



## Westport South School Newsletter

Week 2 Term 1  
10 February 2021

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Welcome back to 2021. We have welcomed many new families either new or people returning to Westport. The term is a very busy one and I have the feeling it will fly as everyone comes and goes with sport and camps.

An ice cream night will be held next Tuesday. Last year this worked well getting to know the teacher, new families to the school, looking around. The BOT will once again roll ice creams between 5pm and 6pm.



For those of you who have not heard the sad news, Khushman Vaid's husband died in January after contracting Corona Virus. This happened back in India. Khush was unable to return for the burial rights and has two children still living in India. As a school family and in consultation with Khush we refrained from sending her a gift or flowers but we are putting together a Koha from Staff, Board and Families to assist with immigration costs for getting her children out to New Zealand. We will be sending it to her in two weeks. If anyone wishes to contribute or to send a card please drop it off at the office. Khush is now working at Hawera Intermediate in Hawera, Taranaki.



Room 10 would like to borrow 2 family sized tents for their sleepover Thursday 25th and Friday 26th February. If you can help with this please contact Jenny Sloan in Room 10 or ring the school office.

Scholastic Book Club closes on Wednesday 17th February.

Assemblies will now be held at 12 o'clock on Fridays. Much as it was disappointing not to have assembly till late last year it highlighted to us the wasted learning time at the beginning of the day. While it was easier for parents who were dropping children at school to stay, we lost the best time of the day for learning. By having it at 12pm we are hoping to make it happen in a consistent time frame. It will of course be different at the end of 2021 when it comes to special assemblies...but that is a long way out yet.

By now you will be getting notices from your class teachers about camps and EOTC experiences. This year the Board is subsidising each child's camp costs up to the sum of \$30 so for many of the younger classes there will be little or no cost to parents. The Wellington camp has been subsidised \$100 per child as there was not the same opportunities for fundraising due to lock downs etc.

**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.**

Tots to Teens is a digital magazine available to parents and caregivers, the link is below

<http://issue2102si.totstoteens.co.nz>

IN THIS ISSUE of Tots To Teens you'll find great ideas to simplify family life and help your kids see the world from a different angle – including an **A-Z of 'Going Green!** Starting School and even **heading Back To School** can be a bumpy time; we've got tips to smooth the transition, including a ton of **lunchbox ideas**. Also, there's handy info about **reducing anxiety**, dealing with **nits** and other skin conditions the kids might catch, and we take a look at the benefits of **after-school tuition** (academic, sporting etc). Corn-lovers, we have three a-maize-ing **recipes** to get your fix. And if your kid is obsessed with **online games** then you need to read our 'Play It Safe' story – where we take a look at how it may affect lifestyle, addiction and eyesight. Our **Family Fun** page is filled with laugh-out-loud stories from Kiwi mums, a cool game to try at home, and a dozen events to keep you busy on the summer weekends. Don't forget to enter our **epic prizes** - there's something for everybody and entry is so easy!

I the weekend I went to the pool and I  
dog paddled to Mum. Then I played  
with the blocks.

Chloe

Room 8



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continue to  
email out the  
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on the web  
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# CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY

SUNDAY, 7 MARCH 2021



Let our  
CHILDREN  
Play!

## WESTPORT

O'Connor Home  
Queen Street  
Westport

10.30am - 12.30pm  
Sunday, 07 March 2021

## NGAKAWAU

Ngakawau Pool  
Free entry, sausage sizzle  
and lolly scramble.

12.00 noon - 2.00pm  
Sunday, 07 March 2021

FREE FUN TIME FOR  
the WHOLE FAMILY!

Pony Rides, Sausage Sizzle,  
Fire Engine Rides, Face Painting,  
Activities and Lots More!

Contact Homebuilders for more details  
03 788 8065 or [office@homebuilderswpt.co.nz](mailto:office@homebuilderswpt.co.nz)  
Cancelled if wet - advised on Facebook and Coast FM

## Music lessons

Jacqui Watts is offering individual tuition for piano or guitar.

Limited spaces available at the moment.

Lessons will take place at South School either before school, or during school hours on a Tues or Wed.

Individual lessons (20mins duration) cost \$15 per person.

A music book will also need to be purchased at the start (variable cost depending on ability and previous experience).

Please email Jacqui to register your interest: [jacqui\\_honeypot@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqui_honeypot@hotmail.com)



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Fruit in  
schools will  
start back at  
school on  
Monday 15th  
February.

## **Coming Events:**

9-17 Feb Seniors Swimming

16 Feb Meet the Teacher ice-cream night 5-6pm at the school

18 Feb South School Swimming Sports at PERC Years 5-8 9.30-12.30

19 Feb Senior Athletics at school Years 5-8

18-19 Feb Room 12 camp at Mokihinui

22 Feb Buller Swimming Sports selected children

24-25 Feb Room 9 camp at Carters Beach

25-26 Feb Room 10 Sleep over at school

1 March Buller Athletics in Reefton for selected children.

3-5 March Room 3 Hokitika camp cost \$40.00

4 March EOTC Domain trip for Room 5

7-11 March Year 8 Wellington camp

9 March Top Team Competition for Years 5-7

10-12 March Room 14 Reefton camp

15-16 March Room 13 Shanty Town

22-24 March Y7 Room 1/4 Hokitika Year 7 students

24 March West Coast Swimming sports at the PERC for selected students .

2 –6 April NO SCHOOL DUE TO EASTER.

7 April Normal school day

12 April West Coast Athletics in Greymouth for selected students

16 April End of Term 1

3 May Term 2 Starts.



**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. This will start 11th March 2021.**

**Please make sure that you keep the school office up to date with any change of address, phone numbers and emergency contact people.**

**If your child is away due to sickness please let the office now. This can be done via texting the school phone 021 7566107, ringing the school on 03 789 7132 emailing the office on [office@westportsouth.school.nz](mailto:office@westportsouth.school.nz) or filling in an absentees form on the website [www.westportsouth.school.nz](http://www.westportsouth.school.nz)**

**Thank you to our caretaker Steve Anderson for fixing the seat around the tree in the Junior area. It looks great.**