



Westport South School

Newsletter

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Planning for Lunch term 2

Ka Ora, Ka Ako, which is the official name for this programme, is about being healthy and well in order to be in a good place to learn. You might be asking yourself why this is being rolled out to all children in our school. Providing lunch on a universal basis minimizes any stigma associated with food insecurity – everyone receives a lunch and there is no need to single out those who need it more than others.

Targeting programmes based on need requires a process to identify those who need it and confirm their eligibility. This can add to cost and complexity and discourage uptake, even by those who are eligible, so that some children who need lunch still miss out. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are in ours. A universal approach within school means we do not need to know either. The outcomes for all tamariki are to reduce food insecurity amongst New Zealand children by providing access to a nutritious lunch every day. Research indicates that reducing food insecurity:

- improves wellbeing
- supports child development and learning
- improves learners' levels of concentration, behaviour and school achievement
- reduces financial hardship amongst families
- addresses barriers to children's participation in education and promotes attendance at school
- boosts learners' overall health.

We want to see improved engagement, learning and behaviour, fewer children having little or nothing to eat for lunch, and reduced financial hardship amongst the families of our students.

The menu's will reflect limitations on diet, such as dairy, lactose or allergy free. We will work with a provider to ensure that health and safety is strictly adhered to and that your children have an opportunity to have a lunch that suits all our school needs too, such as when we go on school trips. At this stage you might have questions - you can find more answers here:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/overall-strategies-and-policies/wellbeing-in-education/free-and-healthy-school-lunches/free-and-healthy-lunches-in-schools-faqs/#numberofschools>

Every Child will be given a form today that must come back to school ASAP so that the providers have all the information required to prepare meals.

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.

Carters Beach Cookout - By Lily

As we walk the sand squeezes between our toes.

The crisp fire fills air with smoke.

Hash browns are golden.

Waves are calling our names.

Sun is twinkling orange and fierce red.

The trees are singing a melody.

Just as the night breaks the dogs start their line.

Slowly and steadily we walk to the playground.

Mrs Rodger gets us warm, sugary dough nuts.

Yum yum.

As we walk back and snuggle in shadows jump into action.

Well the night blinds us with black!

It's freezing in the tents.

I crawl down into soft blankets below.

When we see the pink and orange striped sky fade into blue we zip open the tent to find a shining day

And the sea sings her song



INTERNET SAFETY PROCEDURE

Westport South School will endeavour to protect staff and student from any misuses or abuses as a result of accessing the internet and electronic mail. The school will not be held responsible for any problems that occur, including loss of data, accuracy or suitability of information found inappropriate or illegally used.

Learners will be given guidelines on and support with how to gather, select from and process information to support their learning in a monitored environment.

Students will need to have gained their internet licence before being allowed independent access to the internet. Users are required to take responsibility for their own appropriate behaviour when using the internet or electronic mail as they are representing the school

Opportunities for professional development in the use of the internet as a teaching and learning resource will be provided.

Access is considered a privilege and must be treated as such.

Parents give written permission for internet access on enrolment.

CELL PHONE & PERSONAL WIRELESS DEVICES PROCEDURE

The school accepts no responsibility for breakage or theft of cell phones or 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)

Westport South School is a Smoke free and Vape free school.
As from the 20th May this year it will be illegal to vape at school.

Coming Events:

12 April West Coast Athletics in Greymouth for selected students

13 April Board of Trustees AGM

16 April End of Term 1

3 May Term 2 Starts.



Principals Awards:

Leon Johnston: Fantastic reading in group sessions. You have shown good leadership Leon. Keep up the hard mahi!

Kodi Yates: Attempting to hear and record sounds during writing.

Mika Hart: Being a caring, dependable member of our class. Mika displays the values of HEART at all times.

Ross Dalley: His outstanding help at West Coast Swimming and his quality cricket game last night.

Seth McLellan: His commitment to his learning and showing maturity in a range of situations.

Jessie Barlow: Showing HEART at all times. Jessie is very kind to all her classmates.

Georgia Gowland-Douglas: An excellent retell of Te Ika a Maui. Your work was detailed and filled with great vocabulary!

Leo Donald: Presenting the Maori welcome clearly and with respect. Thank you.

Kieran Ashton: Developing skills in reading and working hard to understand new concepts in maths.

Lily Rossiter: An awesome poem about the Carters beach cookout. You created a powerful image with your choice of words.

Eli Holder: Being a conscientious learner who always tries his best.

Regan Keeley: His improved attitude to school and diligence in completing tasks.

Starry Barlow-Waters: Her fantastic attitude towards school. She always works to the best of the ability. Ka Pai!

Blair Hand: Fantastic use of vocabulary to retell the legend of Hotu-Puku.

Ethan McLeod: Making good choices in class.

Althea Withers: Her detailed mapping work.

Chase Brownlee: Excellent effort learning how to regroup using subtraction.

Carter Rowe-Green: Working well during Discovery this week! Ka Pai!

Brooklyn King-Stewart: Making amazing progress with her reading!!

Harris Duff: Giving things a go with great confidence.

Harper Brown: Beautiful neat presentation of all written work! Tumeke!

Ciara Pugh: Her excellent retell of the Maori myth "The Porete" wonderful structure and use of descriptive language. Ka Pai!

Charlotte van der Sluys: Being a conscientious member of Room 9

Special Principal Awards:

Jessie and Sam Barlow, Reid and Asher Jones.

