacher try to make an appointment to do so. They are busy and can give you their full attention if a proper time is set aside.

Focus on the positive each day when your child gets home from school.



## Support For Students And Staff

The Board of Trustees has a clear policy on how parent concerns should be dealt with it makes the following points:

- We do not see complaints as negative. We want parents to feel comfortable enough to make their concerns known.
- Where possible any point of concern should be politely and reasonably discussed with the teacher/staff members concerned.
- If this does not resolve the concern, parents/caregivers should discuss the point with the principal.
- If the parent/caregiver is still not satisfied the issue should be put in writing and referred to the Board of Trustees.

## Student Support Plan

Learning and teaching programmes work on self esteem, relating to others and conflict resolution. Well behaved children are often acknowledged by staff with simple rewards eg. Positive affirmations, stickers, feely boxes, squawk awards, free time

Inappropriate Behaviour is treated in the following manner:

### Playground

1. A Behaviour Board system operates
  - Children are redirected and reminded of what the expected behaviour is.
  - Children are given a verbal warning and again reminded of the correct behaviour.
  - Children given a formal warning which is recorded on the behaviour board.
  - Children are sent to timeout for specified period.
  - Children are not allowed in playground at lunch time.
2. As an alternative teachers may choose to match the time to the crime ie If caught dropping litter, be sent to pick up litter.
3. Children will be fast tracked to timeout for the following things
  - Violence—this may be for cooling down or until the teacher sorts out what happened as well as a punishment.
  - Abuse of staff member
  - Defiance

## Terms and Vacations 2021

Term 1	Thursday 4 Feb— Friday 16 April
Term 2	Monday May 3—Friday 9 July
Term 3	Monday 26 July —Friday 1 October
Term 4	Monday 18 October—Thursday 16 Dec

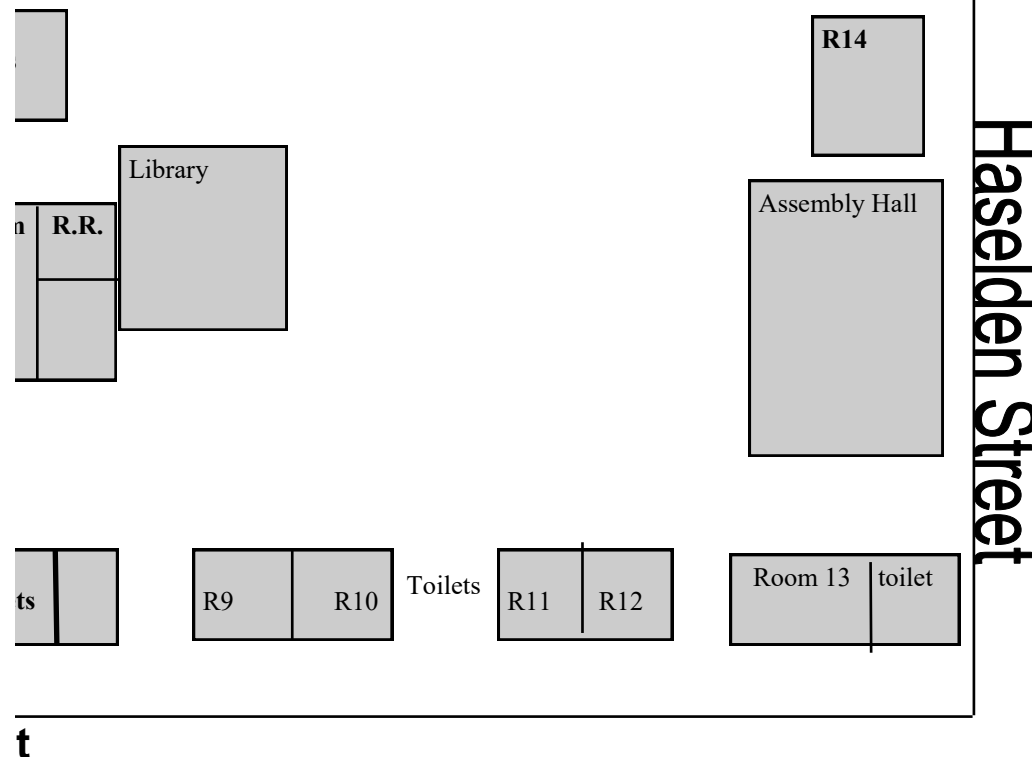
During School terms hours are 8.55 am to 2.45 pm.

Morning break is 10.40—11.00 am

Lunch break is 12.30—1.15 pm

Please No Children at school before 8:20am .

This allows teachers to interview parents earlier and maintain privacy for all parties concerned.



## **Board of Trustees**

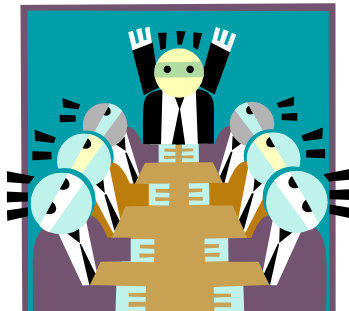
Chairperson:	Steve Dorey
Treasurer:	Nathan Thompson
Principal:	Jo Duston
Members:	Emma Collins Lucas Hateley Di Rossitor
Staff Rep	Deb Forsyth

## **The Board's Function**

The Board's function is to govern the school.

In practice this means their main tasks are:

- Setting up the School's Charter in consultation with parents
- Setting up a Charter Framework to ensure the Charter works
- Setting the School's Policies
- Meeting the requirements of the National Education Guidelines:
- Ensuring that the New Zealand Curriculum is put into practice
- Reviewing the school's programme to do this.
- Planning ahead
- Appointing staff
- Maintaining and developing the school's grounds and buildings
- Purchasing the resources required
- Managing the school's finances
- Generally attending to the wellbeing of the school, the students and the staff.
- Overseeing fundraising through a fundraising committee of parents. This might be as simple as a cake stall or as large as a School Gala.



## **Choir**

**Organiser:** Jenny Sloan

Members of the school choir practice in the school hall once a week and a little more often when preparing to perform at special functions. Membership is voluntary. Many of our children are members of the District Choir.

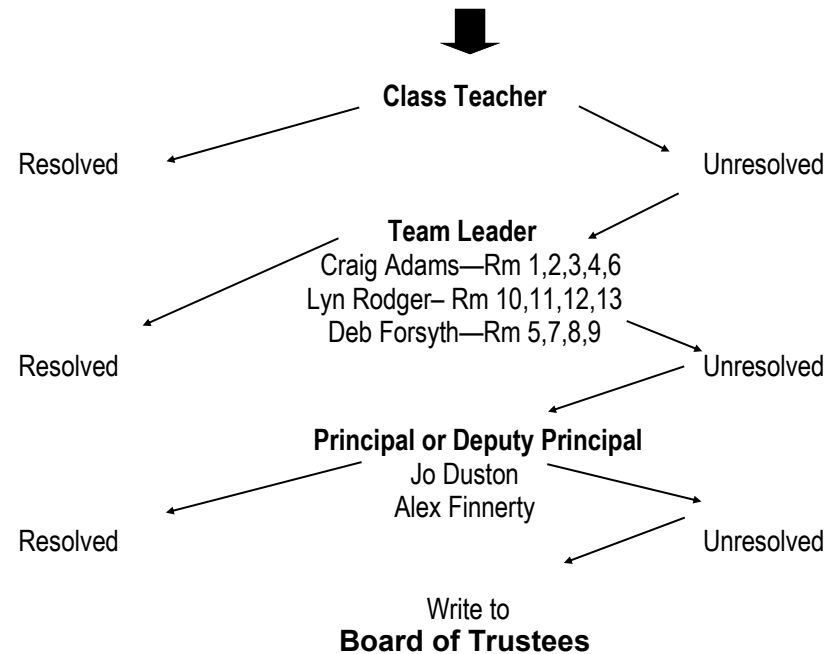
## **Special Help**

Children identified with special needs, either remedial, extension or behavioral, may join special groups for extra tuition and support. Services such as Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour (RTLb) and Resource Teacher of Literacy (RTLit) may be asked to assist. You will always be notified and kept up to date with help being offered to your child. This school has extensive experience and success in dealing with special needs.

## **Concerns**

From time to time Parents/Caregivers may have concerns. It is important that these issues are resolved quickly.

## **Flow Chart for Dealing with Issues**





### Cell phones/Digital devices

The school accepts no responsibility for breakage or theft of cell phones or children's devices at school. Children are only to bring phones to school if needed for access to parents or caregivers out of school at sports events etc. Phones and devices are to be handed in to class teachers who will store in a safe place until the end of school day. Children caught using phones during the school day will have their phones confiscated and these will need to be collected by the parents.

**Wireless devices may only be used under supervision by staff. ( No social media)**

### Sun Safe

We have a sun safe policy. This requires that in summer sunhats and shirts with sleeves are to be worn during term 1 & 4. The school supplies each room with colourless sunblock that children are encouraged to put on. While teachers will remind children to put hats on it is the parents responsibility to ensure they have a hat at school and that they expect children to wear them.

### Smoke - free

Our school environment is totally smoke free. All staff, parents, visitors and workers are asked not to smoke on school property or at any event associated with the school.

### Drama

The school alternates performances by the children. Even years are school production years and uneven years are school revue years. School reviews involve the whole school and focus on the school study theme for the term. Major productions involve mainly senior children and the choir.

### Library

We have a well-resourced library which is fully computerized. Book stocks are constantly being replenished by our librarian.

### Sports Teams

Teams from South School take part in most local and district sports. Uniforms are usually supplied but subs are the responsibility of the parents.

## School Staff 2021

Principal:	Joanne Duston	<a href="mailto:principal@westportsouth.school.nz">principal@westportsouth.school.nz</a>		
Deputy Principal:	Alex Finnerty			
Assistant Principal:	Lyn Rodger	9		
Senior Teachers:	Craig Adams	4	Debra Forsyth	7/8
Teachers:	John Herrick	13	Anita Fairweather	7/8
	Julie Shepherd	5	Jenny Sloan	10
	Lisa Halsall	1	Nicky Campey	14
	Jennifer Clementson	12	Justin Hart	3

Teacher Assistants:	Rebecca Aldridge	Ann-Maree Bade
	Jenny Keenan	Tina Greiter
	Teresa Smith	Ameena McBride
	Melanie Ratcliffe	Lorraine Johnson
	Fiona Colvill	

Library: Jenny Keenan

Office Administrator Taryn Knudsen [office@westportsouth.school.nz](mailto:office@westportsouth.school.nz)

Caretaker: Steven Anderson  
 Caretaker Assistant: Phillip Kilkolly  
 Cleaners: Loma Wixon  
 Donna Mordecai

Dental Clinic: Robyn Murray 03 7888237 - 027 8862783

RTLit: Jan Blackburn 03 7897132

Social Worker In Schools: Lianne Battcher [lianne@homebuilderswpt.co.nz](mailto:lianne@homebuilderswpt.co.nz) 03 7888065



### Attendance

We request that parents/caregivers contact the school as soon as they know their child will not be attending. Email office@westportsouth.school, leave a message on the school phone 03 7897132 or text 0277566107 before 9am.

We are now using the Ministry's electronic attendance register. After 10 days, children for whom we don't get an explanation of absence, become registered as truant. You can also enter absences on the school website. It is important that children coming to school are punctual. All patterns of lateness and nonattendance will be viewed as serious.

### Buses

If children are traveling to school by bus a transport claim form must be filled in at the time of enrolment. Bus children are to remain in the bus assembly area after school. John Herrick will check the names to ensure all children are on the bus before it leaves. Non eligible children need to ring Ritchies 03 768 2222 to see if there is a place available on the bus. A term fee applies to these children.



### Donations / School Fees

For 2021 the school will be accepting the \$150 donation from the Ministry. We also have a \$25 fee which covers any shows that the children see at our school. This is a service that you choose to take advantage of or not. Non payment means non attendance.

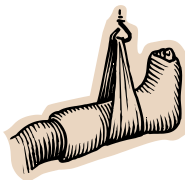
### School Stationery



Stationery lists are available from the office. Pupils can buy their stationery from local stationers or packs of stationery are available from the office at the beginning of the year. See the website for the costs of these.

### Accidents at School

Minor accidents are dealt with at school. If a serious accident happens the parent or person nominated for emergency calls is contacted while the child is resting in the Medical room. If no responsible person can be contacted we will take whatever action is deemed necessary. However we always try to contact the parents first. **It is important that your emergency contact details are kept up to date.**



### Competitions

Participation in the ICAS English, Maths, and Science Competitions, Otago Maths Problem Solving and Speech Competitions, are encouraged. Parents will be notified of costs as they arise.

### School Uniforms

The School Uniform is compulsory. Children are asked to wear navy bottoms, red tee-shirt/skivvy/polo shirt, navy sweatshirt or polar fleece, vest and have a broad brimmed hat (Aussie hat), bucket hat or legionnaire hat for term 1 & 4. Shoes are the choice of parents. The Monogrammed school uniform available from The Warehouse or Promo Safety but items without a monogram may be purchased from other outlets. **Please ensure clothing is named. Hats are compulsory for terms 1 & 4.**



### Bought lunches

**Lunches may be bought from Arkwrights Corner Store** by placing orders at the store before school. Remember to give your child's full name and Room number when placing the order. Any children needing to leave school to go to the store at any other time must have a duty teacher's written permission and must report to the duty teacher when they return. Deep fried foods will only be delivered to school Wednesday. Fizzy drinks and lollies are not permitted at school. Please make sure your children eat breakfast before they come to school.

**Subway Lunches Tuesday:-** Order to be handed into the office by 9am. Correct money and order needs to be in an envelope. (Forms in the Office)

**Friday School Lunch:-** Fridays the school has lunches for purchase. Sausages (cost \$2.00 each) and drinks (cost \$1.50).

Orders are taken outside Room 5 before school.

**It is hoped that arrangements will have been made for the children to receive Govt supplied lunches from term2 till the end of 2021.**

### Camps and Outdoor Education

Children from year 1—Year 8 will be involved in out door activities each year. Some of these activities for those children up to Year 3 occur in the school grounds. Other classes go to such places as Carters Beach, Karamea, Punakaiki, Hokitika and the Year 8 class goes to Wellington on an "urban experience". Parent helpers are needed for these activities to continue as our School Policy has a ratio of 1 adult to 8 children when venturing away from the school grounds. In 2021 camps below \$30.00 school will pay if a camp is over \$30.00 the school will ask the parents for a contribution to cover the cost of food and accommodation.

Wellington camp in 2021, parents will be asked to opt in or opt out. Due to not being able to fundraise and not sure due to covid 19 if we will be able to apply to TCCF for funding the school will put \$100.00 per Y8 child to help cover costs. This is for 2021 only.

. Non attenders will be catered for at school. The trip to Wellington brings reality to what the children learn about in class.

Camps take place in Term 1.

